



Slains and Collieston Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010

Present: Trish Cowie, Sian Earlam, Sheena Junor, Roger Berl, Charles Esson, Sally Sheehan, George Jamieson, Jonathan Mitchell, Councillor Davidson, Councillor Merson, Councillor Storr,

Apologies: Rachel Hitchcock, Ewan Cowie, Huib Attema, Nora Harper

In attendance: Peter Robinson, Mrs Eve Cowie

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Minutes were proposed by Roger Berl, seconded by Sheena Junor	
Welcome to older people in the community	<p>Comments and requests received included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another step is needed on Shallie Brae • A litter bin would be useful on the pier • Volunteers are needed to sweep shingle off the pier • The bench for Perthudden is ready for installation • Signage would be advantageous at Cransdale for walkers who are unsure of the route of the coastal path. This would prevent them going into fields of cows. • A drain is needed at the front of the public toilets to avoid them being flooded at times of heavy rainfall. 	
Matters Arising	<p>Councillor Storr told the Council that there are still ongoing discussions about the local plan. It is probable that one or two future new developments will be allowed during the life of the plan to allow for organic growth of the area. Aberdeenshire council will discuss this further at a full Council meeting taking place on 24th June.</p> <p>Both Councillors Davidson and Merson had followed up a concern of a resident about slippage at the back of their property. It was unfortunate that the Council could not assist the householder, although they had recommended advice be sought from their engineers before commencing any remedial works.</p>	
Secretary's Report	<p>Sian had received information from SCARF – Save Cash and Reduce Fuel along with an invitation to invite one of their representatives to a future meeting.</p> <p>The content of some emails had already been cascaded to Council members, other correspondence included:-</p>	
Planning Process	The three Aberdeenshire Councillors in attendance were asked to advise on the planning process to be followed by the Community Council. Councillor Merson advised that the Community Council can make up its own mind on the approach to be followed, although they must make it clear in any representation which approach is being taken. He said that the approach can either be consensual – the Council	

	<p>can consult formally or informally and reflect that view, or that the Council can approach the application in isolation to the community. It can decided on an objective view and reflect the opinions of members.</p> <p>Other comments from Councillors said that any decisions that are taken need to be clear one way or another. When any application is contentious it is helpful if the Community Council meet to discuss the issue. As a statutory consultee, to avoid going beyond the period for comment, it is helpful to inform Aberdeenshire Council that a letter will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Planning applications will be accepted or rejected based on the requirements of the local plan.</p> <p>Sian will be working on a step by step process for the Community council to follow.</p> <p>There were no planning applications to be considered this month.</p>	
Treasurer's report/Financial update	<p>The Treasurer was not present to give a statement.</p> <p>Two bills had been received – Cardno's for gravel dust for work parties and the Disco for Gala week.</p>	
CATs	<p>The group continues to meet enthusiastically.</p> <p>Trish would like to invite young people to come along to the Community Council meeting to give an update on what they are doing and what plans they have, and also to learn about issues in the community from the Council.</p> <p>For the group to be able to access grants and funding, it will require that they open their own bank account, take out insurance etc. Trish and Sally will help them with this.</p> <p>Contact and permission sheets are being developed to ensure good practice.</p> <p>CATs are thinking about doing a fundraiser to kickstart their fundraising efforts.</p>	TC/SS
Collieston Pier	<p>Meeting to be held on June 3rd. Concern about the path round to Cransdale and whose responsibility this was. Suggested that Linda Matheson the Council's Access Officer be contacted for advice.</p>	
Blether	<p>Any changes to the Blether prior to printing need to be advised in consultation with CC Chair. Next edition will be pre Gala.</p>	
Wellbeing Report	<p>Some cards were required this month.</p>	
Work Party	<p>Discussion took place about work parties in and around the village.</p> <p>Comment made that all work parties appeared to concentrate solely on Low Town. It was explained that this is because public areas lie almost exclusively within this area – paths, steps, play park, benches, etc. However, if tasks requiring a work party were needed elsewhere, people were asked to contact the community council for a work party date to be set.</p>	

	<p>The Community Council acknowledged the additional work undertaken by individuals in caring for verges and paths, tubs maintained etc.</p> <p>Next work party will be on Saturday 26th June at 11am.</p>	
CASCT	Nothing new to report at this stage.	
Gala	Another meeting to be arranged.	
Future Development of the Hall	<p>A previous meeting of the Community Council had decided to discuss this item should the bid by CASCT be unsuccessful.</p> <p>Sally outlined the background to the issue.....</p>	
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revised community fact sheet will be written over the summer • Councillor Davidson will contact Colin Miller, AC re issues around access • Councillor Davidson to enquire about signage for Coastal Path. • Election of community Council to be discussed at next meeting. Roger Berl intimated that he would be standing down, but would re-apply for election. • Collieston's Century will be updated using the multi media account funding. • Donation agreed toward Slains School new maths scheme. • An email had been received re problems with parking in the village. This was discussed at length, but no solutions were achieved. The grassed areas do not belong to the village, and cannot be used for parking. The next Blether will include an item on parking – particularly where access for emergency vehicles might be required. Ten more planter tubs will be ordered to prevent the grassed areas being used for cars. • The grass cutters to be asked to include the harbour wall area as part of their contract. • Sally will apply for the temporary entertainment licence for Gala. 	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 30th June 2010 @ 7.30pm</p> <p>Please note this is a change of day from the original to avoid the start of the holiday period.</p>	