



SLAINS AND COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 11.02.09

Present: Chairperson Rachel Hitchcock, Sian Earlam, Julie Swan, Sheena Junor, Sally Sheehan, Ewan Cowie, Trish Cowie, Gill Moir, Huib Attema, George Jamieson, Nora Harper, Sarah Gosden, Roger Berl, Charles Esson, Niki Tait, Cllr: Isobel Davidson

Apologies: Cllr Debra Storr, Cllr Rob Merson, Cllr Gillian Owen

Subject		Action
Approve minutes	<p>Proposed: Sally Sheehan Seconded: Roger Berl</p>	
Matters arising	<p>It was decided to continue to use the Ballot box for the next election of the Slains and Collieston Community council.</p> <p>The new post office sockets are overloading the electric supply in the hall and the lights in the kitchen keep tripping. An electrician is due to come out to check the situation(12.02.09) An alcove in the hall provides storage space for the trolley.</p> <p>The first film night is to be held on the 14.03.09. The films showing are to be "Gregory's Girl" and "Juno".(since changed)</p> <p>Rachel Hitchcock reminded us, that Ken Ingram would still like a few lines about ourselves for the website.</p> <p>Slains and Collieston Community council were advised to apply for an Area top-up Grant to help pay for a trailer, which could cost up to £2500.</p> <p>Youth workers from Ellon are to come to the community hall once a month to start a youth club for children of primary 7 ages and above.</p>	

<p>Financial update</p>	<p>We were under the impression that logica were going to fund the smart meters, but this is not the case.</p> <p>The bank account is now in place, in the name of "Slains and Collieston Community council".</p> <p>Huib gave is a financial report We have £13,641.27 uncommitted money in the bank.</p> <p>Sally Sheehan reminded us that last year we got a grant of £1000.00 of which we have only used £100.00. Ken and Ellie Ingram have already started collating information for the "walk round Collieston" booklet, for which the rest of the money was donated.</p> <p>When asked, Trish Davidson said that although she would be willing to help Huib if required, she would not be able to help at Gala. Roger Berl agreed to help as he used to help Trish with floats etc...at Gala. Sally Sheehan thanked Huib Attema for his "up to date" statement.</p>	
<p>Secretary's report</p>	<p>There has been a request to borrow the marquee tent for a fair-trade event in May, but after some discussion it was decided not to lend out the tent to other villages as it is getting quite old, and the work involved transporting it to and from places does not justify the income generated. It is also quite hazardous if other groups do not know how to erect the tent.</p>	
<p>Forthcoming events</p>	<p>Abi and Islay, informed the community council and village that they wish to retire in April, and would like to see the shop run as a community co-operative. A survey is to go round the village to find out the community feelings about this, and also to gauge the number of volunteers willing to help. This is only a preliminary stage as there would have to be a lot of research carried out to find out the viability of this.</p>	

CASCT	<p>Vicky M^Cniff sent us a letter requesting that CASCT borrow £10,000 from us. After a frank discussion it was unanimously decided not to lend the money to CASCT as we really did not have enough to give them.</p>	
Burns Supper	<p>It was agreed that the night had been successful. The cost of the tickets covered the cost of the meal and the band. The community council had to fund the cost of the bus. Complimentary tickets and taxi fare for the pipers. The cost to the community council is £290.00. It was decided to leave any decisions about the venue for next year until a later date so we could fully discuss it. Rob Merson to be asked if he would be willing to give the Immortal Memory next year.</p>	
Harbour meeting	<p>There was a meeting of the Collieston Pier Action Group on 5th Feb 2009. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the website, once approved.</p>	
Recurring items	<p>Blether is due out soon. Any stories etc... required by the end of February. Village warden had nothing to report. CATS: CATS informed the community council that they wish to spend their money on Book tokens or vouchers, A recycled picnic bench, New signs for the Gala and donate any money left to help support the new Youth Club.</p>	
AOB	<p><u>Local development plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a very clear message from the village regarding areas which needed protection from future development. Sian Earlam agreed to draft a letter to send to the council meeting on 25th March 2009. 	

<p>D.O.N.M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah commented that it is very difficult to get down the ramp onto the beach if pushing a buggy or pram. Ewan said he would take the comments to the next harbour meeting. • We still have to look into renewing some signs round the village indicating “rights of way” down to the beach. • Ewan asked about the possibility of reinstating the temporary car park at the top of the harbour into a permanent car park. • Sally informed the council that Hilda Baird the Head teacher of Slains School had asked whether the Community council would be interested in helping fund a new maths scheme for them. The school is to do a lot of fund raising, and it was decided to wait till after the gala next year to see if we could afford to help. Hilda Baird to be invited to our next meeting. • There is to be a “Village Sunsets” on 21st March. • The suggestion that we change the days of the meeting was rejected on the grounds that we had already changed the day due to Yoga, that we have agreed to have monthly meetings in an attempt to keep them shorter and that Wednesday was the best day for everyone involved in community council. <p>11.03.09</p> <p>Rachel thanked everyone for their attendance, and the meeting was called to a close.</p>	
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