



**COLLIESTON & SLAINS COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTES
MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Minutes of the 26 June meeting proposed, seconded and approved by the Committee.

Matters Arising - none

Scottish Water and Aberdeenshire Council Update

- Scottish Water - letter read stating capacity increased by 20%, more than enough for development described.
- New sewage issue requires clarification - ie can a road be built on top of a sewer.
- Aberdeenshire Planning Dept - letter read intimating the planning policy in respect of a new hall.
- Aberdeenshire Council official has never got back with a report on his liaison with the Estate. Communicate with him and copy to his manager.

Discuss Communication/Mandate from Community

Member stated that the community feel we are not doing anything and we must update them. We agreed to arrange a public meeting and send out information in advance. We have to present the pros and cons in as neutral a fashion as possible but agreed it was fair, having debated all the information, to put forward our recommendation. We need to get a mandate from the village ie. would they like us to explore the options more or proceed with the current plan.

Agreed to give a report at the Amenities Committee AGM and inform people that we will be holding a public meeting in October. We can use the article written for Rural Voices, which we will edit and circulate for agreement. SWOT analysis to be done.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance in hand £12915 and no outstanding debts.

- We need to hold our own AGM. We have 18 months from the date of incorporation to hold the first AGM. Our financial year should run from the date we were constituted. AGM provisionally set for March 2006 with the accounts audited in February.
- We need to get an accountant and clarify the fee in advance.

Fund Raising Sub-Committee Update

Fund raising - total amount raised to date £14235

Reported on upcoming events:

Playgroup Grease Night

Sponsored walk

Trafalgar Night Dinner

Ceilidh

Xmas Hamper

Ticket allocation for Trafalgar Night discussed. There will be a draw at Amenities Committee AGM if required.

Calendars £1265 profit with still some to be sold.

Business Plan Report

Business plan in abeyance at present. CADISPA reported we had not included a risk assessment and they will give us a structure for this.

Architectural Sub-Committee Report

We have to decide if we still want to go ahead with the competition.

Query on what would be the alternative to running an architectural competition.

Query on how it would be judged. Reported that three architects and two representatives from the village would draw up a short list with the final decision made by the community.

We have to decide if we want to hang on and apply for grants again or do we cut back a bit and use some of the money we have raised. Three to four months to wait for grant money. Formartine Partnership have a grant we can apply for which would meet part of the cost and we should get a relatively quick decision from them.

CADISPA confirmed that everything we raise will count as a percentage towards funding except with Scottish Executive. As far as grant giving bodies are concerned we have already raised £14000 plus. It is important to get this in writing. Member to get back to CADISPA and ask for this. It was agreed to postpone the decision on whether we pay for the architectural competition out of the funds or apply for grants until after the public meeting. The cost would be between £8000 and £10000 but it's a vital stage and will give us drawings we can take to the planners.

Member reported he was unsure of how the Scottish Executive will value the current building - market value of building or cleared site and they will not put this in writing. All rural funding changing but the Scottish Executive will not announce anything until 2006. He explained its best to get in at the beginning of new funding when its available.

Questionnaires re hall requirements still need to be finalised.

Legal Issues

Who are directors - Steve Rainey and Shirley Beattie are currently directors and Vicky McNiff is in the process of becoming one.

Once we become a charity then to run a business we need a separate company. Solicitor is going to submit for charitable status. Directors want a signed copy of the Memorandum of Association. They also get information from Company House periodically and need to contact our solicitor for advice on some of these issues. Time frame for charitable status unsure but hopefully coming soon.

AOB

- Reported Braemar starting to do something about their hall. For fund raising they have a train in which you put money to make it go. Can we do something similar eg hire telescope slot machine. Fund Raising Sub-Committee will investigate.
- Member reported she was asked at the gala if we could have a hall to which a marquee could be added.
- Demo of website given.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 6th October 2005