



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2024

Present: Roddy Junor (Chair) Gill Moir, Sally Sheehan, Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Roger Berl, Ian Law, Nora Harper, Chris Hovey, Marley Twine

Apologies: Lesley Wilson, Beth Thomson, Sheena Junor, Councillors John Crawley, Isobel Davidson, Louise McAllister and Gillian Owen.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Chris Hovey Seconded: Trish Davidson	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response as yet from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing fund. • No information regarding ice cream shop. • Still waiting to hear from Just Projectors for a cinema system for the hall. • Remembrance service was well attended. • The Boules Club have agreed to support the gala next year. Suggestion made that skittles could return to Gala events. • The mental health training evening went well and was well attended. • The new pirate ship has been installed in the playground. • The robot mower has been stowed away for the winter • Notice board supplied by Landscape Services has been installed at the Kirkyard. It has information about the graveyard but could also be used for some local information. • Cransdale householders have made an official complaint to the council regarding standing water in Cransdale. Some of the potholes have been filled but not all. • Dog poo bags still need to be located and some put in the phone box. 	
Slains Estate next steps	A.J. Bell, mentioned last month, were not the appropriate type of surveyor. Arch Henderson therefore to be asked to carry out an independent survey of the land offered to the village by Slains Estate. Slains Estate agreed to pay for this independent survey at a cost of £2500	CH
Event Planning	Sunday 8 th December - Carol Service Thursday 12 th December - The Snow Queen puppet show Saturday 14 th December – Senior Citizens party.	

	<p>Saturday 25th January – Burns Supper. Hoped to have printed tickets at £15 each.</p> <p>NEAT events – “<i>Is That a Whip in Your Hand</i>” Thursday 20th March</p> <p>“<i>The Elves and the Shoemaker</i>” Saturday 12th April (afternoon)</p> <p>“<i>Sand, Silt, Flint</i>” Saturday 17th May</p> <p>Drop in coffee mornings were to continue after Christmas, beginning on 8th January.</p> <p>Gala August 2nd 2025</p>	
Secretary’s Report and correspondence	<p>We had been unsuccessful in obtaining a further grant toward path upgrading. However, Peter Caldwell from Aberdeenshire Council has indicated he will give assistance where possible in improving village paths.</p> <p>Ollie Davidson has refurbished the Ladies Steps - putting down new gravel and slabs.</p> <p>Roddy and Chris Hovey had discussions regarding the possibility of using the Nestrans Community Sustainable Travel Grant toward offroad parking beside the crossroads bus stop. It was noted that it would have to be situated to ensure that it did not obstruct vision.</p> <p>CORC had agreed to be responsible for the practical arrangements for next year’s bonfire. The Community Council would still do the admin and fireworks order.</p> <p>An application for a Starlink communication system was submitted to the Council’s Resilience team. A portable generator and £500.00 running costs were also included in costs. Mike Raffan has agreed to help with the set-up.</p> <p>The Christmas tree had been delivered.</p> <p>Correspondence to 4th December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Young, Area Office – application to Aberdeenshire Resilience fund • Dean Spruce, Magician re Collieston Gala • Trish Davidson/Chris Hovey – Surveyor details • Michael Milligan, Estate Factor – drainage in Low Town • Finance Dept – payment of resilience grant • Sally Sheehan – request from Sarah Macpherson re selling calendars at Ellon Farmers Market 	<p>CH/RJ</p> <p>CORC/SS</p> <p>SS/CH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise Muirhead, Area Office - Nestrans Community Sustainable Travel Grant • Trish Davidson – Calendars at Farmers market • Claire Young, Area Office – payment of resilience grant for new noticeboard • Chris Hovey – more ideas for using Sustrans grant • Word Press – domain name renewal • Sally Sheehan – cost of Methlick firework display (£3500) • Sandra Beaton, Ellon Parish Church – Arrangements for Carol Service • Sally Sheehan – Bonfire night and CORC agreement • SSEN – Revised community toolkit • Various re Nestrans grant • Roger Berl – Gala beer prices • Anne Buchan – Low Town water problem • Michelle Smith – NEAT show next year Sand, Silt, Flint – 18th May 2025 • Blair Keen, Senior Transport Officer, Aberdeenshire Council – re Sustrans grant • Sally Sheehan – future development of CCDG • Supplying Direct – instructions for assembly of pirate boat • SEChange – Annual report • Sally Sheehan - Trading Standards bulletin • Sally Sheehan – work on Ladies steps • Sally Sheehan - Closure of Aberdeenshire libraries • Sally Sheehan – update from Factor • Claire Young – Community Councillor induction training recordings • NEAT – The Elves and the Shoemaker – April 12th 2025 tbc • Sally Sheehan – to Blair Keen, Transport, request for a site meeting re parking beside bus stops • Joanna Fraser, Tall Ships coordinator – Information about Tall Ships 2025 • Sally Sheehan - arrival of Christmas tree • Michael Milligan – Surveyor • Chris Hovey re Chimney caps at Community Centre • Reece Ironside, Community Campus – acknowledgment of above • Aimi Blueman, Resilience Team – receipt of grant application • Michelle Smith, NEAT – arrangements for Spring shows • Ken Duncan, Aberdeenshire Council – Noise app release • Nora Harper – arrangements for Burns Supper • External funding – re path development grant application • Sally Shepherd, Foveran place plan – draft copy for information • Reverend Bruce – poster for carol service • Aberdeenshire Funding – new Lottery funding 	
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