



SLAINS AND COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Present: Councillor Isobel Davidson, Patricia Cowie, Charles Esson, Nora Harper, Rachel Hitchcock, George Jamieson, Sheena Junor, Gillian Moir, Sally Sheehan, Julie Swan, Nicola Tait, Sarah Gosden

Apologies: Councillors Merson, Owen and Storr, Sian Earlam, Huib Attema, Sian Earlam, Ewan Cowie, Roger Berl

Subject		Action
Approve minutes	Proposed by Rachel Hitchcock, seconded by Julie Swan.	
Approve amended constitution	Area Manager Keith Newton had suggested more detail concerning planning application procedure would be a helpful addition. Item 12. (ii) page 6. All Council in agreement. Proposed by Sheena Junor and seconded by George Jamieson. Copies to be made available on request and in the hall.	SS
Matters arising	Data Protection Act – to either be actioned at next meeting, or if appropriate application made on line.	SS
	Nora worried that the new bus shelter might pose a hazard to vehicles at the crossroads. Councillor Davidson will ask Councillor Merson about this and progress on shelter’s erection.	ID
	Members continue to be asked about voting rights around the election for community council Although this was organised by the Area Office, letter to be written asking about postal votes etc.	SS
Bonfire Night	Very successful and enjoyable night. The School Forum had provided soup and hot dogs and had also taken a collection. The Community Council ran the bar which had made	

<p>Financial update</p>	<p>a profit of £300+. Sarah expressed thanks on behalf of the Parents' Forum. Money raised would help pay toward costs of a panto trip. Some clearing up still needed to be done; we need to ensure that everyone is aware in advance of their responsibilities for next year. Parent Forum to be responsible for building the bonfire (ideally only the weekend before), food, collection, setting off fireworks and lighting the bonfire, clearing away debris. Community Council to be responsible for obtaining licence, fireworks, hall let, float, bar supplies, providing first aid kit, running the bar and cleaning the hall.</p> <p>Recent expenditure had included the cost of fireworks and licence for bonfire night. Income from the night had been £568.20 (less £200 float).</p> <p>The play park is in urgent need of upgrading, a small sub committee will take this forward – Sally Sheehan, Sarah Gosden, Julie Swan and Trish Cowie.</p> <p>We also need to purchase five new half barrels, replacement picnic benches.</p> <p>Suggestion made that trailer might be purchased for general use. Costs to be investigated.</p> <p>New gazebo to be bought from Charlie Murray for £40, might be useful to Gala teas if venue moves. Councillor Davidson advised of council funding which might be useful.</p> <p>Discussion re backdrop used for village sunsets. Cost £300 but this had not been authorised by the Amenities Committee. Council members felt they needed to see the backdrop in situ before making a decision.</p>	<p>SS,SG JS,TC</p> <p>EC</p>
<p>Secretary's report</p>	<p>Email received on possibility of Collieston trialling "Smart Meters". Council members interested in principle, Sally to request more information and a community meeting if possible.</p> <p>Insurance premium for bonfire was £63. Denis</p>	<p>SS</p>

	<p>Scott, insurance officer for the Council is investigating additional premium required for the Gala and play park.</p> <p>Some community members are keen to hold "film nights" in the hall. Community Council happy to support this, and will pay for the PVS licence of £75 per annum.</p> <p>Website pages have been updated in draft. All members asked to look them over and bring any comment/suggestions to next meeting.</p> <p>Sheena Junor has now taken over as hall keyholder/cleaner.</p> <p>Planning application submitted on CASCT's behalf live. Decision taken that community should be informed of this by notices on the board and website. Councillor Davidson commented that the application belongs to the Community Council and that any additional changes or amendments must be through the Community Council. Sally will ask planners for a full set of plans for the CC.</p> <p>Community Council will also investigate contingency action that may be required should lottery funding be unsuccessful as the hall is in urgent need of repair. Sally and Sheena will compile a list and contact Property Department.</p> <p>Action needed on danger to pedestrians walking to and from the gamies on dark nights. Road Safety posters to be obtained, possibly reflective vests as well.</p> <p>The final AGM of Collieston Amenities needed to be posted on the website. Proposed and seconded.</p> <p>The public entertainments licence requires renewal on a three yearly basis. Application +£90 fee has been sent, along with a risk assessment for the community centre.</p> <p>Correspondence Received to 19<sup>th</sup> November as</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>All</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SS</p>
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follows:-

