

COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Dated Tuesday 29th November 2005

1. Present and apologies

Present; Brinsley Sheridan, Viv Easton, Sally Sheehan, Margaret Swan, Vicky McNiff, Trish Davidson, Lesley Stewart and Julie Swan

Apologies; Laura Junor, Niki Tait

cc; Sarah Gosden, Keith Newton, notice board,

2. Approve Minutes of meeting from 25th October 2005

Approved –Trish Davidson, Seconded Sally Sheehan

3. Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 10th January 2005

4. Update from CATS

No update as Laura has given her apologies.

The rural youth worker has commented that the Collieston youth group have been the first to form out of the areas that she has been working with. They are to be congratulated.

The amenities have purchased a folding tennis table and movable basketball system, and will also consider requests for donations or matched funding that the CATs group request.

5. Matters Arising

It is too late in the year to take any photographs of the tubs to send to the Glengarioch distillery for their newsletter, Julie will investigate whether any of the scarecrow photos include the tubs

6. Councillor Brinsley Sheridan

The Collieston harbour structural survey report has been received. The repair work estimate is for nine priority 1 repairs, costing over £17,000 and this in addition to the fee for the report, which is £4,700, the council will pay half of this. Brinsley will now call a meeting of the trustees (and other interested parties from the village). Brinsley asked at a meeting with the council officers what would happen if all the trustees resigned and he was informed that the trust would lapse, although this does not affect that fact that the council, church and estate would still be the legal owners. Brinsley will also ask for a meeting with the director of the infrastructure repair services committee of the council to assess the way forward.

Sally mentioned that a section of the bank on the right hand side opposite the pier is showing signs of fast erosion, Brinsley to investigate what can be done.

7. Nomination for Chairperson

Niki is nominated for the position of chairperson by Trish, seconded by Margaret.

8. Treasurer's report

The balance is just under £14,000 as of the 28th November.

The CATs money is being maintained within the amenities account and is shown as a separate part of the financial spreadsheet. At the moment they have £90, which is the money raised from the Halloween Party.

The £2 premium bonds are currently in the name of Alisdair Mathieson, and the treasurer has a signed letter from him that states they are Amenities property.

Consideration was given to how much we could buy in premium bonds, Trish will forecast the spend for the next year from the expenditure last year for the next meeting.

9. Correspondance to 29th November

- Card from Mary, Irene and Alex
- Formartine Planning list - application from Craig Swan for garage at CRE hut
- Formartine Area Committee - Agenda for 15-11-05 (recommend refuse permission for planning permission for demolish and rebuild of No 6 Hightown)
- Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm proposal - dates of public exhibition
- Scottish Executive - "What can we do to help community councils fulfill their role?"
A discussion paper by the Scottish Executive October 2005
- Invoice of £23 Voluntary Arts Network Health and Safety at Outdoor Events – this guide will be put into the filing cabinet in the hall
- SMP Seminar invitation Tues 29th November, Inverness re play equipment
- Aberdeenshire Council Planning and Environmental Services - Aberdeenshire Design Awards 2006

- Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council Forestry and Woodland Strategy for Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City
- Aberdeenshire Council - useful telephone numbers
- Formartine Planning list - Alterations and extension planning application for 4 Slains Cottages
- Aberdeenshire Council - The finalised Aberdeenshire Local Plan Proposed Modifications 11th Nov 05
- CASCT - Request for matched funding for website software
- Formartine Partnership - Calling notice for AGM Thursday 24th November
- Newspaper cutting - Ellon Advertiser - Re Fyvie Gala
- Keith Newton, Area Manager - invitation to discuss Scottish Executive Review of Community Councils - 23-1-06
- Marine Conservation Society - Strandline Issue 25

10. Feedback from Bonfire night

This went very well overall.

The point noted to remember for future events is to ensure that there are names down against each task in advance, with an event co-ordinator for each event to ensure that this is done.

11. Forthcoming events

10.1 Christmas

Sally will ask Auchmacoy estate for a Christmas tree.

10.2 Senior Citizens Party

Event co-ordinator: Julie Swan.

Julie has sent out the invites, which go to all the over 60's in Collieston and Slains. Mick has agreed to be master of ceremonies. A small token (such a nice gift pack of nice shortbread) will be sent to those households who couldn't accept the invite. Julie to ask Abby & Isla to look for something suitable in the cash & carry.

10.3 Burns

Event co-ordinator: Viv Easton

The date is set for the 21st January, the piper has been booked and most of the speakers are arranged. A jobs list has already been compiled and Viv will assign names to the tasks.

10.4 Gala

The date is still the last Saturday in July, further decisions on organising will be deferred until 2006.

12. Any Other Business

Sally and Marg have sourced new folding tables, 12 x 6"ft cost £700. Also, replacement cutlery (7 x 12 of everything), tea plates, dinner plates, bowls, mugs, salt & pepper pots, milk jugs, etc. have been sourced. The total for this including the tables is estimated to be £1453.50 including VAT. In addition to this new boxes will be bought (possibly from Asda as that is cheapest). We also need some new utensils and a bar to hang them up from.

The Boules club has decided to try and build a new hut (costing up to £1,000) the amenities have agreed in principle to fund a significant portion of this cost.

The Bench for Frank Forbes is still to be purchased; as soon as the catalogue from Glasdon for recycled plastic benches comes Sally will order one, plus whatever is needed to keep secured.

The Amenities is to pay for half the CASCT cost (£314) of the licences for the contributor software to update Collieston-online web site.

The Collieston Welcome booklet still needs up dating, Sally & Trish to help with compiling the mark ups for Vicky to edit and also to help with making up the copies.