



## COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Present: Niki Tait, Councillor Brinsley Sheridan, Trish Davidson, Vicky McNiff, Margaret Swan, Julie Swan, Lesley Stewart, Sally Sheehan

Apologies: Roger Berl, Jilly McIntyre, Viv Easton

Chair: Niki Tait

Minutes taken by: Sally Sheehan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Proposed by Margaret Swan, seconded by Trish Davidson	
Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2007	
	<p>Before the meeting began, John Robertson addressed the committee on behalf of the Senior Citizens of Collieston and Slains. The lunch party held the previous Saturday had been enjoyed by all.</p> <p>John also wanted to put an idea before the Committee as a suggestion for the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Amenities Committee and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Slains Parish Church. Although there is a brass plaque commemorating the fallen of the Second World War inside the Church, John felt that it would be appropriate to add a granite memorial to the six men to the existing First World War memorial inside the Kirk yard. The Amenities Committee will work with John to enquire about possible funding from the Church and Royal British Legion. The Amenities will also ask for quotes from local stonemasons.</p>	John Robertson/ Sally
Matters Arising	Coastal path leading to Cransdale. No Council engineers have been to inspect yet as far as is known. Sally and another Committee member expressed their concern over the possible acquisition of the Rivvie if it included the path.	
Councillor Brinsley Sheridan	Brinsley announced that he would be retiring at the next election in May after 19 years service. After the election Collieston will be included in a multi member ward, which will	

	<p>mean that instead of one representative there will be four. Election of councillors will be through a “single transferable vote”. Brinsley had received a letter from Sir Richard Suttons Settled Estates announcing their resignation as Trustees of Collieston Harbour.</p> <p>The Committee had also received an email from Factor Michael Milligan who reiterated this intention.</p> <p>Brinsley passed on a copy of the insurance taken out by the Harbour Trustees following a request by the Amenities Committee. A copy of the Area Local Plan had just been received and Brinsley was asked what a “Design Guide” was when mentioned in reference to future development in Collieston. Brinsley thought that this would relate to developers having to submit designs appropriate to the locality.</p> <p>Margaret Swan thanked Brinsley for arranging for a new road sign to be put in place at Whiteness Cottages.</p>	
Election of office bearers	<p>This item had been delayed since the AGM.</p> <p>Chair – Niki Tait – proposed by Sally, seconded by Margaret</p> <p>Treasurer – proposed by Julie, seconded by Vicky</p> <p>Secretary – proposed by Niki, seconded by Trish</p> <p>Welfare – proposed by all, seconded by all</p> <p>Vicky is fully committed with work for other groups so it was agreed that Sally will take the minutes with Vicky posting them on the website.</p>	Vicky
Collieston Pier discussion	<p>The Committee discussed what course of action to follow regarding the pier, which is reaching an acute stage of disrepair. The railing leading to the lower pier has been washed away, and benches along the pier were swept into the harbour during a recent storm as their brackets had rusted away.</p> <p>The council had supplied the benches originally and would be requested to reinstate them.</p> <p>It was decided that a closed invitation meeting be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January inviting local people with a close involvement with the pier and/or legal matters as well as the Amenities Committee.</p>	Sally

Christmas Raffle Arrangements	<p>Discussion and decisions took place. Margaret was thanked for the exceptional effort involved in selling £1,000 of tickets. The Committee decided not contribute toward travel costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Trish gave an update on recent financial transactions. The Bonfire Night event showed a loss, however this had been matched by strong practical support of the local community when proceeds had been shared with Slains PTA. One less box of fireworks is needed next year.</p> <p>CATs had almost £1000 in their account. They have decided not to replace the pool table, which had been mended by Mick.</p> <p>All agreed the Senior Citizens lunch at the Poachers was very good value for money.</p>	
CASCT report	<p>Niki and Vicky gave a report on the architectural competition, which was still underway. Several comments of concern were voiced over the designs, scale of the projects, different responses being given at the Manse, lack of a survey of the Rivvie, and that there was not going to be a third choice in the final vote on 12<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>However, all those making comment gave recognition to the work that continued to be given to the project by CASCT members. Lesley was concerned that the Amenities Committee should express their support to CASCT. Niki replied that at the joint meeting, Amenities Committee members had volunteered to help CASCT with the Business Plan by taking on tasks.</p> <p>A communication update will be available in December/January informing the community of the next stages.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>Correspondence received to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you card from Jilly and Dean</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Formartine area Committee – Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	

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Any Other Business	Margaret proposed that a donation be given to the Over 60’s Club toward their annual outing. £200 donation proposed by Lesley, seconded by Sally.	Trish

	<p>A raffle prize had already been received for Gala Raffle 2007</p> <p>Mick and Ruari, with Mike Earlam helping with the electrics, had put up the Christmas tree. We need new lights next year.</p> <p>Discussion to take place in the New Year regarding band arrangements for the Gala. Niki is coordinating Burns Supper arrangements with Ian Bell and others.</p> <p>A small sub committee will work on plans for Collieston's 50<sup>th</sup> year. The committee will include Gill Moir, Lesley Stewart, Trish Davidson and Sally.</p>	<p>Niki</p>
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