

COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Dated Tuesday 10th January 2006

1. Present and apologies

Present; Brinsley Sheridan, Sally Sheehan, Vicky McNiff, Trish Davidson, Lesley Stewart, Laura Junor, Niki Tait, Roger Berl, Julie Swan, Gill McIntyrne and Rachel Hitchcock.

Apologies; Margaret Swan,

cc; Viv Easton, Sarah Gosden, Keith Newton, notice board,

2. Approve Minutes of meeting from 29th November 2005

Approved –Lesley Stewart, Seconded Julie Swan

3. Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 28th February 2006

4. Welcome to new Chairperson, Nikki Tait and co-option of new members

New members Roger Berl, Gill McIntyrne and Rachel Hitchcock are welcomed.

5. Update from CATS

The new equipment (tennis table, etc) has been well used over the holidays. The next step is probably to get a (simple) constitution, which will help with applications for grants.

6. Matters Arising

Welcome booklet: Lesley, Sally and Trish to work together to edit the booklet, with Vicky editing the file if needed.

Erosion: The erosion of some of the banks around the village is still a concern. SNH have expressed an interest in helping us in improvement work and may fund 50% of the cost and advise us on what is the best approach. Brinsley has reported the erosion to the council and the Council Landscape services may also assist. Sally will ask them both to come and have a look

Bench: The bench bought in memory of Frank Forbes has arrived and will be sited in low town.

7. Councillor Brinsley Sheridan

Brinsley spoke to Bill Bruce at a recent function and he expressed his interest and support for the new community centre, Sally will contact him to put him in touch with the CASCT committee.

Adopted Road: The council has put forward a proposal to adopt part of the road which leads past the front of Ness View, as well as the one in the front of Slains cottages. This is expected to go forward to the area committee for a decision.

Recycling: It appears that some of the recycling containers (especially the cardboard one) are not being emptied often enough. Sally will ring the council to let them know. There is a plan to start rural recycling collections this year.

8. Burns night

Viv is here, but it is believed that the arrangements are well underway.

9. Treasurer's report

Current balance is £11,222.09, recent expenditure includes the Poachers rest bill for the senior citizens party (a very reasonable £330 including tip), new tables and crockery and table tennis table.

Expenses expected are half the cost of the Contribute software for the Collieston on-line web site and a significant proportion of the new Boules hut as previously agreed.

10. Correspondance to 9th January

- Formartine Area Committee on 6th December / Minutes from 15th November
- Aberdeenshire Council Planning Application No. 4 Slains Cottages, Full planning permission granted
- Formartine CSG group – 2 local reps wanted
- Aberdeenshire Sports Council – Newsletter No 20
- Scottish Parliament Nora Radcliffe MSP – comment required on discussion paper “what we can do to help Community Councils fulfill their role?” Respond by 28-2-06
- Aberdeenshire Council Planning and Environmental Services Consultation on Draft Public Art Strategy
- Elspeth Attwooll MEP Calendars
- Glasdon Water Rescue Equipment
- BAA Aberdeen Airport Ltd Consultation Document Aberdeen Airport Master Plan.
- Chief Fire Officer Community Risk Reduction Proposals for the North East

- SNH Northern Lights Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2005
- Various Christmas cards from MP's MEP's Council members, etc.

11. Feedback from Senior Citizens Party

This went very well at the Poachers again and was attended by 26. Comments were received that the food was very good. Many good photographs were taken from the night, which will go into the village scrapbook. Those from the village who couldn't attend were sent a small gift.

12. Any Other Business

Purchases: Agreement to go ahead with:

New Christmas Tree Lights

Quality mat for door

Ladder required for safety £209.10 +VAT – 20% discount – agreed to go ahead with this.

Cash boxes

Music System

New flooring – did agree to go ahead with this previously and the property inspector at Aberdeenshire council will come and check the hall to confirm that they will allow us to do this. It is likely that this hall will not be knocked down for at least another year so we still feel that it is worth spending some money on this as the current condition of the floor is very poor and may not be safe.

www.colliestononline.org This is now taking shape, we need to decide what to put on, e.g. minutes, photos from functions. Sally, Trish and Lesley to come up with a draft content.

Digital Photography Taster session: We could get someone to come up and do a session on this in the hall – Sally to investigate.

Blether: This has been on hold recently due to other commitments. It needs to be restarted. Lesley is the circulation manager. Jack Page edits this; we need to submit items to him, which should be done 5 times a year.

Minor repairs: It was queried who to refer these to, the answer is if it is council maintained property then it should go to them, if it is if Amenities equipment then it should go to any committee member to be brought up at the next meeting. Also, cleaning up parts of the village was mentioned – it would be good to have a “clean up” work party when the weather is better.

CASCT: The chairperson of CASCT has been in touch with Nikki with a view to the two chairpersons meeting to discuss how CASCT and the Amenities go forward together. There was agreement that this is a very good idea.