



Slains and Collieston Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2011

Present: Huib Attema, Sally Sheehan, Charles Esson, Nora Harper, Nicole Bell, Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Trish Cowie, Sarah MacPherson

Apologies Councillors Rob Merson and Isobel Davidson, Susan Taylor, Sheena Junor

In attendance Steve Thomson, Grampian Police

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Proposed by Nora Harper, seconded by Trish Cowie	
Grampian Police	<p>The latest Formartine policing report had been received by the Community Council.</p> <p>There have been no reported crimes of any sort since the last meeting, but Constable Thomson asked members to contact the Police should they have any concerns.</p> <p>Some committees complain about mud on the road, but the Police do understand that farmers have a job to do – there have been no complaints in Collieston and Slains.</p> <p>Members were reminded to take sensible measures now that the darker nights were drawing in – mention was made of the need for walkers and cyclists to wear light or reflective clothing at night.</p> <p>Ongoing concern about speeding on the A975, police will continue to monitor situation.</p> <p>Mention was made of possible prowlers – Constable Thomson assured members that police patrols can be made according to need.</p> <p>Safety measures for the forthcoming bonfire were discussed.</p>	
Co-option of Committee members	One application had been received for Julie Swan. Proposed by Sally Sheehan, seconded by Roger Berl. Julie was therefore welcomed back to the Community Council.	
Election of office bearers	<p>Community council members were asked for nominations for the roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>Chairperson – Sarah MacPherson - Proposed – Nora Harper, seconded Charles Esson.</p> <p>Treasurer – Huib Attema - Proposed Julie Swan, seconded Trish Davidson</p> <p>Secretary – Sally Sheehan - Proposed Nicole Bell, seconded Trish Cowie</p> <p>Charles Esson was nominated to oversee planning and building warrant applications.</p> <p>Sheena Junor will continue in the role of community wellbeing representative.</p> <p>Roger will continue to be the Community Council representative on the Forvie panel.</p> <p>Susan Taylor and Roger are both on the Harbour group, so will be able to also represent the Community Council.</p>	
Matters Arising	Walking the Talk – Sally had managed to contact one of the consultants who are based in Tarves. The project is about opening up core paths between Aberdeen and Peterhead with a subsequent benefit for local communities via	

	<p>assistance to maintain paths and access. They are keen to meet the community and discuss this further. Sally will keep in contact to arrange a meeting in the near future.</p> <p>No work has begun yet at Swan Place. It is believed that a new pavement will be installed, continuing the existing pavement. Parking remains a big problem.</p> <p>Councillor Merson is investigating whether the bureaucracy required for Rainbow Recycling is actually required.</p> <p>A successful grant application has resulted in a grant of £2000 from the Postcode Trust. This is to be used toward the cost and installation of new replacement swings. Further matched funding may come from the Police community fund.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report and Correspondence</p>	<p>Email protocol was discussed.</p> <p>A new member list and dates of meetings will be produced shortly.</p> <p>Several residents had recently contacted the Secretary about a right of way crossing the feu of a house for sale in High Town. It was believed that the matter had now been rectified. Further discussions concerning access to rights of way will take place at another meeting.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that the Community Council apply for a bank debit card. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.</p> <p>New signatories were required for the bank account. There will be four signatories from Community Council members; two signatures are required for each cheque. Signatories are now: - Sarah MacPherson, Huib Attema, Sally Sheehan and Roger Berl.</p> <p>Any items were requested for the forthcoming Blether. Kay Hallett has offered to continue to format each edition, despite having moved away.</p> <p>The skate ramp is becoming the worse for wear. After some discussion, it was decided to find out the cost of repairs and then make a decision on the future of the ramp.</p> <p>Sally to phone the British Legion in Ellon to ensure we have wreaths for Remembrance Day service.</p> <p>A pothole outside the Community Centre has been repaired – but not enough! The Council will be asked to put some more tar down.</p> <p>The gutter is still down at the front of the schoolhouse.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council have been asked to arrange an additional insurance premium for bonfire night. Licence has been applied for.</p> <p>Kay Hallett has offered the Community council the summer house from her garden. There might be problems having this moved, Nicole offered to try and find out how this could</p>	<p>Sarah/ Roger</p> <p>Sally</p> <p>Nicole</p>

be done.

Ken Ingram will be attending the next meeting to take a photograph of the new Community Council.

The Clydesdale Bank had arranged the transfer of £500+ for the CATs account.

Aberdeenshire Council are keen to encourage membership of young people onto Community Councils and have written to ask whether there is general support for this. Collieston and Slains have always been keen to encourage young people's involvement; the next Blether will highlight this.

