

Slains and Collieston Community Council

30th October 2008

Minutes of Special Meeting

Present: Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Rachel Hitchcock, Charles Esson, Roger Berl, Julie Swan, George Jamieson, Nicola Tait, Sarah Gosden, Nora Harper, Sheena Junor, Sian Earlam. Ewan Cowie, Trish Cowie

Aberdeenshire councillors: Isobel Davidson, Debra Storr. Rob Merson.

Apologies: H. Attema.

1. Rachel Hitchcock in her role as chairperson welcomed members of the community council and also members of the community at large. She informed all present that it was not an “open meeting” and that people could stay to observe proceedings but could not comment unless asked to do so. She asked that we kept to the agenda and did not stray from the two questions which were being asked.
 - a) Would the Community council be willing to submit the planning application for the proposed new hall on behalf of CASCT?
 - b) Would the Community council be prepared to pay for the planning application?

2. Steve Rainey explained that CASCT were now in a position to put in a planning application, and that as a new Community Council, our submitting the application would save the village 50% of the total cost. (A saving of between £1500 and £2000)

The community council was informed that it was not uncommon for a community council to submit planning applications on behalf of other groups in order to get the 50% saving available to them.

Concerns were raised, that our submitting the planning application would be seen by the community as our complete support of the project.

The Community council were informed that this may be the case, but that our submitting the planning application was for financial reasons and did not mean that we could not comment on the plans at a later date, as Community councils have to do with any plans that come before them.

Community Council were informed that CASCT is committed on behalf of the community to have a final ballot and that it would be carried out in the first quarter of 2009.

It was felt that an up-to date ballot would be appreciated.

Isobel Davidson advised us that Community Learning would be willing to conduct an independent consultation.

3. The secret ballot took place and the results were read out.

Would the Community council be willing to submit the planning application for the proposed new hall on behalf of CASCT?

The vote was 9 for and 5 against therefore it was agreed that the community council would submit the planning application on behalf of CASCT.

Would the Community council be prepared to pay for the planning application?

The vote was 3 for and 11 against, therefore it was agreed that the community council would not be paying for the planning application.

Rachel brought the meeting to close and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Slains and Collieston Community Council meeting on 19th November accepted the above minute as an accurate record. Proposed by Sally Sheehan, seconded by Julie Swan.