

## COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Apologies: Councillor Davidson, Vivien Easton, Rachel Hitchcock, Laura Junor, Gill Moir, Councillor Owen, Lesley Stewart.

2. Approval of minutes of the 2007 AGM

Proposed: Sheena Junor

Seconded: John Robertson

3. Matters Arising

Roger Berl as Acting Chair went through 2007 minutes:

- Sewage works improvement scheme – progress good and target date for completion is January 2009
- Issue with accounts has been actioned – Treasure's report available from start of meeting
- The issue of money for the pier being placed in premium bonds will be covered in the Treasurer's report.
- Request for new mower – not actioned (but recalled later that mowers had been repaired so not needed).
- Issues over well-being fund have been reviewed by the Committee and changes made.
- Change to Community Council – decided and actioned.
- Concerns over delays for minutes being put on website – RB said all seemed to be in order – no comments from the floor.

4. Annual Report from Acting Chair

RB delivered his report covering activities of the Committee over the previous year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Trish Davidson went through the main points of the account, including the transfer of a portion of the Pier Fund to a Business Term Deposit Account.

Councillor Storr informed the meeting that Aberdeenshire Council also have some money set aside, which should be used for the pier, of approximately £7,500. Once the survey is complete she said this would enable work to start straight away.

John Robertson asked why the community is having to pay for the pier.

Councillor Storr explained that the Trustees, by Act of Parliament, own the pier. Currently only Councillors are Trustees. Lots of other small harbours in the Northeast are in a similar situation. She informed the meeting that a new route for the Trustees could be possible in the form of a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation but legislation has not been passed yet.

Nora Harper asked if Scottish Water had been asked to contribute to repairs on the pier. RB replied that he understood they were under restrictions as to what they could do but may do a little extra while they are here.

#### 6. Looking back over the last 50 years

Trish Davidson had looked at some of the accounts from the previous 50 years, and went through some of the amounts spent on the original gala, and highlighted how “refreshments” were the biggest profit making part of the events even then.

Sally Sheehan gave a retrospective of 50 years of Collieston Amenities Committee. Having gone through previous years’ minutes she delivered some of the highlights.

Trish Cowie read “Collieston Calling”.

#### 7. Any Other Business

Steve Ritchie said he thought his father would be very pleased with the continuation of the Committee and Steve was glad that on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are moving on to something covering Collieston and Slains. Lewis Cowie thanked the Amenities Committee members, past and present, for all the work they’ve done for Collieston and Slains.

#### 8. Dissolution of Collieston Amenities Committee

This was said by RB. He also stated that all monies from Amenities overseen accounts will be vested to the new Community Council.

#### 9. Announcement of elected members of the new Community Council

RB delivered the results of the election and stated that an election had been necessary as there had been twenty nominations for fifteen positions.

John Robertson expressed regret that our current Treasurer had not been elected. Councillor Storr informed the meeting that the Community Council has the ability to co-opt members. Sally Sheehan pointed out that when Trish took on the position of Treasurer, the Committee had £21, it now has over £21,000 which shows the financial abilities and acumen she possesses.