



**COLLIESTON & SLAINS COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTES
MEETING 15 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Fiona Chaplain, Susan Somner, Jack Page, Vicky McNiff, Alan White, Roddy Junor

Apologies: John Hitchcock, Steve Rainey, Peter Somner, Neil Ironside, Elizabeth Hay

Minutes of 13 November 2006 meeting proposed by Susan Somner, seconded by Jack Page and approved by the Committee.

11 December 2006 meeting was devoted to arrangements for the architecture competition. Treasurer reported balance in bank as at 6th December 2006 was £22607.35. We are, however, expecting quite a lot of expenditure from the architectural competition re honorariums and expenses.

1. Architectural Workgroup Report

Jack reported that Charles Rattray our architectural advisor would be coming to present to the community the judges rationale behind the two selected designs. There was a discussion on the arrangements for this meeting.

The two architectural practices will attend a public meeting on 26th January to present their designs to the community. There was a discussion on the arrangements for this meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Current balance as at 10 January 2007 £18941.11.

Calendars still selling – sold about 1000. Probably won't print 1500 next year. About £900 of expenses still to pay out. Vicky to pass account from Udney Arms to Susan. £4500 spent on paying architects.

3. Legal/Slains Estate Update

Fiona gave an update on the land acquisition. Committee would like to meet with Sheila Ritchie to discuss further.

4. Funding Strategy Workgroup Report

Steve, Peter and Alan met with Big Lottery Project officer last week. They went through a draft of the pre-qualification. Some things need changing, points need expanding but

feedback was extremely positive. It is the kind of project that the Lottery is likely to fund. It is at the high end of what they fund so we will be subject to a lot of scrutiny. They fund social projects and not village halls, so social enterprise is the key to getting funding. Assuming we are accepted at the pre-qualification stage we will be eligible to apply for a grant of up to £10000 to assist in developing our project. We would also be assigned an officer from the Highlands & Islands Enterprises to help us prepare our lottery bid. The timescale is 6 months after the pre-qualification is accepted. We will hear within 10 days after our pre-qualification submission if it has been successful. The Big Lottery don't fund piers so no conflict of interest here.

5. AOB

- Vicky reported Slains Estate Factor had attended an Amenities Committee meeting.
- Post Office review has been done but results not announced.
- Future newsletters to be produced by Jack and Alan and approved by Committee.
- Fiona reported she wished to resign as Secretary, although will still remain on the Committee
- Committee received thanks from Sian Earlam and Anne Craig for all their effort and hard work in getting the project this far.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 29 January 2007 at Steve Rainey's