



## SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

**Present:** Roddy Junor (Chair), Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Chris Hovey, Ian Law, Beth Thomson, Nora Harper, Lesley Wilson, Councillor Louise McAllister, Councillor Isobel Davidson

**Apologies:** Sheena Junor, Marley Twine, Councillor Gillian Owen

**In Attendance:** Anne Craig

| ITEM            | DISCUSSION  | ACTION |
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| Approve minutes | Approved: Chris Hovey    Seconded: Beth Thomson   |        |
| Matters arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shop doing well, days and opening hours have been reduced.</li> <li>• Nothing from Landscape services regarding the cost of playpark inspections</li> <li>• Emma Plunkett, Facilities Manager for Council Business Services was working on the costings for the toilet refurbishment. The Community will continue to manage the toilets. A suggestion was made that solar panel on the toilet roof might be a better idea than installing electricity.</li> <li>• Forvie Outdoors appears to be popular and doing well.</li> </ul>   |        |
| Gala            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gala had made £3545.17 profit.</li> <li>• Agreed to have a standard price for all cans of alcohol at £3. Spirits to cost £2.</li> <li>• Ian suggested that asking for volunteers soon might be useful.</li> <li>• Trish agreed to produce a list of stalls and events which take place at gala. It was suggested that we get a list of people who would be willing to take on tasks such as ordering drink, getting licences, overseeing bars etc</li> <li>• The ceilidh band would need to be booked in advance and would the “Seanaoke” if wanted.</li> <li>• Provisional date set for 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026</li> <li>• The marquee needs new floorboards.</li> </ul> |        |
| Slains Estate   | <p>The results of the community vote were –<br/>         60 people voted to agree to the land transfer<br/>         21 people voted against.<br/>         The vote comprised proxy forms, in person votes and emailed votes.</p>  |        |

