

CASCT Communication Update – November 2006

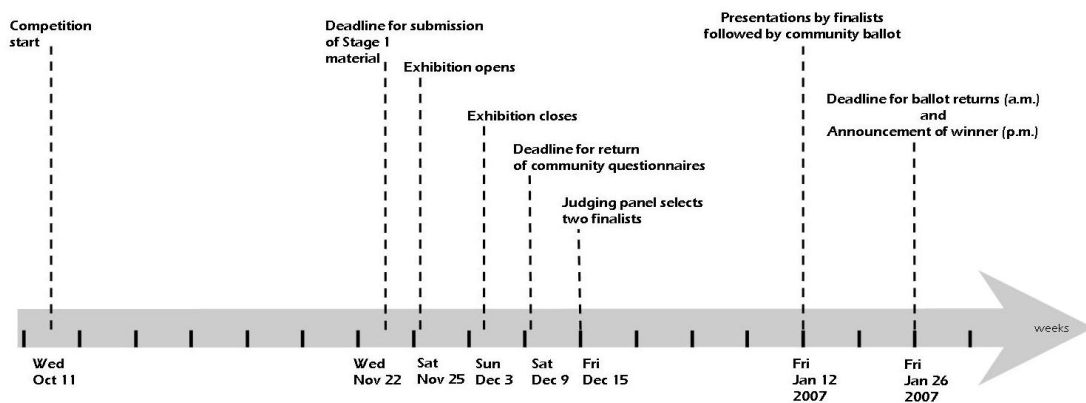
Awards for All Grant of £1500

In September, CASCT was awarded an 'Awards for All' grant of £1500 towards the costs of running the Architectural Competition. This amount was less than we had applied for, but now that our application has been processed, we have been able to progress running the Architectural Competition.

Architectural Competition Launched

At the CASCT Committee Meeting on 9 October, it was confirmed that CASCT had sufficient funds both to purchase additional land (the Rivie) and to run the architectural competition. Consequently, CASCT decided to launch the Architectural Competition on Wednesday 11 October. The timeline for the rest of the competition is shown in the diagram below.

Collieston Community Centre Architectural Competition Timeline



Collieston and Slains Community Trust Ltd

The five architectural practices have until 22 November to submit the required materials (scaled drawings, model and photomontage). There will be a public exhibition of the five submissions from Saturday 25 November to Sunday 3 December. The exhibition will be hosted in Slains House, by kind permission of Huib and Nienke Attema. The exact dates and times are shown in the table below.

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	25 November	10am – 5pm
Sunday	26 November	10am – 5pm
Tuesday	28 November	7 – 9 pm
Thursday	30 November	7 – 9 pm
Saturday	2 December	10am – 5pm
Sunday	3 December	10am – 5pm

There is no parking available at Slains House, so please park on the public road by the church or at Cransdale. If you are unable to visit the exhibition in person, then please let Fiona Chaplain know (email: f.chaplain@abdn.ac.uk; address: Shearwater Cottage, Collieston, AB41 8RQ) and she will forward a briefing pack to you.

You will have an opportunity to comment on each of the five designs. A questionnaire will be available for you to complete at the time of your visit or you can return it to the Post Office by 1pm on Saturday 9 December or to Fiona Chaplain (Shearwater Cottage, Collieston, AB41 8RQ) by 5pm on the same day.

Your comments will be collated and then presented to the judging panel on Friday 15 December. By the end of the day, the judges will have selected two finalists, who will then present their designs at a public meeting on Friday 12 January 2007. You will be able to ask the architects any questions you might have about their designs. A ballot of all homeowners and permanent residents aged 16 and over will then be held to select the winning design. The deadline for returning ballot papers is 12 noon on Friday 26 January 2007. The winning design will be announced that evening. **It is very important to recognise that our new Community Centre will look like one of the five designs submitted.** If you want to influence the selection, then please make sure you take the time to visit the exhibition and complete and return the questionnaire.

Purchase of the Rivie

As stated in the last update, we have agreed terms for the purchase of the Rivie from Slains Estate, and the sale is being progressed by solicitors. A provisional closing date of 15 December 2006 has been agreed.

Big Lottery Funding

We have submitted a Pre-Qualification application to the Big Lottery. We will shortly be told whether the Big Lottery is likely to support a full application for the maximum award of £1M.