

## SLAINS AND COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 13.05.09.

Present: Chairperson: Rachel Hitchcock, Julie Swan , Nora Harper, Sian Earlam, Roger Berl , Huib Ateema, Trish Cowie, Gill Moir, George Jamieson , Charles Esson , Debra Storr , Sarah Gosden .  
Cllr. Isobel Davidson .

Apologies: Cllr. Rob Merson , Niki Tait , Sheena Junor, Sally Sheehan,  
Ewan Cowie.

	Action
<p>Approve minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. Proposed: Sarah Gosden Seconded: Julie Swan</p> <p><u>Date of next meeting:</u> 10th June 2009</p> <p>Prior to our meeting a constable from Ellon Police Station came to speak to us. We informed him about recent break-ins and attempted break-ins in the Village. He asked that we keep in touch with the Ellon Police Station and also that we could send them the minutes of our meetings.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Rob Merson was successful in obtaining funding for footpath at crossroads bus stop. Sian Earlam attended carbon reduction meeting. Work party on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 very successful though attendance was quite poor. Rachel wrote a cheque for the swimming deficit and received a cheque from Huib. Concerns were voiced that no communication had been made to the community about major change to building materials and subsequent appearance of the proposed Hall. A discussion followed in which it was noted that the changes had been put on the website as part of Community Council Minutes.</p> <p>Sarah informed us that Slains Estate now wish to sell off Cransdale car park.</p>	

## Secretaries Report

Planning applications and building warrants

1. Mr and Mrs leuchars, Sand Loch Villa: Ammendment for change to heating system.
2. Mr J. Holroyd : House A Cotehill Steading: Conversion of steading to dwelling and associated business Unit.
3. Mr G. Sinclair: Schoolhill Croft- Full Planning permission for alteration and erection of detached garage.
4. Mr M Bruce: Extension to dwelling house at Blackhill farmhouse Slains.
5. Sjef Amelsvoort: Alteration and extension to Cotehill Cottage Collieston.

Sally asked that one or two people took on the role of looking at planning applications and attending consultation and associated public meetings.

There is to be a meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the New Inn Ellon, to discuss the local Development plan, including Collieston. Cllr. I. Davidson stressed that it is important we attend this meeting. Notices are to be posted on both notice boards to inform the community of the meeting.

A grant of £3,000 has been awarded to the Committee from the Area Top Up Budget toward the cost of play park equipment.

The Ceilidh band " Broad Bay " has been booked for the Gala.

£750 obtained from the Tidy Village Grant.

Zoe Sinclair to be sent a "Well Done" card form the Committee for her achievement of becoming Best Junior Sportsperson.

Emma Binns- Rural Housing Enabler would like to attend a future Community Council Meeting.

### Village Shop

Five Community Councillors met with Reid Hutchison from Economic Development, Aberdeenshire Council, in order to discuss future of shop. Reid Hutchison still has to meet with Abi and Islay to discuss certain issues. It was felt that Abi and Islay should set their own closing date so that they know what they are doing, rather than waiting until the community at large have organised something.

It was decided to hold an open meeting on the 10th June 2009 after our Community Council meeting to gauge the feeling in the village about the way forward.

### Harbour and Pier group

The Pier fundraiser raised £1288.71.  
The money from CASCT has been transferred to the Pier funds £4,113.75.

### Financial Report

The bank account is now up and running and has a balance of £23,162.56.  
Ewan Cowie incurred an expense of £134.94 for wheelbarrows.  
Trish Cowie received £100.00 for wellbeing.  
Huib suggested using "chips" instead of money at the next gala.

### Burns Supper

The general feeling was that the Burns Supper 2010, should be held back in the village hall. Mike Earlam to be asked to chef. Volunteers will be required to help "set up" the hall, serve, wash dishes and "tidy" hall the next day. Volunteers also required to peel Neeps and Tatties and make trifles.

Next Work Party 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009.

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A Separate Gala Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

It was suggested that there were still some complaints about the Community Council elections. The Election was managed by Aberdeenshire Council Area Officer Keith Newton and was in accordance with other Community Council elections. As with other Community Councils, one third of the Community Council will retire annually by rotation.

Rachel wondered if there would be any interest in getting Adult Gym Equipment (As in Gordon Park ) and wondered about the costs involved.

Rachel thanked everyone for their attendance.