

## **COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of Meeting Dated Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

#### **1. Present and apologies**

**Present;** Brinsley Sheridan, Sally Sheehan, Vicky McNiff, Lesley Stewart, Niki Tait, Julie Swan, Julie Swan, Margaret Swan

**Apologies;** Viv Easton, Roger Berl, Laura Junor, Gill McIntyrne, and Trish Davidson.

**cc;** Rachel Hitchcock, Sarah Gosden, Collieston on-line web site, notice board,

#### **2. Approve Minutes of meeting from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006**

Approved – Lesley Stewart, Seconded – Julie Swan

#### **3. Date of Next Meeting**

7.30pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006

#### **4. CATS Report**

The CAT's group has had a few meetings with Neil Ironside from the Ellon community centre about running a CAT's café over the summer holidays; they have taken this on with great enthusiasm and have produced a business plan, which works out that if they have at least 60 customer a week then they will make a small profit. This will be run Thurs – Sun over five weeks of the holidays, starting the 13<sup>th</sup> July. Mandy Nash from Total support training is coming to give them a basic food hygiene overview. The amenities has agreed to underwrite this, there also needs to be a responsible adult on call during each session.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

**Erosion:** Sally has emailed the council to see if the paths will be covered by the horticulture improvements mentioned in the letter from Aberdeenshire council (see last meeting correspondence list) and is still awaiting a reply.

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

**Notice board:** Sally has just managed to obtain the contact at Peterhead prison to see what sort of notice boards they can make for us and will contact him.

#### **6. Councillor Brinsley Sheridan**

**Recycling:** Brinsley is still to look into whether there is any provision for recycling of batteries and small electrical equipment. Also the bins at Cransdale are often overloaded

**Pier:** Brinsley brought in a map which showed that the road up to the pier is adopted by the council, this stops just before the slipway, at the edge of Buckies. A letter is being sent from the council legal department this week to set up a meeting with the new factor of Slains estate. Sally has met with Ken Ingram and Steve Ritchie to discuss how we should take this forward, i.e. writing a letter to the trustees as a concerned body.

**Poling arrangements:** Consideration is being given to arranging an alternative poling station for Collieston and Slains due to the possibility of the new community centre development being underway, The CASCT committee has been asked this and have replied to say that there is very little possibility that the development will have started by next May and so do not see the need to find an alternative venue at this time.

**Planning permission:** A planning application for CRE hut has been received by the council, this has been referred back to the area committee for a decision.

**Recognising volunteers in the community:** We have been asked to select a person to put forward for this.

**Whiteness cottage sign:** A request has been received to replace the sign at Whiteness cottages as this is very worn.

**Roads:** The road past Bruce Hay School (U81B) is in a very poor state of repair, Brinsley to raise this. Concern has also been expressed about the excessive amount loose stones on the roads to Ellon and Cruden bay recently as they have been extremely slippery.

## **7. Village booklet**

This has been designed by a local student, including photos. Proofs are to be circulated among both the Amenities and CASCT committees and printing quotes. The aim is to launch this at the AGM in September. This can also be used as part of the briefing pack for CASCT advocates and potential funders and we have been allocated some funding that can be used for this.

## **8. Gala**

A separate Gala planning meeting will be held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm at Lesley's **Bouncy Castle** – The Ellon Fire Station have been invited to attend with their bouncy castle.

## **9. Collieston Pier**

A letter has been drafted with the help of Ken Ingram and Steve Ritchie to send to Sheila Ritchie to ask for advice on the situation and what we can do.

## **10. Correspondance to 27<sup>th</sup> June**

- Inland Revenue – form P46 – this is a formality to note the hours worked by the CAT's group on the cafe
- Aberdeenshire Council, Transport and Infrastructure – Local Transport Strategy 2006-2009
- Formartine Partnership – Formartine in Bloom application
- NHS Grampian – Consultation Older People's Services, Diagnostic & Treatment Services and Maternity Services in Aberdeenshire
- Jacobs Babbie – Western Peripheral Route Stage 3 – Environmental Impact Assessment
- Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group Public Consultations Exhibitions 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Grampian Joint Police Board – Independent Custody Visiting
- Formartine Community Council Forum – Minutes from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Waterwatch Scotland – Notice of establishment of North East Panel
- Formartine Area Committee – Minute 16<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June, also information bulletin
- Aberdeenshire Council – Planning – Planning application for Milton of Leask Farm and 13A High Town, Collieston
- Gordon Rural Action – Grainstore May 2006 and notification of membership charge of £5

Some of these correspondence items such as the NHS consultation will be noted in the next blether.

The committee discussed the policy for the welfare officer and agreed on guidelines, which are basically to continue with the giving of small tokens to members of the community or those with strong links to the village.

## **11. Treasurer's report**

Our outgoings in the last month have been higher than normal (~£900) due to raffle tickets, prizes, two lots of grass cuttings, shop bill etc., We have had ~£600 in, which is from the golf classic. Many thanks go to Marg and Monty for organising this so well.

## **12. CASCT Update**

The business plan work is underway; lots of actions have been identified to make this robust.

## **13. Any Other Business**

**Weed killing:** A volunteer has asked if we can obtain any weed killing equipment, Sally is to ask for advice on what we need and go ahead with purchasing this.

**Calor Gas competition:** The submission for the people category was discussed.