



Slains and Collieston Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2011

Present: Sarah MacPherson, Councillor Isobel Davidson, Sally Sheehan, Charles Esson, Julie Swan, Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Trish Cowie, Nicole Bell, Susan Taylor, Nora Harper

Apologies: Huib Attema, Sheena Junor

In attendance: Ken Ingram, Jim Stewart

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Proposed by Roger Berl, seconded by Nora Harper	
Matters Arising	<p>The interpretation board missing from Cransdale has not been found. Sarah Gosden, as Coastal Ranger, may be able to help if the community council want to buy a new one.</p> <p>The bonfire night went very well, with lots of positive feedback about the fireworks. Very good job of tidying the Cransdale site afterwards – thanks to all those involved. A photograph had been posted on Facebook which showed the fireworks over the village from Braehead.</p> <p>Susan asked whether proceeds from the dolphin gallery had been taken into account at the AGM. Treasurer’s report is detailed in full on the website.</p> <p>Grass cutting quotes for next year still to be sought.</p> <p>No more evidence from mice in the hall at the moment.</p> <p>Kitchen users are experiencing problems with the hob. As it is still under guarantee, an engineer will be asked to come out. Showing error code E8.</p> <p>Hall users meeting to take place in mid January.</p>	Sally
Secretary’s Report and Correspondence	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Sally asked if the item on local emergency planning could be included in next month’s agenda for discussion.</p> <p>The email from Memorial 2014 had featured an item on “Smart water” which is applied as a prevention of vandalism or removal for scrap of brass and copper memorial plaques. To be investigated further.</p> <p>The Post office is not having many customers using the service on a Tuesday. Discussion to take place at the next playgroup meeting about the a possible change of days, or combining the post office opening hours with other activities such as coffee mornings, health visitor clinic. A branch of the Credit Union could also take place during the morning. A reminder of PO hours will be featured in the next Blether.</p>	

Treasurer's report/Financial update	The Treasurer was not present, but no significant income or outgoings were thought to have occurred this month.	
Over 60's Christmas lunch	Arrangements well in hand. Julie has sent out invitations and arranged for transport etc. Angus and Connar Huston are to be the mini Santas.	
Christmas Events	Carols and Santa's visit to the hall are being organised by Trish Cowie. Christmas tree arriving next weekend, work party will be needed. Craig Swan to be roo master. Bookies are needed – Sarah to ring suggested names. Roger and Trish Davidson offered to help on the bar. Jess and Hux will be cocktail and mocktail waiters. More donations were required for the hampers; these will be completed by Sarah, Trish and other helpers.	
Burns Supper	Arrangements being organised by Susan Taylor. 70 is the maximum number for tickets (including guests). Price to stay as last year - £7.50. Wine and whisky will be supplied for the top table. Speaker coming from Inverurie may need a return taxi if weather is bad. Community Council agreed to cover this cost. A speaker was still needed for the reply to the lassies – Councillor Davidson was suggested and agreed. Chair still to be confirmed. Advertise in January with tickets allocated on a first come first served basis.	
Planning Applications and Building Warrants	APP/2011/3879-North Alehousehill, Collieston, Ellon AB41 8SH -Conversion of Steading to Form Dwellinghouse & Erection of Detached Garage APP/2011/3896-South Knapperna, Collieston, Ellon, AB41 8SH - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse & Erection of Double Garage APP/2011/3618 - Forvie National Nature Reserve Newburgh, Ellon, AB41 8RU - Formation of New Access, Car Parking and Turning area. APP/2011/3742 - Waterside Cottages, Newburgh, Ellon, AB41 6AB - Renewal of Temporary Permission for Siting of Residential Caravan The Community Council made no representation on the above applications. In addition, Charles brought the undernoted application in respect of the plans for the new Ellon Academy to the attention of the community. Public comment is open until 22 nd December. APP/2011/3757 - Site South East of Cromleybank,	

	Ellon, AB41 8LN - Erection of School, Swimming Pool, Sports Facilities, College Outreach Centre and NHS Dental Facility with Associated Road Upgrade and Parking.	
CATs	Insurance premium has been paid.	
Pier	Pier's next meeting is on 22 nd December.	
Blether	Latest edition has just gone out. Sally will compile a distribution list giving each Community Council member an allocated area.	
Well Being	Sheena has sent out cards for graduation, 21 st birthdays and get well wishes.	
CASCT	Nothing at present, but concern expressed that funds may be close to running out.	
Work Parties	Christmas tree to be erected.	
Any other business	<p>The community council are still concerned about the risk to cars turning to the right going down to Cransdale. The road has not been adopted by the Council therefore responsibility lies either with the estate or land owner.</p> <p>A concern was expressed over camper vans using Cransdale for overnight parking. Although there are Aberdeenshire Council notices forbidding overnight stays, the majority of the community council felt no harm was done by short term stays.</p> <p>A question was asked about signs for hidden entrances for new houses. Councillor Davidson advised that the original planning application would need to be consulted to find out where the entrance should be.</p> <p>A wet patch is still evident on the kitchen wall. Councillor Davidson and Sally will both contact the property inspector.</p> <p>Concern expressed over the safety of the corner of the perimeter wall outside the old school house. As this part of the building belongs to the council's property department, (who consider the building to be derelict) it is thought unlikely that anything would be done at the current time.</p> <p>Mention was made that some items on the website need to be updated. Roger offered to help with this and Ken also said he would be pleased to receive any updates from individuals and groups.</p> <p>Sarah said the playgroup would like to install child safety locks on some of the kitchen cupboards. Thought to be a good idea.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Community Council meeting – Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm. PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS NOT THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH</p>	