Post

- Corporate Services Aberdeenshire Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
- Scottish Natural Heritage – Summer 2011 magazine
- Formartine Area Committee – minutes of meeting 30.8.11
- Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum – Improving outdoor access in Aberdeenshire – expression of interest required for workshop – also 2009-2011 Review Newsletter
- Scottish Natural Heritage – sands of Forvie and Ythan Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scottish Community Foundation – Grant application letter – unsuccessful
- People's Postcode Trust – successful grant of £2,000
- Clydesdale Bank – Discharge and Indemnity form to transfer money to CATs.
- Councillor Merson – copies of correspondence regarding Rainbow Recycling
- Aberdeenshire Council Corporate Services – Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence request.
- Aberdeenshire Council Corporate Services – Co-option of young persons onto Community Councils
- Mental Welfare Commission Road shows 2011 – Aberdeen 18th November
- Glasdon – Water Rescue equipment brochure
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Email

- Local Transport Strategy Team, Aberdeenshire Council – Draft Transport Strategy
- Robert Macgregor, Area Committee Officer - Community Council Training – Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan
- Valerie Stewart, Aberdeenshire Council - Road closure notification - F332 C82B Lintmill Bridge, Auchmacoy - 17th October, 2011
- Huib Attema to Maureen Adamson, Aberdeenshire Council Finance - signed statement of accounts to Maureen Adamson AC
- Robert Macgregor, Area Committee Officer Formartine Area -Committee Info Bulletin for September 2011 RM
- Planning Aid Scotland - Free training for Community Councils: The local impact of the Zero Waste Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan I Cameron, Chair, Ellon Strategy Forum – letter re parking problems in Ellon • Voluntary Arts Scotland – research on arts and crafts groups • Corporate Services, Community Planning - Community Council Representation on the LEADER Local Action Group • Formartine Policing Bulletin • Formartine Area Bus Forum – 26th October 2011 	
Treasurer's report/Financial update	<p>Huib reported that the Community Council account is now sitting at £17,893. The Pier account has almost the same amount.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council have been sent the latest accounts from the AGM. This will then release the Community council grant for this financial year.</p> <p>A revised system for the Dolphin Gallery will ensure that artists are paid promptly after the event.</p>	
Arrangements for forthcoming events	<p>Bonfire Night Saturday 5th November - The school Parent's Forum are to organise the bonfire, soup and hot dogs and a collection.</p> <p>The Community council will organise the bar and fireworks (Sally to book hall and arrange licence, Huib already has the fireworks)</p> <p>Playgroup will make a guy.</p> <p>Hoped that Mike Earlam and Pete Somner might be available again to set off the display.</p> <p>Sally and Sheena will check bar stocks and order any extras as required.</p> <p>Sally will do a poster, times to be 6pm for bonfire, 6.30 for fireworks.</p> <p>Senior Citizens lunch – Trish Davidson reported that the Poachers will no longer have a mini bus available. The school bus might be available, or mini bus taxi(s) could be booked.</p> <p>The next Blether will ask for names of people who might be eligible to come, but not necessarily known to the organisers.</p> <p>Julie, Trish and Nora offered to organise the event together. Sally has the template for invitations.</p> <p>Last year Sheena organised “carry out” meals for those who were too infirm to attend – very well received.</p> <p>The “mini Santa’s” still to be organised.</p> <p>Christmas Tree lighting – To be decided at the next meeting. Hoped to also have a social evening the same night with raffle, reindeer racing etc – possibly the 17th December.</p> <p>Burns Night – This will be either the 21st or 28th January. Sally will find out Drew Robertson's availability. Sarah suggested that Susan Taylor might like to coordinate the event.</p> <p>Rob Merson could be asked about potential speakers. There is also a need to have informal music during the evening.</p> <p>Gala – Decision made to have 2012's Gala on Saturday 7th July. As the Gala will be at the start of summer, to avoid</p>	<p>Parent Forum</p> <p>Sally/Huib</p> <p>Playgroup</p> <p>Sally/Sheena</p>

	having nothing to look forward to there will also be an end of summer BBQ before the schools go back in August. Hoped to get Drouthie Neighbours ceilidh band back for next year.	
Recurring items		
Planning applications	APP/2011/2550 - Mains of Collieston, Slains, AB41 8RU - Erection of 1 No. Westwind 20kW Wind Turbine on 18 Metre Mast (Height to Blade Tip 23.4 metres) (E:403,403) (N:829,377) The Community Council made no representation on the above application.	
Pier	Nothing to report	
CATs	Membership affiliation with Youth Scotland is due on 1 st Nov - £35. Community Learning and Development have offered to provide a youth worker to find out the current needs of local young people. The Community Council discussed options for keeping CATs going if the young people want it. It may be appropriate to employ a youth worker or child care workers if volunteers are not forthcoming. It may also be a good idea to have alternate meetings for different age groups.	Ellon CLD
Well Being	Members were asked to contact Sheena if they knew of any births, marriages, deaths etc. Sheena has already given flowers and cards to people who had been in hospital recently. A thank you card was read out to those present.	All
CASCT	Nothing to report.	
Any other business	Grass cutting has been very erratic this year. Quotes to be sought from other suppliers. The recent Formartine in Bloom competition winners had just been announced. Collieston received a highly commended certificate. The Community Council were very appreciative of all the work undertaken by the volunteers who worked on the rockery, flower tubs etc.	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2nd November 2011	