- Weekly Lists of Planning and Building Warrant Applications – 1. 10<sup>th</sup> October Mr D Argo, Waters Edge, Collieston – erection of 3 replacement dwelling houses at Cransdale Cottages, Collieston, 2. 17<sup>th</sup> October – Mr and Mrs M Hollick, Mains of Slains Cottages – alterations and extension to dwelling house at Mains of Slains, Collieston, 3. 24<sup>th</sup> October, 4. 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5. 13<sup>th</sup> November – Mr & Mrs William Macleod, 11 Forvie Court – alterations to dwelling house at 11 Forvie Court, Collieston, Slains and Collieston Community Council – Erection of Community Hall, with Playgroup, Café and Meeting Facilities and Conversion of existing Hall and Schoolhouse to form 3 flatted respite properties at The Rivie, Collieston.
- Raeburn Christie Clark & Wallace – Mrs Marguerite May Mearns, deceased. Notification of bequest to Collieston Amenities Committee of £250.
- Law and Admin – Public entertainment Licence – Renewal (£90)
- Formartine Office – Information Bulletin
- SMP playgrounds – info flyer
- Gordon House – licence for Bonfire Night
- Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland – poster re Tribunals
- Zurich Insurance – renewal notice
- Aberdeenshire Council – Serving Aberdeenshire – a guide to council performance

Emails

- Re CASCT planning application
- Re Pier surfacing
- Formartine office – CC Forum – local plan
- Cllr Merson – Burns Supper
- Keith Newton – planning gain summary
- Formartine partnership AGM – 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Minute of CC Forum 1-10-08

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Kincardine Rural Community Council – seat belt provision in school buses</li> <li>• Denis Scott, Aberdeenshire Council Insurance Officer – premium for bonfire night £63</li> <li>• Budget Briefing Meeting 10-12-08 Gordon House</li> </ul>	
Post Office Closure	Date of closure of the post Office expected soon. Possibility that outreach service may be provided from the hall.	
Forthcoming events	<p>Senior Citizens Party – 6<sup>th</sup> December, Julie Swan is compiling invitation list and will send out invitations. Mick Sheehan is “host” for the proceedings. Meal to be at The Poachers Rest.</p> <p>Christmas - Roads department expect to have the new lighting pillar in place by week ending 5/12. Mick Sheehan will contact Auchmacoy Estate for a tree. Lighting “ceremony” to be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at approx 4pm. Santa, carols, mince pies etc to be organised by email.</p> <p>New Year – Village drop in night to be arranged between 7.30 and 12.30 am. Hall to be booked and notices posted on the website and Blether giving details. Sheena and Sarah have volunteered to do the bar –all beer and spirits to be sold at £1as sell buy dates are approaching.</p> <p>Burns Supper - Gill suggested a different format for 24<sup>th</sup> January which all Community Council supported. Supper to be combined with a ceilidh to be held at Briggies. Gill to confirm dates, prices etc with information to follow.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>GM</p>
CASCT	Members of the Community Council expressed collective concern over email correspondence received prior to the meeting to discuss CASCT’s planning application. Private email addresses had been passed on without consent, leading to members receiving inappropriate email. While Community Councillors expect to be	

<p>Recurring items</p>	<p>contacted by members of the community, communication should either be directed through the Chair or Secretary or on a one to one basis. Rachel Hitchcock to contact Steve Rainey.</p> <p>Blether – No. 72 now published. The new logo stickers had been used successfully for postal Blethers. Enough new material for a pre Christmas edition.</p> <p>Village Warden - dog mess beginning to become a problem. Notices and Blether item needed.</p> <p>Well Being - Trish Cowie continues to send cards as required, Trish Davidson had expressed thanks for the letter and card she had received.</p> <p>Pier – Minutes had been taken at the recent meeting, which are on the website. Correspondence had been received from both Black and Veitch and other sources about the surface material to be used. Although the contractors felt that tarmac is a more suitable and durable surface they will be using concrete owing to the volume of comment received. Considerate Construction had visited the site and asked the Community Council for comment. This had been favourable, as no complaints had been received by the Community Council and members felt the work had been undertaken to a high standard with minimum disruption.</p>	<p>RH</p>
<p>Any other business</p>	<p>Councillor Davidson told the meeting that a recent meeting had taken place to discuss future development in Formartine. Unfortunately this had been on the same night as the business plan meeting. Future correspondence on this matter is expected.</p> <p>Sarah Gosden informed the meeting on the current state of the path village-Cransdale path. Owing to further erosion it is in a dangerous condition and needs urgent attention. Sarah, in her capacity as coastal ranger and community council member had contacted a number of</p>	

	<p>people regarding ownership of the path. It appeared that the path might belong to CASCT, but until that was determined, immediate signage to warn the public was needed. Sarah to continue to investigate, while Sally would enquire about road signage via the Council.</p> <p>Rachel commented that the head of the road leading down to Cransdale was another potential hazard owing to the drop at an acute bend.</p>	SG,SS
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