



## COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007

Present: Niki Tait, Sally Sheehan, Julie Swan, Margaret Swan Roger Berl, Sarah Gosden, Jilly Mitchell, Trish Davidson, Gill Moir

Apologies: Councillor Debra Storr, Lesley Stewart, Laura Junor, Rachel Hitchcock

Chair: Niki Tait

Minutes taken by: Sally Sheehan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved by Margaret Swan, seconded by Roger Berl	
Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2007, 7.30pm in the Community Centre	
Matters Arising	<p>Work had started on the road camber from the Gamies to Forvie Farm.</p> <p>No reply yet received from the grants administrator for the Shell Grant in respect of the pier survey.</p> <p>Robin Mackie has the key to the bollard on the pier and will check to see if any donations have been placed there.</p>	
Councillor's input	<p>Sally conveyed apologies from Councillor Storr who was on holiday but would be meeting with village representatives later in the month about the pier.</p> <p>Sally notified the Committee of the names of the Councillors appointed to Ellon Ward, they are:- Councillor Isabel Davidson Lib Dem, Councillor Rob Merson SNP, Councillor Gillian Owen Conservative and Councillor Debra Storr Lib Dem.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Trish Davidson reported that there is currently a balance of approximately £13k, but of that approx £1700 is for the pier fund with another £1k approx belonging to CATs. Recent transactions had included the purchase of cement, gravel etc for the pier and village work parties, compost and van</p>	

	<p>hire for bedding plants, and £75 cost for advertising next year's Gala in the 2008 calendar. £20 had been received from Ellon Junior RFC for the loan of the small marquee.</p> <p>Trish reported that the balance is healthy but that we have a responsibility to the village to monitor expenditure carefully as there had been a lot of spent in recent years purchasing equipment etc and supporting local groups.</p>	
Collieston's 50 <sup>th</sup> celebrations	<p>Sally had discussed the idea of a pictorial map with Edi Swan, who had been interested, but unable to do any work on the project until his home studio had been built.</p> <p>Edi had said that he would be donating a picture of the church in it's anniversary year for this year's Gala.</p> <p>Trish showed the group a booklet she had found at Portsoy, which everyone felt might be useful to replicate in Collieston. Development and sources of funding etc to be investigated after the Gala. Trish also raised a point on whether the "Collieston Calling" tape might be reproduced and reissued on CD/DVD format.</p> <p>Niki was to ask Richard to source cost of mugs to be issued to all children in the parish. Sally will investigate numbers involved.</p> <p>Minutes from the first Amenities meeting will be displayed at this year's AGM, as will the village scrapbook.</p>	<p>Niki /Sally</p> <p>Niki/Sally</p>
Collieston Pier	<p>Sally reported that Arch Henderson have been instructed to carry out a survey on the present condition of the pier. As a very detailed survey was undertaken in 2004, the engineers hoped that the cost would be less this time as it would involved an update rather than the full survey. A team of four divers would carry out the work as soon as possible after staff holidays.</p>	
CASCT	<p>No report was available.</p> <p>Niki told the meeting that CASCT had requested that we have a joint meeting, but</p>	

	Niki had felt it more appropriate to wait until after the summer owing to pressure of other commitments.	
Village Warden's Report	Gala Work Parties planned for Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> July. Gala Clear Up work party on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. Mick had prepared a list of tasks to be undertaken on the three days.	
Welfare	Margaret Swan reported on the cards and gifts that had been given out since the last meeting.	
Correspondence	<p>Some items were brought to the attention of the Committee-</p> <p>Formartine In Bloom – we will enter the village again this year</p> <p>Gordon Forum for the Arts had asked for ideas for their next commission, several committee members expressed interest in this, will be included in the next Blether</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council Planning and Environmental Services – Aberdeenshire Council Policy and Procedures for Managing Unauthorised Gypsy/Traveller Encampments</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Licensing Board – Licenses for Music Night and Golf Night</li> <li>• East Grampian Coastal Partnership – whale, dolphin and porpoise watching leaflet and Newsletter Spring 2007</li> <li>• Review of Aberdeenshire Library and Information service (ALIS) Open Hours</li> <li>• Formartine in Bloom – invitation to apply to enter 2007's competition</li> <li>• Scottish Natural Heritage – Northern Lights newsletter No 30 Spring 2007</li> <li>• Formartine Area Committee – minutes of the meetings of 24<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007</li> <li>• Glasdon – lifesaving equipment brochure</li> <li>• Holyrood events – Small Country, Big Plans: Scotland's National Planning Framework and Spatial Strategy – one day conference</li> <li>• Gordon forum for the Arts – Ideas requested to help plan GFA's next</li> </ul>	

	<p>commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Planning and Environmental Services – Recycling and Waste Issues – Area Waste Team</li> <li>• Allsounds Disco – confirmation of booking for 27<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Planning application – Mr and Mrs Tait, 5 Whiteness Cottages, Collieston</li> </ul>	
Gala	<p>The Committee checked the programme before printing.</p> <p>Sarah will be getting a badge maker for the afternoon, but the Committee were disappointed to learn that playgroup were not running an activity.</p> <p>The new BBQ had been ordered and Sian and Mike Earlam had volunteered to start the Sat BBQ.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>Sally reported that following the visit of HMLe to meet with members of CATs and the Committee, the inspectors had reported that the Café would be mentioned in a “good practice” box in their report that would be available across Scotland.</p> <p>Margaret Swan told the meeting that the golf competition had made approximately £415 profit with money from the bar still to be added. This money would go toward the pier fund.</p> <p>The Coastal Café will be opening it’s doors again for the middle four weeks of the summer holidays. Adult volunteers were requested to assist the young people.</p> <p>Sally had contacted Mr Steve Scott from Scottish Water to ascertain progress on the work to the sewage system. There were still unresolved problems with land purchase. Steve will attend the next Amenities meeting in August.</p> <p>The next “Village Sunsets” music night will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2007.</p>	