

## **CASCT Communication Update – August 2006**

### ***CASCT reaches another major milestone***

Following successful negotiations between CASCT and Slains Estate, we have agreed in principle to purchase the Rivie on behalf of the village for the sum of £5000 plus reasonable legal fees. This is considered a very fair price and demonstrates that the Directors of Slains Estate support the village in its desire to build a new community centre on our preferred site in the village. In addition, we have been able to secure public liability insurance for a reasonable cost to cover any unforeseen events that arise from owning the land. We will be applying for grants to cover the costs involved.

### ***Funding update***

Currently, we are building our business case in preparation for approaching potential funders for grants to pay for the building costs. One of these funders is the Big Lottery. We are completing an outline proposal form that will enable the Big Lottery to decide whether our project is likely to attract its funding. Once submitted, the Big Lottery will provide feedback on our proposal within 10 days and if appropriate, we will be sent an application pack and be given advice on how best to apply for major funding.

One of the conditions of obtaining Lottery funding is 'matched funding', in other words, we need to raise funds that can be matched by the Big Lottery. The village will be expected to raise 5-15% of the total project costs, and if other grants take the total to 50%, the Big Lottery would then match this.

Funds and assets raised or acquired to date that count towards matched funding are as follows:

Transfer of existing site and hall - £170,000 estimate  
CASCT fundraising 2005 - £21,000  
RVARC (Rural Voices Action Research Competition) Grant - £6,500  
Aberdeenshire Council Formartine Area Committee Top-up Grant - £1,000  
Aberdeenshire Council Community Development Group Donation - £2,000  
Volunteer time - ~£10,000 this is considered as funds for grants.

**Total in excess of £200,000**

### **Ongoing fund raising**

**Architectural Competition** – We have an application pending with 'Awards for All' for a £7500 grant to cover most of the costs of running the architectural competition. As soon as we hear whether or not our application has been successful, and with the agreement in place to purchase additional land, we will be able to progress the architectural competition.

**Calendars** – production costs have already been covered and they continue to sell quickly. Well done to everyone involved and make sure you get your copies before they sell out!

**Dolphin Gallery** – The Gallery hosted a fantastic exhibition over the Gala weekend and over £2000 was taken in commission on sales. The Dolphin Gallery has kindly donated this amount to CASCT and this will be re-disbursed to the Harbour Trustees in due course. This will be the first example of CASCT acting as an umbrella organisation, taking in funds from one source and redistributing to another organisation within the village - hopefully the first of many such instances.

**Questions and Answers** – Do you have concerns about the CASCT project? If so there are numerous ways you can voice them:

- Drop your question in to the suggestions box in the shop
- E-mail to [info@colliestononline.org](mailto:info@colliestononline.org)
- Talk to any of the CASCT committee

Answers to questions will be posted on the notice boards around the village and on the website under the CASCT FAQ tab. (FAQ = Frequently Asked Questions)

For instance one of the questions we have heard recently is:

**Q** - Is the proposed hall too big, grand and expensive for us to use?

**A** - The size of any new building will be based on feedback from the community. The intent is to develop a centre to last at least another 100 years. CASCT believes that the building costs will be met by obtaining external grant funding from bodies such as the Big Lottery. We will only be awarded these grants if we can show that our ongoing running costs can be met by the income generated from the new Community Centre.. All the advice we have been given to date indicates that so long as we can generate enough income to run the new Centre, then we should not be too concerned about the cost of building it. Whatever its eventual size, the design brief states that the new Centre should have a cosy, welcoming feel. When it comes to renting facilities in the new hall, local users will have priority over external users. Two rental rates will be used – a cheap local rate subsidised by a more expensive rate for external users.

**Calor Community of the Year Award** – the Amenities Committee with support from CASCT has entered this prestigious competition and the results will be announced on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Your CASCT committee members are:

Steve Rainey  
Pete Somner  
Andrew Hill  
Ian Bell

Alan White  
Fiona Chaplain  
Jack Page

Vicky McNiff  
Elizabeth Hay  
Susan Somner

Shirley Beattie  
John Hitchcock  
Roddy Junor