



Slains and Collieston Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2011

Present: Rachel Hitchcock, Sally Sheehan, Huib Attema, Roger Berl, Sian Earlam
 Sheena Junor, Nora Harper, Charles Esson, Nicole Bell, Sarah
 MacPherson, Councillor Isobel Davidson,
 Apologies George Jamieson, Julie Swan, Trish Cowie, Trish Davidson, Councillor
 Rob Merson, Suzi Stewart, Huib Attema
 In attendance Sgt Alun Harries, Grampian Police

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Proposed by Roger Berl, seconded by Sheena Junor	
Grampian Police	<p>Sgt Harries gave the Community Council an update on the current situation in Formartine. No recorded crimes or incidents since the last meeting. In response to concerns raised in previous meetings, Ellon police had monitored the speed of vehicles entering and leaving the village. 39 mph was recorded as the highest speed at that time, 6 drivers had been “educated” about the dangers involved in speeding.</p> <p>The incident regarding a dangerous dog had been reported to the Fiscal, who would then make the decision of what happens next.</p> <p>Community Council members commented that other dogs currently being exercised on the Reserve appeared to be aggressive toward people and other dogs, and although they did appear to be kept on a lead, were still alarming when approached.</p> <p>Sgt Harries would be happy to help with an application to the police community fund regarding new swings.</p> <p>Ellon police may be able to send a police information van to the Gala in July, and also close the harbour road on Gala Day, we need to request this.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p>Survey commissioned by Slains Estate is still ongoing. Charles Esson commented that he believed the Estate will be selling much of the land they own around the village, keeping only some of the land in Collieston itself.</p> <p>Huib was still working on the idea of a community purchasing scheme for heating oil.</p>	
Secretary's Report and Correspondence	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Brigades Union Scotland – Scottish Government Consultation on the Future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Scotland • Cash in your pocket – Raising awareness letter and leaflets about the project funded by Fairer Scotland • Renewal form for PVS licence (not pursued) • Aberdeenshire Council – infrastructure Services – Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan – Development Plan Scheme 2011 • Scottish Natural Heritage – Site of Special Scientific Interest – Site Management Statement – Bellscamphie • Marine Conservation Society – Spring edition of Strandline 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce – Planning Modernisation Group Forum – June 15th – Special focus on community council issues • Councillor Merson – Bank Accounts – The Trustees of Collieston Harbour • Aberdeenshire Council – confirmation of let for Community lunch • Formartine Area Committee – Papers for meeting on 26th April <p>Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Ellon Academy Replacement Stakeholders Meeting • BACS payment from Aberdeenshire Council in respect of funding for kitchen • April edition of Formartine Local policing update 	
Gala	<p>Discussion took place regarding planning for this year's Gala week. Items included:</p> <p>Theme night – Parent's Forum would be discussing whether they wanted to lead on this at a meeting the following week.</p> <p>Sat BBQ volunteers – Janet North, Jan and Ian from the Glebe had already volunteered. Sian and Mike will do skittles BBQ</p> <p>Sian and Mike Earlam – tombola</p> <p>Shirley Beattie – plants</p> <p>Cake and Candy –possibly WRI – but still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Skittles – John and Rachel</p> <p>Bar staff and setting up – Pete Smith – bar volunteers already coming forward were Lorraine and William Cumming and Alison</p> <p>Quiz – Iain</p> <p>Dolphin Gallery – Paul Ritchie, Jack and Lynda Page</p> <p>Volunteer still needed to lead the teas</p> <p>Any Harper will cut the field</p> <p>Sheena will do Sticky Toffee pudding and has also spoken to Steve Emery re the church service.</p> <p>The Gala work parties need a leader/organiser. People who have done this in the past are standing down and hope that a younger person will come forward.</p> <p>Programme will be</p> <p>Skittles Wed,</p> <p>Thursday children's skittles am, Fancy Dress early evening followed by theme night, dependant on whether Parent's Forum or other group take the lead.</p> <p>Friday Quiz and Disco</p> <p>Sat am Sandcastle competition or games</p> <p>Teas pm</p> <p>Stalls etc</p> <p>Book stall still to be confirmed</p> <p>Organisers needed for the white elephant stall</p> <p>Fire brigade and lifeboat depending on operational commitments.</p> <p>Ceilidh – 7.30 – 11.30/45 Trish D and Jess Ross may be able to do the door.</p> <p>Roger will help with money. Will drop floats off every day and also collect raffle money etc.</p>	

	<p>Sally will do all the administration, booking, ordering etc required.</p> <p>On the Saturday preceding Gala, there will be a fun run in aid of the pier.</p>	
Treasurer's report/Financial update	<p>Councillor Merson had received a reply from the Council's Head of Corporate Services, Derek Yule who had advised the action required to close the two remaining accounts for the Harbour Trustees.</p> <p>The meeting of the Community Council therefore formally minutes their statement that there is no contact with the current signatories and that the Community Council wish the accounts with the Dunfermline Building Society and Santander bank to be closed forthwith. Any money within these accounts to be transferred to Slains and Collieston Community Council's bank account for use for the pier and harbour.</p> <p>Huib will make the same arrangements as last year to withdraw money required for the Gala.</p>	
Village Maintenance/ Work parties	<p>Joint work party for village and pier planned for Saturday 7th May. Hoped to attract a good number of volunteers.</p>	
Planning Applications	<p>None this month</p>	
CATs	<p>Cat's meetings clash with Slains School football training, may need to arrange alternative dates, or perhaps bring in a younger age group.</p>	
Pier	<p>The group have prepared a list of boat berths on the Boatie Shore and who "owns" them, with a suggested annual donation. The parking meter is now in place.</p> <p>Saturday's work party will be working on the repair of minor damage to the pier.</p> <p>Sally and Trish Davidson are to work on a bid to the Heritage Lottery.</p>	
Well Being	<p>The fact sheet has still to be finalised.</p> <p>The community council acknowledged the tragic sudden death of a gentleman who had just moved to High Town.</p>	
CASCT	<p>Sian will try to arrange a meeting or communication between CASCT and the Community Council. Members commented that we need to plan collectively for the future of the Rivvie, the website etc.</p>	
Work Parties	<p>A joint work party will be held on Saturday 7thMay. Support for tasks in the harbour, on the pier and in and around the village is hoped for.</p>	
Any other business	<p>Sian would like to organise a summer café working with local teenagers. She is to arrange a meeting for interested adults and young people soon and will report back with her findings at the next meeting.</p> <p>A letter sent to Alex Salmond's office had been forwarded to the community council. This was a reply from the Head of Property in Aberdeenshire Council to both Alex Salmond and Colin McKenzie the Council's Chief Executive, regarding the state of repair to the hall. The letter said that repairs had been authorised but also that the community council were to</p>	

	<p>be approached about the possibility of asset transfer in the future. Nothing has been sent directly to the Community Council to this effect and will be discussed again at the next meeting.</p> <p>Feedback from the recent lunch in the hall had included a very definite rejection to the idea of cement paths and also the need to know more about the idea of a conservation area.</p> <p>Suggestion made that a community diary might be useful to avoid clashing of dates of events. Agreed that it would be very helpful if individual groups communicated with the website and community council about their plans.</p> <p>Community service are to paint the hall entrance, kitchen and toilets in the near future. New safety flooring also to be installed sometime soon.</p> <p>Sufficient funds are in place to purchase a compact sound system for the hall. Sian will ask Mike for his suggestions.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	Community Council - Wednesday 1 st June 2011	