

# COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting Dated Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006

### 1. Present and apologies

**Present;** Brinsley Sheridan, Sally Sheehan, Vicky McNiff, , Lesley Stewart, Niki Tait, Julie Swan, Gill McIntyrne, Margaret Swan, Viv Easton and

**Apologies;** Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Laura Junor

**cc;** Rachel Hitchcock.Sarah Gosden, Keith Newton, notice board,

### 2. Approve Minutes of meeting from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Approved – Julie Swan, Seconded - Margaret Swan

### 3. Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006

### 4. CATS Report

No update.

### 5. Matters Arising

**Welcome booklet:** The booklet editing is ongoing

**Erosion:** Sally to write to the council to see if the paths will be covered by the horticulture improvements mentioned in the letter from Aberdeenshire council (see correspondence list).

**Mowers:** Niki still to discuss the requirements for new mowing equipment with John Tubey.

**Tubs:** The two additional tubs at the entrance to the village have now been sold on.

### 6. Councillor Brinsley Sheridan

The plans for the rebuild of Thrum cottage have been approved.

**Pier:** No progress, Brinsley is working on contacting the new factor of Slains estate. (Vicky to obtain details from the CASCT chair and pass on). The suggestion of writing a formal letter from the Amenities Committee to the council, the church and the estate expressing the villages concerns. Niki to contact Ken Ingram about the possible content for this letter.

Before this step is taken, a professional legal opinion will be sought from Sheila Ritchie as to what the legal situation is.

### 7. Correspondance to 18<sup>th</sup> April

- Gordon Forum for the Arts – Newsletter April 2006 plus membership application
- Marine Conservation Society – Strandline newsletter
- East Grampian Coastal Partnership – Notice of seawatch surveys (Collieston 20<sup>th</sup> July)
- Postwatch Scotland – pricing seminars notification – Aberdeen 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Aberdeenshire Council Planning and Environmental Services – New refuse Collection Service for householders + consultation document on preventing household waste in Scotland.
- Aberdeenshire Council Revenue Budget Briefing Paper No 8
- Scottish Executive – Age & Experience: consultation on the strategy for a Scotland with an ageing population.
- Aberdeenshire Council – dates of Council, committee and licensing board meetings 2006/2007
- Aberdeenshire Council – minute of meeting Formartine Community Council Forum 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Mandy Club – digital photography tutor – invoice for workshop £36
- Age Concern Scotland – Health in later life – small grants scheme
- Nisbets – catering supplies catalogue
- Aberdeenshire Sports Council – Issue 21 March 2006
- Scottish Water – letter of increased charges
- Aberdeenshire Council – Formartine Area Committee – notice of meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March (CASCT)
- Communities Scotland – National Standards for Community Involvement
- Calor – Scottish Community of the year 2006 entry form
- Aberdeenshire Council Transportation and Infrastructure – Village Horticulture Improvements – request for suggestions
- Email – Buchan Partnership – notice boards from Peterhead Prison.

**Calor Scottish Community of the year award:** The documentation is to be circulated for everyone to review, so that we can put in an application.

**Recycling:** Brinsley to be asked at the next meeting whether there is any provision for recycling of batteries and small electrical equipment.

**Noticeboard:** Sally to contact Peterhead prison to see what sort of noticeboard they can make for us.

#### **8. Treasurer's report**

Balance as of 5 April 2006 £9,630.79, recent expenditure has been the mower repairs (£470.62).

#### **9. CASCT Update**

The business plan workshop was well and enthusiastically attended, the report from this is complete and will be emailed to the committee. Vicky encouraged the rest of the committee to read this and consider what ways they would like to become involved.

After some minor editing following from the workshop, the architectural competition is now proceeding; the brief will be posted on the web and also some copies available in the shop. Paper copies have been given to committee members who do not have access to the web.

The committee will hold an extra meeting, to brainstorm on the future of the Amenities working with CASCT - 8pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Lesleys.

#### **10. Village Photograph and Social Evening**

Niki, Julie and Lesley to meet to organise the bars and food, etc, Lesley to co-ordinate the food.

#### **11. Gala**

**Ceilidh Band** – Julie still to investigate possibilities for this.

**Bouncy Castle** – Vicky to invite the Ellon Fire Station to attend with their bouncy castle.

**Children's stall** – may expand this stall to be a bring and buy for children's toys and clothes.

**Raffle** – Will go for general use vouchers rather than set gifts for the top prizes. Decide on the amounts at the next meeting.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

**Hall floor covering:** A letter from a member of the community was read out to the committee which expresses concern over the plans to put in a new hall floor, as the hall is council property and also as the hall is to be demolished in the future. The committee understands this concern but feels that the safety of the hall users is a top priority. The decision taken was based on the fact that the area recreation officer and the property manager of the council had both been contacted regarding the state of the hall floor. They both indicated there was no money for a replacement; however they also made it clear that if the floor became unsafe they could close the building. In the HMI and the Care Commission Report (Summer 2005) both cited risks and potential danger to users both adults and children. As 30 children now use the hall the committee felt this was an appropriate use of funds. The money spend (up to £500) is worthwhile if it keeps the hall usable until it is demolished (in 1-2 years time). Also the cost to the amenities is to be reduced as the playgroup has offered to meet half of this cost. Niki is to organise the work party for this as soon as possible.

**2007 Calendar Dates:** Burns 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 28<sup>th</sup> July Gala, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, set so that these can be included in the 2007 calendar.

**Senior Citizens Christmas lunch:** Booked for the 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Community Development group:** Sally is attending the sub-committee Meeting on community learning opportunities, Sally will bring up the CASCT and hall re-development at this forum.