



**Minutes of the Elgin North Area Forum meeting held on
Tuesday 5th February at 7.00 p.m in Elgin Academy Community Room**

Present:

Sheila Hollis (Chairperson)
Heather Park (Treasurer)
Keith Mitchell
John Russell
David Willox
Malcolm Stewart

Harry Torry (Secretary)
Julie O'Hare (Minute Secretary)
May McGarrie
Ronnie Sim
Maureen Forsyth
Betty Austin

In Attendance:

Cllr Mike Shand
Cllr Graham Leadbitter
Kyran Ross (Elgin Academy)
Irene Cook (Oldmills)
Alastair Kennedy (Elgin Community Council)
Trish Dempsey (Deputy Head Teacher Elgin Academy)

Cllr Patsy Gowans
Cllr John Divers
Ian Todd (C.S.U.)
Kathy Grant (Community Warden)
Aileen Marshall (ESAF)

ITEM NO.	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies Sheila Hollis welcomed everyone to the meeting, and to Aileen Marshall from Elgin South Forum. Apologies were noted from Cllr Allan, Duncan Pockett, Elsie Scott, Vera Gaskell, Norma Masson, Brian Loveland.</p>	
2. 2.1 2.2	<p>Police Matters No Police presence but if anyone has any matters they would like to address please get in touch with Sheila Hollis. A draft of Multi Member Wards plans forwarded by Inspector Strachan outlining the commitments for future police cover for every local electoral ward after the transitions to single service (joining with Aberdeenshire) if anyone has any comments to make please contact Sheila .</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation Graham Coull Manager of Glen Moray Distillery gave us a presentation with regards to the expansion of the distillery which will commence early 2013. They will see the distillery going from 6 stills to 14 stills with additional warehousing. This followed with a Q & A session. Everyone found this very interesting and good for Elgin.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2012. A slight correction for item 7.1 to state that the Oldmills constitution was in the "very early stages" and not as typed "has been set up". These minutes were then approved by Keith Mitchell and seconded by Harry Torry.</p>	

<p>5. 5.1</p> <p>Matters Arising Ladyhill</p> <p>Update from Cllr Leadbitter that he had not visited the area to find out if this work had been carried out. David Willox confirmed that this work has not been carried out.</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>Elgin North Area Forum page has had 41 likes and Sheila Hollis asked Kyran Ross if he was still able to continue to review our Facebook page.</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>Elgin Academy Wall</p> <p>Harry Torry told the ENAF that Keith Goodchild and Andy Oliver had no intention of improving the wall as there is no funding available. Cllr Gowans has also been in touch regarding where the old and new path meet it is just a muddy area. Andy Oliver has noted this.</p>		<p>Cllr Leadbitter will chase up and report back at next meeting.</p> <p>Kyran Ross quite happy to continue.</p> <p>Cllr Gowans will keep an eye on this.</p>
<p>6. 6.1</p> <p>Consultations Budget Consultation</p> <p>Comments following on from these consultations can be seen on the moray.gov website.</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>ORPG.</p> <p>Living Longer Living Better strategy for the next 5-10 years has been produced and is awaiting approval.</p>		
<p>7. 7.1</p> <p>Community Issues/Group Updates Oldmills</p> <p>David Willox updated us that the Owner has acquired a site at Brumley Brae where he plans to set up his fish farm. The owner also has had the travelling people in clearing the site. The bus has been removed by Williamson Scrap. The Forestry Commission, SNH and SEPA are all involved with regards to this site.</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>Members Action Group</p> <p>Sheila Hollis informed the group that we received a very good response from the agencies with regards to the public comments received during our roadshows and farmers markets which took place last year. The group decided to put the information from the agencies back out to the public and did so last week pitching up at various locations. Sheila Hollis thanked everyone who gave up their time and a hard copy is available from Sheila Hollis.</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>South Lesmurdie</p> <p>Meeting took place in January to discuss the current situation. A report will go to Community Planning Partners. Ronnie Sim asked what happened to getting a storage unit on site. Sheila Hollis told Ronnie Sim that according to Peter Haslam these are not available until 2016.</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>Elgin Academy</p> <p>Trish Dempsey informed the ENAF that both car parks within the school are now open and in use. She has spoken to staff and students to encourage parking within</p>		<p>David Willox will update us at next meeting.</p> <p>Ronnie Sim to speak with Ian Todd, report back at next meeting.</p>

