



COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2006

Present: Niki Tait, Trish Davidson, Rachel Hitchcock, Roger Berl, Margaret Swan, Sally Sheehan, Councillor Brinsley Sheridan,

Apologies: Julie Swan, Lesley Stewart, Jilly McIntyre, Laura Junor, Viv Easton, Vicky McNiff

In Attendance: Peter Somner CASCT, John Robertson

Chair: Niki Tait

Minutes taken by: Sally Sheehan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved by Margaret Swan, seconded by Trish Davidson	
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 14 th November – Joint CASCT/Amenities Tuesday 21 st November – Amenities	
CATs report	There was no report as Laura was away on holiday. However several of the CATs group had participated in a Community Learning event the previous week and had proved a great asset working with younger children.	
Peter Somner – CASCT	<p>Peter had attended the meeting to update the Committee on the current CASCT situation and to ask whether a joint meeting could be arranged. He began by thanking the Amenities Committee for a positive and upbeat AGM. A number of points were discussed including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The architectural competition • Re-energising the energy workshop to investigate sources of income generating alternative energy • the need to revisit the current Council position on other Council owned buildings in the area • investigate the current operating costs per annum for the hall • information on the pre qualification processs for the Big Lottery • the role and responsibilities of CASCT directors 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brinsley advised the need to talk to planners, Peter confirmed this is currently being pursued • Tax liability when a Company Ltd by Guarantee • Purchase of Rivvie and whether this should be a whole village decision and/or necessary – the need to define the bounds of the Rivvie – concern over the condition of the Rivvie’s paths and the possibility of slippage and therefore liability • The need to consider alternative accommodation while the new hall is being built. • The Pier’s state of repair • The need for a community discussion to find the appropriate sustainable model for the new hall and the process of it’s management. • Peter asked about the £2K donation from the Ellon CDG and was told that CASCT should have received their cheque by now. • Date for joint meeting set for Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the hall. All Committee invited to bring discussion points to the table. 	
Matters Arising	Margaret Swan said that she and Brinsley Sheridan had met with Graham Wall, Head of Landscape Services that afternoon to look at the condition of the path leading from Cransdale to the village and also the path toward the Ness. Mr Wall had said that his engineers would be coming to inspect but he envisaged any work would either be very difficult to do or cause more damage than it cured, because of possible slippage.	
Councillor Brinsley Sheridan	Brinsley related that he found his position as a representative of the Council as a harbour Trustee quite complex because of the different people involved in discussions and the fact that he had yet to meet the Factor personally. Committee agreed that it would be helpful to re-invite the Factor to attend a meeting of the Amenities Committee as soon as possible.	Sally
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice 29-9-06 & 13-10-06 re grass cutting • Email from Graham Mann re recycling banks • Thanks from Andy Harper for bottle of whisky • Email from website – Amanda Hare 	

	<p>Aberdeenshire Arts Marketing Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster from Susan Westcott, 50+ Development Worker • Grainstore Newsletter • Waterwatch Scotland – Complaints Handling and Customer Representation • SMP Playgrounds – Leaflet on play equipment • Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards – Draft Statement of Licensing Principles • Zurich Municipa – Renewal Letter • Formartine Area Committee – Minute of 25th July, 29th August, 19th September • Formartine Area Committee – Information Bulletin • The Robert Gordon University – REAch Programme • Lorna Harris – Community Planning Officer – request to attend future Amenities meeting • Aberdeenshire Council – T&I – Formartine Area Bus Forum Meeting Monday 6th November • Formartine Area Office – Notification of meeting to discuss Area Plan on Tuesday 7th November • Home heat helpline information card • Scottish Executive – 2006 Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning • Aberdeenshire Council – Copy of Council’s Public Performance Report • Aberdeen City Council – Consultation on Draft Planning Advice Note: Community Engagement • Association of Scottish Community Councils Annual Report and Accounts • Aberdeenshire Council – The Strategic Development Plan for Aberdeen City Region • Thank you card from Betty Cranidge for Birthday flowers • Minute of Formartine Community council Forum 23rd August • Grampian Fire and Rescue Service Risk Management Action Plan 2006/7 	
Treasurer’s Report	Trish Davidson reported that there had been no significant movement on the account since the	

	AGM. Sally said that a grant for £750 from the Formartine Area Committee would be forthcoming, but that a form to update our details as a “supplier” had to be completed first.	
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firework arrangements and social night discussed. Peter Somner, Mike Earlam and the PTA would be helping. Fireworks to be ordered as last year. Soup to cost 50p, hotdogs £1. Hall to be booked and licence to be applied for. • Niki to check on reimbursing PTA for drinks used at Gala • Rachel will put a notice for swimming dates on the noticeboards and also to Sally for next Blether • Christmas raffle discussed. 1000 tickets to be ordered. Mr and Mrs Hampton have donated a very generous prize, Sally will circulate details to the Committee. • CATs to be asked whether they might arrange a Halloween party • Margaret read out the list of cards and gifts bought this month. • Rachel asked whether the Committee could do anything to preserve Collieston’s uniqueness. All felt this to be very relevant and possibly something to focus on for next year’s 50th celebrations. Sally and Margaret would also be attending an Area Plan planning day with local Councillors in early November. 	<p>All Committee Niki</p> <p>Sally</p> <p>Niki</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Sally</p> <p>Margaret Sally</p>
Date of next Committee meeting	Tuesday 21 st November 2006 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre	