



COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2007

Present: Niki Tait, Sally Sheehan, Margaret Swan, Sarah Gosden, Julie Swan, Councillor Brinsley Sheridan, Lesley Stewart, Viv Easton

Apologies: Gill Moir, Trish Davidson, Jilly

Chair: Niki Tait

Minutes taken by: Sally Sheehan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved by Margaret Sawn, seconded by Roger Berl	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 18 th April 2007 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm	
Matters Arising	<p>Sarah had taken photographs of the pathway to the south of the harbour. Linda Matheson, from Aberdeenshire Council said that unless slippage was affecting buildings no funding was available. The coastal path leading from Cransdale car park to the village needs urgent attention. This may be done by raising the camber of the path. Sarah will contact Graham Wall or Landscape Services. She will also ask them to look at the path on the Boatie Shore.</p> <p>The new notice boards have arrived and will be erected shortly.</p> <p>The Crown Estate have replied to our email and say that they are not the owners of the pier, and therefore we are unable to get funding from the Marine Stewardship grant.</p>	<p>Sarah</p> <p>Village Warden</p>
Councillor Brinsley Sheridan	Brinsley talked about the post election arrangements for the Harbour Trustees and pier. He hopes to find a designated person to take over from him. If elected, Councillor Storr may fill that role. The Amenities Committee will need to contact Keith Newton, Area Manager following the election to take this forward.	Sally
Andy Clucas	Andrew outlined his proposal to bring live music to the village. Source of fundraising as well as entertainment value. A range of music on offer for all tastes.	

	<p>The Committee expressed concerns over the work involved in staging an event – licence, bar, tickets, cleaning up etc – but stressed these were not insurmountable. Also, entertainers suitable to village needs were what was wanted, not performers who expected the audience to remain silent while they were performing!</p> <p>Andrew hoped to put on a number of events through the year, based loosely on the seasons. The first date will be 24th March. Tickets to cost approx £5 with takings split between the entertainers and the village taking profit from bar and food sales. Entrance prices set at 0-5 – free, 5-16 – half price, 16+ - full price. Up to 3 bands per night performing 3 half hour sets. A notice will be put in the Blether to ask for a small group to help Andrew with the organisation.</p> <p>The Committee to buy uplighters for the hall.</p>	Sally
Andrew Coupar	<p>New legislation has required schools to form Parent Forums instead of PTAs and School Boards. All parents are members of the Forum, which in turn is part of a School Council with wider community links. Andrew felt that as Collieston already has strong links with the school, it might be better to be part of one overarching committee, possible involving playgroup as well. The key would be a cross over of information and of joint working. An example of how well this could work was Bonfire Night where tasks and profit were shared – benefiting everyone. Andrew was Chair of PTA but has now stood down although he has volunteered to help set up the Forum using a generic constitution. Andrew will keep us updated.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>A number of items had points for action Edi Swan had written on behalf of Slains Kirk re their Bi Centenary. Trish Davidson had offered to act as intermediary over arrangements. Committee keen to involve their celebrations before and after the Gala.</p> <p>Sally proposed submitting an entry with CATs to this year's Community Safety Awards. Agreed.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeenshire Council Area Committee Information Bulletin • Aberdeenshire Council – Planning and Environmental Services – Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum – Annual meeting Monday 5th March • Area Committee – Minute of 16-1-07 • Keith Newton – area Manager – Formartine Area Plan – update Feb 2007 • Scottish Executive Development Department – National Planning Framework Seminars Feb 2007 • Edi Swan – Slains Kirk Bi-Centenary 2007 • Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership – Community Councillors Representation on the Community Planning Executive • Shaws – Forms, Records and Registers for Local Councils • Nestrans – Regional Transport Strategy 2016 – Consultation Draft Survey • BAA Aberdeen – Aberdeen Airport Master Plan • Electoral Reform Society • Aberdeenshire Sports Awards 2006 Nomination form • Formartine Partnership e bulletin • Yellow Moon catalogue • Thank you cards from Douglas Hitchcock, Abi Stott, Diarmid Sheehan <p>By email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget briefing 5 & 6 • Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Social Enterprise Review – Focus Groups • Lesley – information on Co-operative Young film makers • Grampian Police – Total Community Day Feb 14th • Community Safety Partnership – Annual Seminar invitation 31st March • Formartine Community Council 	
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	<p>Forum – Minute of 15-11-06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Awards 2006-2007 Awards information 	
Village Information Booklet	<p>Lesley had completed the work on the booklet which was at the printers. Several people commented on the high standard of the layout. The project was funded from £2k From the Ellon Community Development Group to be used between CASCT and the Amenities for a village information pack.</p>	
Play park	<p>Equipment appears in reasonable state. Sarah will try to have the rope on the swing boat renewed.</p>	
Purchases for village	<p>Committee agreed to purchase three new recycled picnic benches. The ladder ordered after last meeting had arrived.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>Trish Davidson was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a note of recent transactions. They were:- Income: Bonus Ball £110 Burns Supper £227.05 – includes payment of shop bill. Expenditure: Cards and Gifts – 2 x £100=£200 Over 60's - £200 – received a very nice thank you from John Allan. Over 60's Christmas Party - £68.59 (shop) Christmas Raffle Draw - £70.17(shop)</p>	
Village Warden report	<p>Mick Sheehan had submitted a report – Grass Cutting organised for summer with Aberdeen Grass Cutters at £52 per cut for 16 fortnightly cuts. Sarah to ask playgroup if they would be happy to pay an additional £11 per fortnight for the playgroup garden to be cut. Benches at harbour which had been swept into the sea during the winter storms have still to be bolted down by the Council. Need to be ready to chase up treatment of ragwort when season begins. Work Party arranged for April, work will include paths, swings, painting etc. Rockery needs to be maintained this year again. Margaret plans to install more tubs ideally 16, and fewer bedding plants. Sun dial plinth – Viv will ask John about this. Committee need to agree design and cost.</p>	<p>Playgroup</p> <p>Sally</p> <p>Margaret</p>

CASCT report	No one was available to give a report. Niki reported that Vicky has resigned from Amenities. Everyone was sorry to see her go, but thanked her in her absence for her hard work and contribution over the years. Lesley said that the Amenities should show their support for CASCT. Niki responded that we all want to see an improved hall and that several committee members are eager to work on specific areas of development.	
Burns Supper feedback	Viv's team were congratulated on a successful and enjoyable event. Lesley has bought some tartan material to use next year.	
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret gave her report on the cards and gifts given. • Julie said that she had not yet booked the Poachers as she was unsure if they would be able to take any more guests. She will enquire whether Auchmacoy hall be used as an alternative. • Sally told the Committee that she had received notification that a new fire door was to be installed in the hall and that a joiner had been to measure up. This will be funded from an Education underspend. • The Council are asking for comments from community councils on the Area Plan. Sally will highlight points and circulate to the committee. It may be an opportunity to have our concerns about the pier circulated more widely. • Niki told the Committee that Gill Moir was making a welcome return as a co-opted Committee member. • Roger had made a detailed list of the work required on the network of village paths which would be very helpful to the work party. Lesley will put her idea for decorative path signs around the village as her 50th competition entry! 	Julie