



## SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Present:** Roddy Junor (Chair), Gill Moir, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Ian Law, Beth Thomson, Nora Harper, Lesley Wilson, Councillor Isobel Davidson

**Apologies:** Sally Sheehan, Roger Berl, Sheena Junor, Marley Twine, Councillor Louise McAllister

**In Attendance:** Anne Craig, Elaine Adam

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Ian Law    Seconded: Trish Davidson	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Shelter - Ruth Paterson would like a local person to do some hours in the shop.</li> <li>• No updates about Toilet refurbishment or for cost of play park inspection</li> <li>• Crynoch Ceilidh Band have been booked for 1st August 2026</li> <li>• Very successful work party which had taken place over two days completing the Shallie Brae steps and weeding around the Community Centre and Rivie car park. It was suggested that two extra steps be added to the Shallie Brae.</li> <li>• Very successful Macmillan coffee morning raising £451.15</li> <li>• Noticeboard had been installed; no keys required.</li> <li>• Occasional licence confirmed for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Roger has agreed to run a “take it or leave it” bar to use up remaining Gala stock.</li> <li>• Tuesday group have kindly offered to cancel their morning session on 11<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• Still no response regarding inspection of playpark equipment</li> <li>• Elaine Adam had attended the meeting to enquire about the possibility of placing the sauna bothy beside the beach. She was advised that she would need to contact Ewan Cowie as he owned the road at the seafront.</li> </ul>	
Secretary’s Report and correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slains Estate – Community Development Group would be meeting with a solicitor shortly.</li> <li>• The Parent Forum had decided not to ask the Community Council to hold any remaining funds on their behalf.</li> </ul>	

- June Small, a former teacher at Slains, has submitted her PVG application and hopes to start the art club for beginning of the winter term.
- Head of licensing had replied that an occasional alcohol licence was not needed when alcohol is a raffle prize.
- Fireworks have been ordered
- Ellon Campus have been asked to repair the outside light and requested that a motion sensor light be installed
- Booths of Inverurie will be installing the projector and speakers at the end of October
- NEAT new programme has been circulated. A new promoter would be helpful.
- Scott Macpherson had requested borrowing the sound board to show Ellon Academy who are interested in buying their own board.
- Colin Anderson the Community Planning Officer had forwarded a QR code which takes people directly to the Resilience website.
- Chris Hovey had attended an open morning at Udny. Chris and Roddy are to attend the Aberdeenshire Resilience Conference
- Sally had forwarded the current Collieston Emergency Plan to Community Council members. Amendments and suggestions were welcomed.

#### Correspondence

- Sarah Macpherson – possible transfer of funds from the school Parent Forum to the Community Council
- Jude Richards – “What Matters to You” Family Survey
- Chris Hovey – link to community website builder “SquareSpace”
- Elaine Neave, Licensing – reply to query about occasional licence conditions
- Sarah Macpherson – contact number for June Small for art club
- Claire Young, area office – Police Scotland contact numbers
- Formartine Roads – reply to question about road defect in Low Town
- Aberdeenshire Council – Receipt for occasional licence for Bonfire Night
- Sally Sheehan – Ollie’s hours
- Jordans Fireworks – Order confirmed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor McAllister – contact re toilet upgrade</li> <li>• Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer – Police report – August 2025</li> <li>• Trish Davidson – transfer of funds for art club</li> <li>• Finance, Aberdeenshire Council – invoice for coffee mornings</li> <li>• Jack Stott – Turning date into collaborative climate action</li> <li>• ECS Hires – Various re Community Centre bookings – approval and refusal</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Apologies for next meeting, also from Cllr Owen</li> <li>• Madelyn Simpson, Aberdeenshire Council – Ember bus services</li> <li>• Jenny-Anne Henderson – Parent Forum dissolution discussion outcome</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Draft Strategic Plan consultation</li> <li>• Gill Moir – Gala Saturday afternoon bar</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – to Brian Gordon Wilkin re need for a motion sensor light</li> <li>• Roddy Junor – request for additional work party timber etc</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council resilience group – digital switchover, resilience conference</li> <li>• Roddy Junor – invoice and installation date from Booths</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council - notification of lunchtime closing at recycling centres</li> <li>• Booths Inverurie – installation of projector dates 29<sup>th</sup>&amp;30<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Suggestion for booking Gala Ceilidh and volunteers for Gala tasks</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Additional work party needed for Shallie Brae</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Agreement for funding new projector</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Facebook post asking for Bonfire first aiders</li> <li>• NEAT programme and request for new Promoter</li> <li>• Keith Simpson, Licensing Department – no requirement for an occasional licence for alcoholic raffle prizes</li> <li>• Licensing – conditions for occasional licence for Bonfire night</li> <li>• Various re Gala 2026 ceilidhs etc</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Macpherson – request to borrow sound system for Ellon Academy</li> <li>• NEAT – Booking open</li> <li>• Nora Harper – NEAT selection</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – NEAT Scheme Brochure</li> <li>• Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer – QR code for resilience team</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Emergency Plan</li> <li>• Chris Hovey – report from Udney</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – request for update on toilets from Emma Plunkett</li> </ul>	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fortnightly coffee mornings to resume on 8<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Bonfire and Fireworks Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> November – weather dependent</li> <li>• Remembrance Day Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Wreath laying followed by Teas in the hall.</li> <li>• Senior Citizens Party Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1-4pm</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> January Burns Supper</li> </ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Outgoings included - Grass cutting £80.00, Booths of Inverurie Invoice £6,000.00 (covered by Grant), Fireworks £444.00, Hall letting charge for Craft-night, work-party expenses £170.00</p> <p>£15,200.00 in Account (waiting for payment of grant from Aberdeenshire council £4,000.)</p>	
Pier	Roddy Junor is the new Chair of the Harbour Heritage Group. Ollie Davidson is a new Trustee. Fiona Bell is representing CORC on the group.	
SEAchange	A funding application is in place for an oral history which would belong to the community. Agreed. Material from Collieston Century is on a hard drive with a view to producing a new website.	
Wellbeing	Welcome pack to be given to new family in Marine Cottage.	
Any Other Business	<p>Water still running from the new pipeline at North Alehouse hill. Isobel Davidson to contact Scottish Water.</p> <p>The defibrillator from the school has been relocated to Jamieson's vegetable shop.</p>	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	