



COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 21st August 2007

Present: Niki Tait, Sally Sheehan, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Gill Moir,
Margaret Swan, Councillor Debra Storr, Rachel Hitchcock, Lesley Stewart, Viv
Easton

Apologies: Roger Berl, Councillor Isobel Davidson

In Attendance: Duncan Bell, East Grampian Coastal Partnership

Chair: Niki Tait

Minutes taken by: Sally Sheehan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved by Julie Swan, seconded by Gill Moir	
Date of Next Meeting	Change from original date: now Wednesday 3rd October AGM Friday 28 th September 2007	
Duncan Bell	Duncan is presently doing a study of harbour usage in small coastal communities and was interested in attending the Amenities meeting reference concerns about the pier.	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley still has copies of Alan's DVD "Lang Lines" available @ £10 each. • Sound of Music DVD from last year's Gala may be available via Niki. • Confirmation received that Shell Grant can be used for the cost of the pier survey. Arch Henderson will be carrying out the work sometime soon. • Trish had found that the table in the hall does come from the old school and so therefore should be kept. 	
Councillor Storr	<p>Debra had asked Scottish Water for financial support for upgrading the pier. Unfortunately, as they are a public body, they are unable to do so, but have said they will be supportive when work starts. Copy to the survey to be made available to them.</p> <p>Neil McDowell, Director of Law and Admin, felt that SCIO's (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) might be a useful development for the management of</p>	

	<p>the pier in future. In the meantime, carry on as we are.</p> <p>The Council must act with due diligence and although they are content Councillor Storr as one trustee satisfies issues of liability, thought it would be legitimate to interpret the original documentation and appoint a second Councillor as a trustee. This will demonstrate prudence and responsibility when proceeding to become a SKIO. This should happen in 2008. Committee very supportive of this development.</p> <p>Keith Newton had said he would help writing tender documents for pier repairs.</p> <p>Formartine Area Committee have allocated £1000 toward pier survey/repairs.</p> <p>Discussion about money available to be given to the pier repair. Councillor Storr felt that because the community had shown such strong support, matched funding, in cash or kind, would be easier to obtain.</p>	
Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formartine Partnership e bulletin 2. Formartine Partnership Forum event – Community Planning 3. Formartine Community Council Forum – Minutes of 13th June 4. Thank you from Conglass Ceilidh Band 5. Formartine Partnership – Formartine in Bloom – Award ceremony 24th August 2007. 6. Sir Richard Sutton's Settled Estates – donation of £200 toward Gala raffle prizes. 7. Walter Taylor, Aberdeenshire Grants Officer – re grant application 8. Thank you from Tertia and Dave for silver wedding gift 9. Marine Conservation Society – Strandline newsletter No 31 10. Aberdeenshire Sports Council newsletter Issue 26 11. Aberdeenshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2007/2010 12. Ian Bell Copy of letter sent to Council re erosion of bank 	

	<p>13.Loaf Face – thank you and donation from Gala Stall</p> <p>14.Aberdeenshire Council – licences for Gala and 9.8.07</p> <p>15.Newsletter of Association of Scottish Community Councils</p> <p>16.Association of Scottish Community Councils Invitation to Regional Meeting on 20-10-07</p> <p>17.Association of Scottish Community Councils national member survey</p> <p>18.East Grampian Coastal Partnership Details of Autumn seminar on 13th September.</p> <p>19.Keith Newton – plants for community projects order form</p> <p>20.Scottish Water – Steve Scott – introduction as Regional Community Manager Don Region</p> <p>21.Edi Swan – thanks to Amenities for help with bi centennial event.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Accounts to be completed by the AGM but account is extremely healthy.</p> <p>CATs group now have £1336.23 in their account, they will be meeting with Neil Ironside shortly to discuss how they will spend/allocate their funds.</p>	
Gala Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone felt events had gone very well. • Niki will source a first aid bag to be used on events. Written confirmation to be asked for from Red Cross for future events. • Impressive number of volunteers dismantling the marquee etc. • Need a change of band for next year's ceilidh. • Lesley asked in tent could be pitched the other way round next year for clearer view of the performing area. Portable staging can be hired from Leisurelend but volunteers would be needed to collect, build and return. 	All Committee to make enquiries
Community Council Status	<p>Niki outlined a proposal for the Amenities Committee to obtain full community Council status. At present we are regarded as having equivalent status. The reason for the change follows a recommendation from former Councillor, now MSP, Alison</p>	

