

COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Before the meeting began, Chairperson Niki Tait informed those present that the young people who had participated in the Coastal Café project over the summer were to be presented with certificates. Neil Ironside, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker from Aberdeenshire Council presented the certificates on behalf of Ellon Community Development Group. A photographer from the Ellon Advertiser was also present to record the occasion.

1. Present and apologies

Present: Councillor Brinsley Sheridan, Niki and Richard Tait, Abi Stott, John Robertson, Sheila Malcolmson, Paul Ritchie, Mrs Cowie, Margaret Swan, Roddy Junor, Laura Junor, Andrew Cooper, Trish Robinson, Ruth Leuchars, Peter Robinson, Kirsty Morrison, Rob Nash, Vicky McNiff, Julie Swan, Roger Berl, Fiona Chaplain, Elizabeth Hay, Bibi Rainey, Sue Somner, Peter Somner, Jim Sawyer, Kay Hallett, Darryl King, Gill Moir, Jack and Linda Page, Trish Davidson, Sally Sheehan, Julie Swan, Irene Ross, Mike Earlam, Rhyannon Earlam, Josh Swan, Fraser Cantlay, Zoe Sinclair, Thomas Procter.

Apologies: Steve Ritchie, Ken and Ellie Ingram, Viv Easton, Sarah Gosden, Steve Rainey, Mick Sheehan, Lesley Stewart, Laura Penny

In attendance: Neil Ironside Aberdeenshire Council.

2. Approve the minutes of the 2005 AGM

Proposed by Julie Swan, Seconded by Linda Page

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Presentation on Collieston's Coastal Café

Julie Swan gave a report on how the café had been initiated and developed, and the stages that the young people had worked through to make the café a success. A copy of the report and the accompanying folder have been kept on file.

5. Resignation, proposal and election of new Committee members

There were no resignations; however the three co-opted members from the last session were all nominated for full membership. They were Roger Berl, Rachel Hitchcock and Jilly McIntyre. Accepted.

6. Chairman's Address

Niki Tait presented her report on the year's business. A copy has been kept on file.

7. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

Trish Davidson presented the statement of account for the year along with the Gala account in a full and detailed report. Gala had made a record profit of £7,081 with the balance at year end being £16,592.

Fiona Chaplain requested that in future a financial statement be made available with other AGM papers at the beginning of the meeting. Agreed. Peter Somner thanked Trish Davidson for the wonderful detail within the report and the hard work that it had obviously taken.

8. Report from Collieston and Slains Community Trust

Peter Somner gave a report of behalf of CASCT and outlined the next stages of the project. In October the Business Plan was to be finalized and the architectural competition would also be launched then. In January 2007 a secret ballot would be conducted which would result in the final design for the new hall. Outline planning permission would then be sought, before applying to major funders in the early summer. The building programme would hopefully begin around 2008/9

Peter also reported that CASCT had secured in principle the purchase of the Rivvie, which would mean that no development could proceed there without permission from the village.

A full copy of the report has been kept on file.

9. Any Other Business and Questions from the floor

- Councillor Sheridan gave an update on the Harbour Trustees. Slains Estate had appointed a new factor, Mr Milligan, who Brinsley hoped to be meeting soon, along with the Council's Legal Services. Brinsley was the only active Trustee, as representative of the Council, but local "Friends" of the pier helped look after the Harbour Trustees account. An insurance premium had been paid.
- Bibi Rainey asked what was happening about repairs to the pier. Brinsley replied that a recent survey had been conducted with half the cost being met by the Harbour Trustees and the other half by Aberdeenshire council. Costs of repairs had been identified at £16K.
- Vicky McNiff asked whether the insurance was conditional and therefore if it was valid. Brinsley replied that the policy was not conditional.
- Andrew Cooper asked who owned the pier from the Scottish Water tank up to the slipway. Brinsley responded by saying that he believed the entire pier is owned by Trustees. Andrew Cooper then asked if cars parked on the pier would be covered by insurance, and when told that in probability this would not be the case, he then asked why cars were allowed to continue to park on the pier. Abi Stott commented that if no cars were allowed on the pier, this would have a negative effect on the shop.
- Niki Tait advised the meeting on the Amenities Committee current position and action that had been taken regarding the Harbour.
- Elizabeth Hay asked Councillor Sheridan about the Council's position on the ownership of piers around Buchan as there

appeared to be anomalies. Brinsely confirmed that a number of piers are not owned by the Council.

- Fiona Chaplain commented that the Council do have a legal responsibility to Collieston Harbour as part owner, as a trustee, of the pier. Brinsley agreed, adding that this was why the Council had paid half the Survey's costs.
- Fiona Chaplain also informed the meeting that she had noted the water quality reports in the Harbour this summer had been recorded as being very good.
- Niki Tait said that Andy Harper, Mains of Collieston, was concerned about the increase of Ragwort in and around the village which was potentially fatal to livestock. Sally Sheehan reported that the Amenities Committee were obtaining supplies of an information leaflet from DEFRA which would be circulated.
- Mrs Cowie expressed concern over the state of the pathway leading from the village to Cransdale. Currently being investigated by the Amenities Committee.
- Margaret Swan called on everyone to ensure that cars go no faster than 20mph in the village. Roddy Junor asked Brinsely if more painted road signs could be painted at the entrance to the village, while Jim Sawyer asked if a flashing sign could be installed. Niki Tait reported that we were on a waiting list for a portable sign, but we had had no date as yet.

There being no other business, the Chairperson closed the meeting for a display of Gala photographs by Colin McPherson, followed by refreshments served by the Coastal Café team.