



Collieston Amenities Committee

March 21 2008

Present

Roger Berl (Chair), Ewan Cowie, Trish Cowie, Trish Davidson, Gill Moir, Sally Sheehan, Lesley Stewart, Kevin Harper (Black and Veitch) and Martin Hayward (Water Solutions) both contracted to Scottish Water.

Apologies

Viv Easton, Julie Swan, Niki Tait, Sarah Gosden

February minutes approved: proposer Trish Cowie seconder Gill Moir

Matters Arising

1 Christmas Tree Lights:

Action: Item to be carried forward

2 Remembering Margaret Swan

Action: to be taken forward at a later date.

3 Blocked drains and muddy roads

Council have cleaned road with sweeper.

Action: Check if drain is still blocked.

4 School Bus

Top of village continues to be busy with construction traffic.

Action: delay contacting academy until the building work is nearer completion.

5 Burns Supper

Action: Julie, Viv and Lesley to combine their list of actions for the organisation of the Burns Supper

Agenda

1 Scottish Water

Forward movement with this project is painfully slow despite all details having been agreed between Estate and Scottish Water who are ready to proceed. However there are severe and chronic delays over responses from the Estate. If all progresses in the next weeks, work would begin in May through to the winter months.

Scottish Water are aware of the need for access to the pier road for residents and for the Gala and will make all effort to minimise disruption. When work starts, the pier road will be open during the evenings and at weekends, closed 8 – 5 pm weekdays. A temporary car park will be built at the top of the pier road.

Action: Scottish Water will try to be as helpful as possible regarding Gala.

Amenities to write to the Estate to urge that they take action to allow this to proceed as it impacts on residents and on the gala the village's main fund raising event.

2 Calendar

Action: Amenities will again sponsor one of the months in the 2009 calendar. .

3 Slains School Living Willow Tunnel:

The school have been successful with this project and it is now underway.

4 Rights of Way at the head of the Shallie Brae

Building inspector has been contacted regarding access to rights of way in the short and longer term.

Action: Await building inspector's view

5 Treasurer's Report

£12,400 remains in a new 3 month term high interest account. Balance in working account stands at £3900 for the pier; remainder is £13,500 in the Amenities main account. £1400 is in CATS account. Main outgoings relate to new barrels, wall coverings for Burns Supper, band payments and bar supplies. Income received from Burns Supper,

6 Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Outgoing correspondence and emails listed in **Appendix 1**.

7 The Blether has been published and distributed by hand, post and by email. Discussion focussed on widening its distribution. CASCT have requested opportunity to submit an article for next edition

Action: Send next Blether out to Slains and village community mailing list by post asking if people would like to receive this by email or post. Also asking for community news. CASCT to have space in next Blether.

8 Bus Shelter Cllr Merson wrote on our behalf re bus shelter to Transport Dept who will reassess passenger demand in relation to this.

Action: Amenities to write to Transport promoting case for bus shelter

9 Grampian East Coastal Partnership have awarded Amenities with £1000 grant re booklet about walks and local information. .

Action: Set up small working party regarding development of booklet

10 Gala Planning: 50th Anniversary

Basic planning and discussion of the week: Consideration of various community groups taking on responsibility for different events. This could include Boules, Parents Forum, Preschool, CASCT and other interested groups.

Action Write to various groups re the above

Plan gala in detail at next meeting
Book band Hard Stone Music if they are available
Perhaps Chocolate fountain could be hired.

11 Village Sunsets

Discussion regarding the web advertising of the music night for July 26 ahead of the Gala Saturday due to its scale, need for liaison and agreement about roles and responsibilities of involved parties. An event of this scale - a few days ahead of the gala - raises many issues which require considerable thought and planning. It had been agreed that music nights would be reviewed after the March event before other events were

organised for the Committee feels it is important to consider a variety of pressing factors. There were also reservations about timing of event on 31 December.

Action All committee members to be consulted at the earliest date regarding the future of this particular music night and of other music nights. Committee members to meet Andy Clucas to find way forward.

12 Community Council and Amenities Constitution

Action Sally to circulate merged constitution for consideration at next meeting

Meeting to be continued 15th April 2008

Present

Roger Berl, Trish Cowie, Rachel Hitchcock, Gill Moir, Sally Sheehan, Lesley Stewart, Julie Swan, Niki Tait

Apologies

Ewan Cowie, Trish Davidson, Viv Easton, Sarah Gosden

11 cntd Village Sunsets

Andy Clucas could not attend this meeting due to a prior commitment. The date of Village Sunset's next event has been changed on the website from the Saturday before gala to the Wednesday after the gala.