	<p>McInnes, who felt that becoming an official Community Council would not only strengthen our position with funding applications set but would bring a number of benefits. These include insurance premium being met by the Council and the provision of an administration grant of £425+10p per elector.</p> <p>Lesley asked if there might be a conflict of interest between CASCT and becoming Community Council, but Councillor Storr said not as each group had its own separate role and objectives.</p> <p>The Committee felt that one benefit of becoming a CC would be to improve our communication with the wider community of Slains. Discussion followed about improving communication in general including the provision of a notice board and who and how to communicate. Councillor Storr will provide a set of mailing labels for the parish. Lesley thought that a number of people would prefer to be contacted by email. Committee to send out letter and resolution to the community that will then be voted on at the AGM.</p>	Committee
Glebe Land Development	<p>Ken Ingram had contacted the Amenities Committee about a proposal by the Church of Scotland to apply to the Forestry Commission for grant funding to develop the Glebe field area to incorporate broad leaved woodland, picnic area and space for the marquee. All in favour, Sally to inform Rev Emery followed up by a letter of support. Lesley asked if a mention of restoration of the Glebe field dry stane dyke might be incorporated into the development. Margaret Swan believed that Pete Smith wanted to do a similar thing with land behind Marilyn Cottage. Worry whether the Estate would want to develop that piece of land in future. Councillor Storr suggested that the community investigate the community right to buy for the land to protect the land for development and also that as a community we might want to investigate the City and Shire Area Plan as to what type and size of development we would consider suitable in the future.</p>	S Sheehan
Village Sunsets	Niki concerned that although we had agreed	

	<p>dates up to September, new dates had been put up on the notice board. General discussion followed with agreement that we should review after the event in September.</p>	
CASCT report	<p>Viv asked if the Committee were happy that she continue to be the liaison representative between CASCT and the Amenities. Agreement reached that liaison contact person was preferred to user group rep., as community feedback had felt this term to be inaccurate and contentious. Suggestion made if all users are to be represented, they should also include CATs, social users, Village Sunsets and a staff member. Suggestion that liaison contacts have their telephone numbers put against their names in future communications. Viv told the meeting that the design shown at the workshop on 11th August had met with approval. The next step would be that a model and plans would be on show. The new design has a pitched roof and is set on a contour. The old building will be separate and used as accommodation. CATs and Playgroup would share a space.</p>	
AGM arrangements	<p>Display of photographs would be advantageous, possibly on a rolling screen.</p>	
War Memorial	<p>Edi Swan had written to the Amenities to say that the cost of the contribution toward the war memorial would be £238.50. The stone will be unveiled at a ceremony on Saturday 10th November with a piper and bugler in attendance. Niki suggested that soup and sandwiches should be provided at the hall afterwards. Sally had been investigating the history behind the names of the war dead, which she would produce in a leaflet for the ceremony. Edi also related that the success of the centenary celebrations weekend had resulted in a surplus, which the Church would like to donate to the village toward the 50th celebrations of the Amenities. Suggestion that a sundial depicting the Amenities logo and saying Collieston amenities Committee 1957-2007 would be an appropriate purchase. All in agreement.</p>	

	Sally to find out cost involved.	
Future Purchases	Committee agreed on the purchase of a heavy duty can crusher (£17.95), Cash drawer (£135.14) plus two x four bottle 25ml optics.	
Community Well Being	(Formerly called "Welfare") Margaret gave an account of the cards and gifts she had sent to people for events including exam results, silver weddings and birthdays. Councillor Storr commented this seemed to be a unique feature of the Amenities among other Formartine communities and how nice it was. Trish added that she was hoping to have worked out an approximate per capita spend for the cards and gifts over the year.	
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about camper vans parking on the pier, was there a policy? Not thought to be a major issue, a recent caravan had been relatives of residents while another had left a donation at the shop. • Sally showed the Committee a poster which outlined a scheme whereby a percentage of online shopping can be donated to a charity or community group. We will revisit this idea after the AGM. • Recent Grass cutting had left a lot of cut grass lying. Grass cutters to be asked what the price increase would be to include picking up grass. John Robertson performs a valiant job raking up cuttings in Low Town. • Rachel reported that she is now the liaison person for the Parent Forum (formerly the PTA) at Slains School. The school is having a music event on Saturday 1st September from 3pm. • Duncan Bell asked if it were possible to find out how much the Harbour Revision Order cost in 1991. • Date of next meeting in October changed to a Wednesday to allow for full attendance. 	