



## Collieston Amenities Committee

February 12 2008

### Present

Roger Berl (Chair), Trish Cowie, Trish Davidson, Viv Easton, Rachael Hitchcock, Rob Merson, Gill Moir, Sally Sheehan, Lesley Stewart, Debra Storr

### Apologies

Cllr Isobel Davidson, Ewan Cowie, Sarah Gosden, Jilly McIntyre, Cllr Gilliam Owen, Julie Swan, Niki Tait

**January minutes approved:** proposer Sally Sheehan seconder Gill Moir

### Matters Arising

#### 1 Bonfire

Committee expressed their thanks to Charlie Murray who kindly cleared up the debris which had been left in Cransdale after the Bonfire.

#### 2 CASCT

**Action:** Item to be carried forward to next meeting

#### 3 Village Sunsets:

Date has changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Tickets are available through the Booth website. Discussion centred on arrangements re ticket sales and numbers in the hall.

**Action:** Administration to be discussed with Andy Sally and Trish D.

#### 4 Christmas Tree Lights:

**Action:** Item to be carried forward

#### 5 Remembering Margaret Swan

**Action:** to be taken forward at a later date.

#### 6 Gala

Leisure Lend is booked, booking for lifeboat,

**Action:** Gala preparation detail to be discussed at meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>

#### 7 Blue Flag Beach Award

Application is in

**Action:** Await decision

#### 8 Blocked Drains and Muddy Roads

Complaints have been made directly to contractor and to local councillors. .

**Action:** Rob Merston contacted Roads Department

#### 9 School Bus

Bus picking up points soon to be returned to normal

**Action:** Debra Storr to follow up with Aberdeenshire Public Transport Unit

#### 10 Bus Shelter

Discussion regarding the need for a shelter at the 2 mile.

**Action:** Issue to be explored by Debra Storr and Rob Merston

## **11 Pier Road Works**

A reply has been received from Scottish Water; Work is due to start mid March with site compound and temporary car park. Road to Harbour to be closed some time in May. Plan is for work to last about 10 weeks.

**Action:** Scottish Water to attend to next meeting March 25

## **Agenda Items**

### **1 Burns Supper**

Again a sell-out, a very successful evening. Discussion followed about how better to engage helpers for the range of tasks. Thank you cards have been sent to participants.

**Action:** a list of actions and tasks has been compiled for next year's event

### **2 Correspondence Appendix 1**

**Action** it was agreed that Sally would also list outgoing correspondence

### **3 Treasure's Report**

Trish D outlined outgoings incurred over the last 6 weeks.including Christmas Tree lights, £200, lawn mower parts £560, float for bar £12,400 remains in high interest account.

**Action:** Maintain £12,400 in account for another 3 months

**CASCT** enquired if Amenities wish to sponsor a page in 2009 calendar.

**Action:** Agreed to sponsor a month in calendar: Gala 2009 is possibly 1/8

### **4 Community Council**

A set of 18 Frequently Asked Questions regarding establishment of Community Council has been drafted and were distributed to Committee. Debra has compared constitutions of Amenities and Community Council, and saw not conflict between the two. She felt that it would not be a difficulty to merge the two. The advantages of grant, Aberdeenshire legal advice and insurance are significant positives of this move.

It was agreed that once the committee had considered the draft of the merged constitutions, it and the FAQs could be distributed between 25<sup>th</sup> March and meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May to community of Slains and Collieston.

Any concerns will be discussed at 6<sup>th</sup> of May if the feeling is to go forward 12 people will be required to write regarding this intention, to Keith Newton, Area Manager, to initiate the process. The Area Office will guide the process. Timing of Requisition would be sometime in late July. Inaugural meeting could take place at this year's AGM. Dependent on the requirements the Area manager has to follow.

**Action: Debra Storr will merge both constitutions for discussion at next meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Debra Storr to keep Keith Newton updated**

### **5 Community Wellbeing**

There was discussion of the guidelines drafted by Trish C, Trish D and Lesley regarding gifts and cards.

**Action:** Any suggestions or amendments to be emailed to Trish D

## **6 CATS**

CAT members are now considering spending their cash on a folding pool table for the current one has passed its sell by date.

**Action** pool table to be ordered

## **AOCB**

- 1 Living Willow Tunnel:** Rachael raised the issue that school are requesting support towards £250 cost of trees for a living willow tunnel. Committee suggested that as a first move school approach an environmental grant organisation.

**Action:** Sally to provide Sarah with contact details

## **2 Path at top of Shallie Brae**

Right of way paths have been cordoned off by builders working on the site at the top of the village. Concern was expressed about lack of access while conceding that there may be safety reasons involved, and also concern that the paths would be reinstated following current work.

**Action:** Contact building inspector for advice

## **3 Village Warden Report**

Wide ranging report submitted by Mick Sheehan regarding general upkeep of playpark, boatie shore issues and repairs.

- 4 Work Party Dates:** 5<sup>th</sup> April, 19 May, 14 June, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 13.00.

**Action:** Advertise date on website, notice boards

- 5 Walk Around Collieston booklet:** an application has been made to Formartine East Coast Partnership for a grant of £1000 to produce an information booklet about Collieston.

**Action:** await decision of funding body

## **6 Update of website is in progress**

- 7 Burns Medal** was generously presented by Steve Ritchie to the Village to be worn by Master of Ceremonies at Burns Nights. Sally has written to thank Steve for this.

## **8 Chair: Roger is willing to chair the meetings**

## **Next Meeting March 25 2008**

### **Appendix 1 Correspondence to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

- Aberdeenshire Council – Planning and Environmental Services  
Weekly planning and building warrant applications  
18<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Headquarters 51 (Scottish) Brigade  
Notification of a military flying exercise 11-21 February 08

- Aberdeenshire Council  
Minute of the Formartine Community Council Forum held on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 07
- Ellon Community Council  
Notification of Ellon town Easter Bonnet Showcase 22<sup>nd</sup> March 08
- Aberdeenshire Council  
Budget Briefings Papers 1-7
- Aberdeenshire Sports Council  
Newsletter No 28