



### **Village Sunsets**

Last event was sold out and remain popular and cover the costs. Next event, St Patrick's Day, set for March 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**Action** Andy to report back re progress on Arts Council and Gordon Arts Forum applications and the plans for special 2008 event.  
Next Music Night March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tree Lighting and Carols**

Tree lights powered this year from Trish Davidson's house by extension cable, which is not a long term solution. The Council prefer that power supply is from an external source but this is not readily available currently and requires an alternative arrangement to be put in place

**Action** Sally to discuss electricity supply to tree again with Council  
Next year organise tree lighting with Parents' Forum at an earlier date.  
Write to Parents' Forum regarding their view of this.

### **Margaret Swan**

It was with great sadness that the Committee noted Margaret's passing. It was felt important to consider what would be a fitting commemoration of the great contribution Margaret made to the village and to the Committee over many years.

**Action** Discuss with Margaret's family and take this forward at an appropriate time.

### **Community Well Being**

Guidelines still to be drafted. Trish C continues to be willing to take on this role but notes that all will need to let her know about significant personal events.

**Action** Trish C, Trish D and Lesley to meet to draft guidelines.

### **Burns Night January 26<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Organisation of event is well in hand. Steve Ritchie wishes to present a special personal medal which he has worn at Burns' Suppers as master of ceremonies for Collieston.

**Action** List will be in Post Office to indicate numbers  
Volunteers identified for tatties and neeps preparation; to set up hall and to tidy the following day.  
Sally to order Corobuff covering for walls to reduce visual distraction.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Trish presented an updated financial spread sheet of expenditures and incomes. £12400 has been deposited in Term Deposit and it is likely that the money will be deposited for a further three month period at least. Likely survey costs, - £2600 – have been set aside.

**Action** Monitor

### **Gala Preparation**

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gala planned for week ahead of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Action** Early booking of Leisure Lend  
Sally to write to book lifeboat if possible  
Committee to ask village for ideas for this year's gala via suggestions box, website and through small sub group to be decided at next meetings.

### **Blue Flag Beach**

Grampian Coastal Partnership indicate that arrangements are well in hand to put Collieston forward for Blue Flag Award. They will keep committee up to date.

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      **List of Events and Meeting Dates**                             **Appendix A**  
  
      **List of Amenities Committee Contact Details**                   **Appendix B**  
  
      **Correspondence from November to January 2008**       **Appendix C**  
      **Action** Poster advertising Art Exhibition to go on noticeboard

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      **Blocked Drains:** building work at top of village has caused blocked drains and muddy roads  
      **Action** Sally will contact Roads Department regarding concern that not enough is being done to clean road on a regular basis.

**School Bus**  
Academy bus picks up only at the churchyard and it is not clear if this is a permanent change or temporary relating to current building work.  
**Action** Sally to contact Public Transport Unit at Woodhill House to check the situation regarding this.

**Bus Shelter at Crossroads**  
The need for a bus shelter at the Cross Roads was raised for it is an exposed position at some distance from the village. It was felt that there were strong arguments which could be put forward to support this proposal.  
**Action** Ewan to take this forward with Debra Storr.  
      Sally to provide Ewan with names of those approached about this in the past.

**Councillors**  
Four councillors represent Collieston: Isobel Davidson, Gillian Owen, Rob Merson and Debra Storr all of whom are interested in village events and Amenities actions.  
**Action** **Sally to email dates of meetings to four councillors.**  
      **Lesley to ensure four councillors receive Amenities meeting minutes.**

**Pier Road Works**  
There is no firm date as yet for the start of these works.  
**Action**         **Sally to contact Scottish Water for update on situation**

Next meeting     12<sup>th</sup> February 2008     Chair Roger Berl

## **Calendar of Event and Amenities Committee Meeting Dates    Appendix A**

January 8	Committee Meeting
January 26	Burns Supper
February 12	Committee Meeting
March 15	Village Sunsets St Patrick's Day
March 25	Committee Meeting
May 6	Committee Meeting
June 17	Committee Meeting
August 2	Gala Saturday
September 26	AGM
October 7	Committee Meeting
November 8?	Bonfire Night
December 6	Senior Citizens' Lunch
December 13?	Tree Lighting

## **Amenities Committee Contact Details**

## **Appendix B**

Roger Berl	751795
Trish Cowie	751325
Ewan Cowie	751325
Trish Davidson	751221
Viv Easton	751347
Sarah Gosden	751314
Rachel Hitchcock	751323
Laura Junor	751737
Jilly Mitchell	751761
Gill Moir	751704
Sally Sheehan	751244
Lesley Stewart	751296
Julie Swan	751295
Niki Tait	751363

## Correspondence to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008

## Appendix C

- Aberdeenshire Council weekly planning lists – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- Gordon Forum for the Arts – Newsletter Vol 4 Issue 5
- Aberdeenshire Council Annual Public Performance Report 2006/2007
- East Grampian Coastal Partnership Newsletter Winter 2007/08
- Holyrood – E-Democracy Scotland: Creating a national conversation Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008
- Holyrood – Building Homes for Scotland: The housing supply challenge
- Gordon Forum for the Arts – Gordon Art Exhibition 2008
- Scottish Water Launch of Warm Pipes Campaign leaflet
- Notification of Councillor Merson's surgery in Collieston – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Richard Baker MSP Parliamentary Report Winter 2007
- Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum (ALOAF) Advertisement of Vacancies
- Grampian Fire and Rescue Service – Draft Annual Action Plan 2008-2009
- Postwatch Scotland Issue 17
- Aberdeenshire Council – Tim Stephen, Sport and Leisure Manager – Education, Learning and Leisure Service – Harmonising of Charges for the use of Facilities
- Grampian Police – “Your Beat” newsletter