Action: Ask Andy not to book bands or to advertise until he discusses the event, roles and responsibilities with the Amenities. (Julie to take forward)

If Andy wishes to proceed, it was agreed that he suggests times at the earliest date to meet Amenities to discuss way forward

Issues raised: Andy Harper's permission to use the field, insurance, licence, stewarding, parking, audience numbers and composition, volunteers, financial risks, arranging manpower to take down tent, to store floor, toilets, catering, police permission for an all day event.

Would a separately constituted group be the vehicle to take music events forward?

13 Ian Hay, East Grampian Coastal Partnership

Ian reported back on Collieston's application for a Seaside Award for the quality of its beach. Announcement on likelihood of an award to be made around May or June.

Action: Watch this space

Useful websites are Keep Scotland Beautiful, Collieston Online and EGCP

See EGCP website for information about:

EGCP competition for the most unusual beach find

EGCP also running an "Adopt a Beach" scheme: eg Cransdale? EGCP will provide advice & support if anyone/ group wishes to take part in this national scheme

Also EGCP are interested in supporting coastal projects: see EGCP website

EGCP is looking for volunteers to spot dolphins.

14 CASCT Update

CASCT expected that the offer for the Rivie would be accepted in late March with legal procedures following for 21 days after that. Public liability for £5 M at an annual premium of less than £300; Communities Scotland has awarded £1500 to allow a detailed survey of the existing hall and schoolhouse, the prequalification application to the Big Lottery will follow once there is formal acceptance from Slains Estate re the Rivie purchase. The £3000 raised by the Dolphin Gallery is ring-fenced for the Pier Fund and is in an interest earning account.

CASCT AGM set for late May or June.

Action: Clarification of various aspects raised eg workshop for all to know the detail of the business plan and the detail of the prequalification to the Big Lottery.
Invite CASCT representative to next Amenities Committee meeting.
Allocate Blether space for CASCT updates

15 Village Warden

Report See Appendix 2

Action: Work Party Sat 17th May

AOCB

- 1 Welfare Committee Report:
- 2 Councillor Merson surgery: Wednesday 7th May 6 – 7pm
Community Centre
- 3 Pier Survey: Arch Henderson say pier survey will be undertaken soon
- 4 Gull Making workshop arrangements are in hand.
- 5 Dates of events for 2009 (for inclusion in next year's Collieston's calendar)
24th January Burns Supper
1st August Gala
25th September Amenities AGM
7th November Bonfire Night
- 6 Roads Department requested for ideas for name for new street at top of village.
There were various suggestions. Final decision to be made in coming days.

Next Meeting May 6th 7.30pm Community Centre

Appendix 1 Correspondence & Secretary's Report to April 15th incoming and outgoing
Appendix 2 Wardens Report

Appendix 1 Secretary's Report and Correspondence - March 2008

- Attended Ellon Community Development Group meeting
- Attended Formartine Forum re Area Plan
- Councillor list for hall and notice Boards
- Blether for village
- Ordered and received new flower tubs
- Letter to John Shinnie re bus shelter
- Received notification of award from EGCP, thanks expressed plus acknowledgment of receipt.
- Ordered and received new pool table – Mick assembled
- Licence applied for Village Sunsets on 22nd March
- Communication with Scottish Water reps to attend meeting
- Discussion with Inspector Police, would like to attend a future meeting
- Letter to Rev Emery inviting him to attend a future meeting to update on glebe land development
- Discussion with Steve Ritchie re No 1 The Cliff

- Discussion with playgroup re proposed development of garden area
- Took delivery of Hi-Vis waistcoats for work parties
- Updated noticeboard in hall
- Minutes in shop
- List of card recipients to Trish

Appendix 2 Village Warden Report

1. "Mushroom" for tent pole made (thanks to Andy Harper)
2. Benches resited on pier
3. Life saving trolley equipment back on pier
4. Playpark checked – swings greased
5. Shackle wired up
6. Cones (10) painted
7. Both beaches skirmished – rubbish to Cransdale bonfire
8. Tubs at entrance of village moved to church yard gate
9. Cement ditched
10. Harbour chain mended
11. Rockery cleared up
12. Bog well cleaned
13. All Christmas lights checked and replaced as required. Stowed in kitchen
14. Stones replaced in Sunny Brae wall
15. Playgroup gate broken – now replaced

Next work party Sat 17th May