<p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p>	<p>the school and not on the service road. Harry Torry sent a letter and photos to Andy Oliver re playing fields. These drained without any problems prior to works and now there is an issue. All external works for the school have been handed over to them including the new car park, all weather pitch, and the paths and steps within the school security fence. Grass pitches are fenced off and are due to be completed in December 2013. Final planting of trees and shrubs will recommence when weather permits. Steps within the school "Stairway to heaven". Kyran Ross commented that there has been no concerns at all with regards to winter conditions. Harry Torry highlighted to Trisha Dempsey re a litter bin at the bottom of these steps.</p> <p>ESAF/ENAF A second meeting with Richard Carey, Chief Executive of Grampian NHS and Alexander Dustan, General Manager of Dr Grays will take place on 19th February at NEON, New Elgin School at 7pm. This is an opportunity to follow up on progress from the last meeting and any new issues. If anyone is interested give your name to Sheila Hollis.</p> <p>SPICE A further meeting was held with Zero Waste Scotland a copy of these minutes are available from Sheila Hollis. Decision made on a Constitution to be formed, where 4 members selected to work together to flesh out this constitution. Dates for two litter picks were decided weekend of 20/21 April and 19/20 October. Discussion took place regarding Big Belly solar compactor bins and their possible use in Elgin. Detailed input on this item given by Grant Speed and Steven Duff further discussion will take place at the next meeting. On 28th February 2013.</p>	<p>Andy Oliver will look into this and report back to Harry Torry.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report Heather Park reported that the balance at the end of Dec was £2974.65 and the balance as at 31st January is £2974.65.</p>	
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p>Forum Members Matters Morrison Road Service Road. Firstly Keith Mitchell thanked David Barnett, Trish Dempsey, and Kyran Ross from Elgin Academy for their input in resolving this situation. Keith mentioned that the all day parking situation has greatly improved. He has been keeping a list of those cars parking on the service road compared with the other cars parking within the school which is now available. There are adequate spaces to eliminate the car parking on the service road. Keith did raise that there is still a problem with picking up children in the afternoon. Keith has been in touch</p>	<p>Sheila Hollis will get back in touch with Inspector Strachan with our suggestion re traffic warden and the fact that people are using the service road as a rat race.</p>

	<p>with Inspector Strachan requesting he send someone to survey and monitor this situation on a regular basis. Sheila received an email from Duncan Pockett forum member suggesting maybe a traffic warden could stand inside the library of the school and monitor but not be seen. School are ok with this.</p> <p>Cllr Leadbitter mentioned that this situation is at every primary and secondary school within Elgin.</p> <p>Keith Mitchell also highlighted that the service road is being used as a rat race, to avoid the traffic flow in the mornings on the main road and is an accident waiting to happen</p> <p>9.2 Traffic Lights at Morriston Road Sheila Hollis thanked Cllr Shand for his email and awaiting update.</p> <p>9.3 Crossing at West Road Harry Torry had written to Elgin Community Council with regards to a cycle path and a crossing on A96. Aileen Marshall thought that a safe cycle route linking the two secondary schools was in the planning. Sheila wrote to Kevin Price on 29th January still awaiting reply. Oldmills Road is to be one-way traffic north to south from 1st March 2013 – 28th February 2014</p> <p>Regards to A96 Road Crossing, this item was raised a couple of years ago and Sheila Hollis stated that this was probably not going to happen. Although Cllr Leadbitter stated that there could be a chance of a crossing for both school students and hospital patients which would be situated nearer to the bus stop on A96</p>	<p>Keep an eye on this item</p>
<p>10. 10.1</p>	<p>Forum Member Matters</p> <p>David Willox brought a new idea to the Forum where he would like to start a self help or fund raising group called Elgin Civic Group. This would tackle the shabby areas within Elgin.</p> <p>Various members could not understand the duplication /triplication of these issue Ronnie Sim advised David to raise these items through Elgin Community Council as they are a stronger body. Alastair Kennedy said he will take these issues forward</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Sheila Hollis circulated all the relevant information to all forum members</p>	
<p>12. 12.1</p>	<p>A.O.C.B Chewing Gum Machine</p> <p>A demonstration of removal of chewing gum will be at Joannas close on Tuesday 12th February from 10am if anyone is interested.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Date & Time Venue of next meeting.</p> <p>Our next forum meeting will be our A.G.M. on the 5th March 2013 at Elgin Academy</p>	