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|  | <p>The breakdown was 8 Proxy, 35 in person, 17 emails FOR<br/>3 Proxy, 16 in person, 2 emails AGAINST<br/>Of the people who voted 76% were in favour.</p> <p>Trustees of the Collieston Community Development Group were to meet with a solicitor who would be acting on their behalf.</p>  |  |
| <p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parent Forum were in the process of winding up the charity and had asked if it might be possible for the Community Council to hold any money left in the account. The outcome would depend on OSCR's ruling and decisions made by Forum members.</li> <li>• The school Art Club had £113 left in their funds, which would be transferred to the Community Council. The Community Council agreed to pay for the bookings. No more details were known at present.</li> <li>• A grant had been approved by the Aberdeenshire Resilience Team for a heater in the stone shed. Martin, the electrician was to source a suitable heater.</li> <li>• Refund had still not been received from the magician</li> <li>• Inspection reports received for the play park and the Rivie. The new seat for the swings was now in place</li> <li>• Port Errol harbour day sent a thank you for the loan of the resilience radios</li> <li>• The new Council booking form for the hall was not found to be user friendly. The Community Council should be informed when the hall is booked. The booking form stipulated that an occasional alcohol licence should be obtained for events but also if alcohol was part of a raffle prize. This had been queried.</li> <li>• Westhill and Elrick Community Council were organising a meeting for all Community Councils regarding the funding allocation to Aberdeenshire.</li> <li>• Removal of grit bins had been paused.</li> </ul> <p>Correspondence to 1<sup>st</sup> September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irene Jamieson – parking on the Pier during CMTC</li> <li>• Claire Young, Area Office – Community Council Admin Grants</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Slipway chains update</li> <li>• Michelle Smith - NEAT – Annual membership renewal</li> <li>• Councillors – Grit bin removal</li> </ul> |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade Waste – Bin removal</li> <li>• Michael Milligan – Slains Estate offer meeting date</li> <li>• William Mair, Environmental Health – PEL conditions</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Resilience Conference Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Licensing Board - Consultation on Draft Gambling Policy 2025-2028</li> <li>• William Mair – Allergy Awareness Training</li> <li>• ECS lets – response to query on single bookings</li> <li>• Trish Davidson – Tombola stall advice</li> <li>• Brian Gordon-Wilkin – response re missing slate on hall roof</li> <li>• Volunteer Scotland – new legislation</li> <li>• Roderick Junor – audio system requirements</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council licensing – PEL requirements</li> <li>• Poster Pigeon – A1 poster for Gala</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Admin grant</li> <li>• Play Safety – Inspection report for play park</li> <li>• Play Safety – invoice for play park</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council - Public event - Independent review of boundaries approval process</li> <li>• Alan Anderson – Vintage tractor for Gala</li> <li>• Aimi Blueman, Resilience Team – Resilience grant approved</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – Call for LDP bids press release</li> <li>• Anne and Anthony Craig – water leak at hall</li> <li>• Daniel Shaw, AVA – Just Transition fund</li> <li>• Licensing – PEL and Occasional licence and conditions</li> <li>• Mark Rincus, Connect Transport – new funding stream for paths</li> <li>• Donna Sutherland – Collieston cinema screenings</li> <li>• Sheena Junor – Collieston life rings location</li> <li>• Formartine Area Office – North East Scotland Coastal Trust introduction</li> <li>• Aimi Blueman – Resilience grant receipts</li> <li>• Dean Spruce – magic show for Gala</li> <li>• Chris Hovey – Boulders for Cransdale</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council trade waste – Gala collection</li> <li>• Claire Young, Area Office – Improving Towns and Villages grant information</li> <li>• Licensing – Gambling licence renewal</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trish Davidson – Gala total</li> <li>• Lady Haig’s Poppy Factory – receipt</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – post Gala tasks and beer prices</li> <li>• Planning application APP/2025/1238 Moss Croft Country Kennels, Moss Croft Slains, Ellon, AB41 8JZ Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dog Hydrotherapy Pool Community Council 59 - Slains &amp; Collieston for dog hydrotherapy pool</li> <li>• Licensing – Gambling licence</li> <li>• Elaine Holland – possible event for next year’s Gala</li> <li>• Louise Muirhead, Area Office – Mark Mitchell secondment finished</li> <li>• Finance – Improving Towns and Villages grant</li> <li>• ECS Hires – re booking for community vote</li> <li>• Planning Application APP/2025/1311 House of Leask, Ellon, AB41 8JX<br/>Prior Notification for Erection of Polycrub</li> <li>• Roddy Junor – replacement swing seat ordered</li> <li>• Change of address for landscaping services</li> <li>• North East Convention of Community Councils – invitation to attend conference</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch Scotland – request for help in cascading information re digital updates</li> <li>• Wicksteed Leisure – Invoice for new swing seat</li> <li>• Jordon’s Fireworks brochure</li> <li>• Port Errol harbourmaster – thank you for use of radios</li> <li>• Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer – Police report</li> <li>• Colin Anderson – Resilience information</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council – introduction of new 20mph limit</li> <li>• Councillor McAllister – toilet upgrades</li> <li>• Louise Muirhead, Area Office – Formartine coastal communities grant update required.</li> <li>• Trish Davidson – invoice for NEAT Sea, Salt, Shore</li> <li>• Claire Young, Area Office – Recording within your accounts</li> <li>• Sarah Macpherson – CC bank details for art club</li> <li>• Trish Davidson – Ollie’s hours</li> <li>• Ken Littlejohn – ideas for work party</li> <li>• Chris Hovey – suggestions for work party</li> <li>• Yvonne Ferguson – suggestions for work party</li> <li>• ECS Hires – Let form for NEAT</li> </ul> |  |
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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Macpherson – Closure of Parent Form SCIO</li> <li>• Westhill and Elrick Community Council – Aberdeenshire Council Funding Share</li> </ul> <p>Sally Sheehan to Elaine Neave – question on alcohol as raffle prizes</p>   |  |
| Events             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work party Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Main tasks to be the top of the Shallie Brae and rust proofing Rivie exercise equipment.</li> <li>• Ali Taylor to be asked to install noticeboard</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Macmillan Coffee morning.</li> <li>• The fortnightly Community Coffee Mornings were to start again on 8<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• NEAT Performance – Friday October 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Bonfire Night – either 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> November, weather dependent</li> </ul> <p>Hall to be booked and also an occasional alcohol licence for a “take it or leave it bar” to use up Gala stock. CORC had agreed to provide the manpower for the bonfire. They would be able to keep any profit made from serving refreshments, but money from the donation buckets would be split 50/50 with the Community Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> |  |
| Treasurer’s Report | Current balance was £22,359.74  |  |
| Forvie Panel       | <p>Beth gave a summary of the recent meeting –</p> <p>Good season for the birds including the best fledging of sandwiches terns for 20 years.</p> <p>New management structure in place linking coastal areas - Bex Outram is the Senior Manager and Caroline Gallagher as operational manager across Nature Scotland.</p> <p>Discussed the footpath from the bus stop to the village which is prone to flooding. There is a lack of funding for path maintenance and improvement available. Plan to get people counters from Aberdeenshire Council to monitor use of the path. As it is not in good repair in may result in a low count. Once counters are received Forvie will monitor for a year. They will then have information to put forward for possible funding to improve the footpath.</p>  |  |

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|                      | <p>With more wind turbine construction there may be access to future funding to support coastal areas. This was just a heads up to look out for opportunities for the CC to tap into.</p> <p>The voluntary car parking charges have not generated much income as the app is not user friendly. The staff are looking at an easier payment method, but no immediate changes planned.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 11 March 2026.</p> |  |
| Pier                 | <p>AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Mike Earlam had resigned as Chair. The Beach Shelter said they would be happy to display a poster/QR code for fundraising.</p>  |  |
| SEChange             | <p>The group were pursuing funding applications to provide a ground source heat pump and solar panels. Ideas for compiling an oral history of local events were being considered.</p>  |  |
| Wellbeing            | <p>Condolences sent to a villager on the death of her husband.</p>   |  |
| Any Other Business   | <p>Potholes on the Leask Road had been filled.<br/>A sign encouraging voluntary parking donations had been erected at the Cransdale car park.</p>  |  |
| Date of next Meeting | <p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Collieston Community Centre at 7pm</p>  |  |