



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026

Present: Roddy Junor (Chair), Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Nora Harper, Beth Thomson, Sally Sheehan

Apologies: Councillor Louise McAllister, Gill Moir, Ian Law, Chris Hovey, Sheena Junor, Lesley Wilson

In Attendance: Sarah and Scott Macpherson, Anne Craig

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Roger Berl Secoded: Julie Swan	
Matters arising	<p>Marley Twine had moved to Aberdeen so had tendered his resignation.</p> <p>The Community Council appreciated all the efforts to clear roads and give assistance during recent bad weather. A Facebook post had thanked people, but it was agreed that individual cards would be sent to some people who had gone the extra mile.</p> <p>Ploughing and gritting in the area, although appreciated, had not been ideal. Councillors were to be asked about arrangements regarding farmers clearing roads and keeping essential routes open.</p> <p>BEAR operate a mapping tool highlighting gritted roads</p> <p>The Rivie car park had been very useful. The idea of laying gravel on additional areas was discussed.</p> <p>Roddy was to write ground rules for using the ceiling projector. A practical demonstration might also be useful.</p> <p>Carol Allan had increased her checks of the hall defibrillator during the severe weather.</p> <p>Fact sheet leaflets were to be posted out to Slains residents, hand delivered to the village.</p>	
Resilience	<p>Grit bins in need of restocking.</p> <p>Replacement of emergency food stuffs kept in the hall such as packet soup and dried milk are needed.</p> <p>Statement to be posted on Facebook regarding need for preparation in the event of extreme weather/events</p> <p>Resilience group were to meet.</p>	

<p>Events</p>	<p>The Senior Citizens party had gone well and had been enjoyed by those attending. Julie believed that Costco might assist with the supply of some party food next year.</p> <p>A new set of Bingo balls and board was to be purchased,</p> <p>Burns Supper – 24 January. Gill had sent an update of arrangements to date. Tickets would cost £15. 6.30 for a 7pm start. 60 tickets would be available but ideally no more than 55. Provisions including coffee, tea and shortbread were still needed.</p> <p>Helpers were needed on the Saturday morning to help set up the hall. Sheds needed to be open for tables and chairs.</p> <p>Julie was to post a request for trifles.</p> <p>Decision for remaining beer from events to be made available at Burns at no cost</p> <p>Decision that there would be no need to pay for any Thursday event entertainment at Gala. Roger thought the Boules Club would be agreeable to host their competition on the Thursday.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<p>The annual update of agreement with Council for the defibrillator on Council property had been completed.</p> <p>A letter of complaint had been sent regarding the dissatisfaction with cleaning in the community centre.</p> <p>Martin Gray, electrician, had installed a thermostatically controlled heater to the back shed. This was to ensuring the temperature remained above freezing as the generator was stored there. However, the Council still needed to restore the electrical supply to the shed.</p> <p>The meeting regarding the position of the shower in the refurbished toilets had been postponed.</p> <p>Irene Jamieson had written to say the CMTC could go ahead this year, but there was a concern about sufficient numbers of marshalls. The Community council to encourage support through Facebook and Blether posts. Date would probably be 28th June.</p> <p>A new oven shelf and grill had been purchased.</p> <p>BT broadband had been renewed - £32.95 ex VAT per month, rising to £36.95 ex VAT in April</p> <p>Correspondence to 14th January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of direct debit to Information Commissioner's Office 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Stott, Aberdeenshire Council – council What’s App channel • RI Comms Team – Gritting in Collieston • Claire Young - Aberdeenshire Community Benefit Strategy – Reference Group Invitation (Formartine) • Norman Boal – Electricity supply to shed • North East Community Councils - NESCCC Convention • Chris Hovey – Right of Way progress • Peter Finnie – Public consultation – Safeguarding Scotland’s Water Environment • WECC Secretary – Joint statement for public funding in Aberdeenshire • Martin Gray, electrician – power supply to shed • Norman Boal – as above • Various re Senior Citizens party • Chris Hovey – Invoice from Martin Gray • Councillor McAllister – Burns night arrangements • Stagecoach festive arrangements • Formartine Area Office – winter ready publication • Various re NEAT shows • ECS – change to booking system • AVA – change of brand identity • David Moar – Collieston toilets • Madelyne Simpson – Bus Forum minutes • Peter Finnie, SEPA – Flood risk assessment report • Marley Twine resignation • Sarah Macpherson – return of sound board • Festive emergency contacts • Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2029 - Call for Sites Information - Formartine Area • Sarah Macpherson – website possible change • Roderick Junor – Unlock out future fund • Head Murderer – re NEAT show 	
Website	<p>Thanks were expressed to Sarah who had been updating the screen notifications in the hall, also for updating the website. Sarah had added a new page “Out and About” at the request of Chris Hovey. The page highlighted walks around the area.</p> <p>Scott gave a very helpful presentation of possible change to the Collieston website. Word Press, used currently, not ideal. Other options were Canva or Square Space. After discussion, felt Canva</p>	

	<p>might be the best option. Sarah and Scott to investigate and report back.</p> <p>Canva may be free to registered charities or community organisations.</p> <p>Roddy said it would be useful to have a donation button on the site. Isobel Davidson to be asked how the Newburgh seals car park manage donations.</p> <p>The Community Council could confirm Scott's volunteer time towards a Saltire award.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Invoice for Christmas tree not received as yet. Sheena's sticky toffee pudding sales had contributed £100 toward cost.</p> <p>The cost of the senior citizens party had been very reasonable.</p> <p>Grass cutting of the Glebe field had cost approximately £500</p> <p>Current balance: £15,779.03</p>	
Pier	<p>Harry Gilmour had been asked to work on the overhang on the slipway as soon as weather permits.</p>	
SEACHange	<p>SEACHange had obtained funding to install a ground source heat pump with the aim of providing underfloor heating. Solar panels would also be installed. Roof repairs had also been carried out.</p>	
Wellbeing	<p>Residents had been supporting a vulnerable elderly person in the village. Statutory services now also involved.</p>	
CCDG	<p>Rivie car park had been very useful in the snow. Facebook post would remind everyone that donations help its maintenance.</p> <p>Grass cutting bill from last year paid.</p> <p>No update as yet from solicitor.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>Agreed to restore the rockery in Low Town to a grassed area after the daffodils had bloomed.</p> <p>Agreed to possibly donate two panini makers to Ellon Academy.</p> <p>Thanks to those involved in putting up the Christmas tree and hall decorations.</p> <p>Sign to advise of danger on some steps in Low Town.</p>	
Date of next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 4th February Collieston Community Centre at 7pm</p>	