



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2025

Present: Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Chris Hovey, Ian Law, Beth Thomson, Nora Harper, Councillor Louise McAllister

Apologies: Lesley Wilson, Sheena Junor, Marley Twine, Councillor Gillian Owen

In Attendance: Ruth and George Paterson – The Beach Shelter’s owners

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Ian Law Seconded: Roger Berl	
Meeting with the new owners of the Beach Shelter	George and Ruth Paterson were to open the shop on the 5 th July. The Community Council were asked if there were any specific needs for the village. Swimmers had asked if there was a QR code linked to the Pier group account for donations. A poster could be displayed in the shop.	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was believed that there were plans to demolish the Slains School building rather than leaving it as a reminder of what once was. Of the 22 children 11 have chosen to attend Port Errol and 11 to attend Newburgh. • The problem of removing sand and shingle from beaches had been highlighted on Facebook. A longer term solution may still be needed.. • The community council have received no information about the cost of the Playpark inspection. It would be useful if the Collieston inspection could take place at the same time as local playparks owned by Aberdeenshire Council. • James Walker from Forvie Outdoor was soon to begin paddle board lessons from Cransdale. • The WI had raised £247 for the MND charity when they did the teas at the CMTC. • After not working for 40 years, the original clock form Slains school had been repaired, and now has pride of place in the Collieston Community centre. Other artefacts from the school had also been received. 	
Slains Estate	A date for a community meeting and vote was planned for Wednesday 20 th August The result would be on a first past the post basis. The survey and the fact that the Cransdale road had been taken off the Slains offer had been communicated to everyone.	

	<p>The Community Council were in agreement that should the offer be accepted, apart from a change of ownership there would be no significant change to the current status quo. Additional Trustees would be welcome.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris had made holders for Dog waste bags at three sites around the village. • A partial grant had been made by the Formartine Coastal Communities Fund toward the audio-visual project in the hall. • An application was to be submitted for a new marquee floor, another for an electric point and heater in the stone shed. • Emma Plunkett, the Facilities manager for the Council had made a site visit to the public toilets. It was believed that the significant upgrade would cost approximately £45k. • Education and Children's Services had implemented a new booking system for all lets. – booking conditions • NEAT next date was Sea Salt Shore during Gala week and 24th October – Devilled Eggs <p>Correspondence to 2nd July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various re removal of shingle from beaches • Chris Hovey re Slains Estate offer • Roddy Junor and Chris Hovey – restriction of access to foreshore • Sally Sheehan- post for Facebook re shingle removal • Various re above • Response from the Council Chief Engineer re removal of shingle • Nora Harper – Gala signs and Gala plants stall • Sally Sheehan to Learning Estate regarding Forvie View as suggested name for Foveran and Tipperty merger. • Formartine Roads – closure of road for CMTC • Gala public entertainment licence renewal receipt £116 • Sally Sheehan – play park inspection costs for Councillor Crawley. • Chris Hovey – installation of dog waste dispensers • Port Errol Harbour – re Harbour Day on 23rd August • Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer – Police Scotland report 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Dunkley, EGCP – cancellation of Gala stall • Licensing – PEL acknowledgement • Claire Young – acknowledgement of Tidy Village proposal • Licence conditions from Police Scotland • SEPA – Consultation on EPAS Scheme • Play Safety – Annual Rospa inspection • Neighbourhood Watch Scotland – Critical information regarding RTS switch off • Mark Mitchell, Area Manager – Coastal Communities fund award • Sally Sheehan to Reece Ironside re public entertainment licence for hall • Formartine Area Office – Coastal Communities Challenge Fund Round 7 • James Walker – Paddleboarding update response • Beach Shelter – request for update • Aberdeenshire Council – Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2025/2026 • Chris Hovey – Transport hub • Aberdeenshire Council Delivery Programme • Aimi Blueman, Community Resilience Officer – Resilience update and community contacts • Aberdeenshire Council – Invoice for Gala and Craft group • Sally Sheehan – To Aimi Blueman re Equipment grant criteria • Paul Leslie – stall for Gala request • Councillor McAllister – confirmation of funding award to upgrade Collieston public toilets • ECS hires – facilities booking additional requirements • Madeline Simpson, PTU – Service revisions from 7th July • Michael Milligan – Director’s decision on the Cransdale road • Various re above • Learning Estates - Merger of Foveran and Tipperty schools • Andrew Clucas – sound system for Gala • Chris Hovey – Transport hub and rural challenge fund • Marie Robertson – stall for Gala • Aberdeenshire Council public toilet survey press release • Aberdeenshire council – Met office training and RTS switch off • Chris Hovey & Sally Sheehan to Blair Keen re Rural Communities Fund 	
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Treasurer's Report	<p>Current balance was £18,928.44 (this includes grant funding) £99 in the Virgin account. £1402.00 raised by the Multi Terrain Challenge. Donation given to the Newburgh Runners. Outgoings included donation to WI, cost of Toilet cleaning, grass cutting etc. The Council will require a breakdown the admin grant spend in future – however this is already included within our accounts.</p>	
Pier	Meeting to begin working on short, medium and long terms plans for the Pier.	
SEAchange	Polycrub to be finished soon. Trustees meeting next week to discuss progression about the Church.	
Wellbeing	A resident's son had died very suddenly	
Boules	Mike Wallace's daughters had presented the Mike Wallace Memorial Shield which would have an annual match/tournament in future years.	
Any Other Business	Village and Rivie Work Party was to be organised soon, weather dependent. Exercise equipment needs oiling and repainting.	
Date of next Meeting	There would be no meeting in August Wednesday 3 rd September, Collieston Community Centre	