



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024

Present: Gill Moir, Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Julie Swan, Nora Harper, Chris Hovey, Trish Davidson, Lesley Wilson, Councillor Isobel Davidson, Councillor Louise McAllister.

Apologies: Roger Berl, Councillor Gillian Owen

In Attendance: Beth Thomson, Craig Swan

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve Minutes	Approved: Julie Swan Seconded: Sally Sheehan	
Matters arising	<p>The sink hole and some potholes have been repaired but the water across the road in Low Town ongoing. The land owner is reported to have carried out some works on the North Alehousehill road but there is no evidence of this. The road department have indicated that they will build up the road verges – depending on available budgets.</p> <p>Councillor McAllister had made enquiries to ask if the Council could carry out inspections of village play equipment. She had been told that a new noticeboard for the Kirkyard would be delivered soon, but that it would require new posts.</p>	LM
Community Council elections	Closing date for nominations 8 th September 2024. All community councillors to stepdown on 18 th September 2024. Next meeting 25 th September 2024 with the new Council and election of office bearers.	
Slains Estate offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that a community meeting be held to allow questions and discussion, concluding in a vote on whether or not to accept the offer. A sub group was formed to work on the practicalities of informing the community and organising a meeting. Councillor Davidson agreed to Chair the meeting. <p>Isobel Davidson told the meeting that a revised Policy on Landslides, Aberdeenshire Council agreed to support affected communities.</p>	Sub group ID
Gala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Parties were well attended. There were 10 new volunteers involved. Craig felt that speaking to people face to face helped to recruit volunteers. Thanks to John Hitchcock's team, the Marquee was erected and dismantled dry before being stored. The Ceilidh band were very good, although numbers attending the Ceilidh seemed lower than previous years. 	

	<p>The Crynoch band had been booked again for next year on Saturday 2nd August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teas went well, but the price would be increased to £2 next year. • The Saturday afternoon bar would be reinstated next year. 	
Pirate Ship	A bid to the Formartine Area Committee was to be made for a replacement ship. The Formartine Partnership had awarded £500 toward the cost.	SS
Secretary's Report and correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Hovey expressed interest in cascading Suicide Prevention training. He was to liaise with Mike Taylor from SAMH. • Thanks to an anonymous donation we will be able to purchase a projector for showing films in the hall. Investigations required about suitable equipment • Following an unacceptably long wait for the public toilets to be repaired a complaint was submitted to the Council. This had been followed up by a visit from a manager. • Despite numerous emails, we have still not received any information about the future of the old Beach shelter. • The Event Safety Plan for the annual bonfire and fireworks Public Entertainments Licence had required multiple amendments. Volunteer tasks required to have named persons. • Following our request for assistance, Peter Coldwell, an officer from the North East Scotland Coastal Trail project would be making a site visit to look at the Collieston paths. • Paula Webber, the Cruden Bay Harbour Master had asked whether the Pier and Harbour could be used for Cold Water practical training for children and young people. This would be followed by theoretical training in the Community Centre. The Community Council agreed to pay the hall rental charge. • Following a minor road accident the Roads Department had been asked whether traffic calming measures could be installed on the village approach road by the Reserve entrance road. Unfortunately, this was not possible. • The wreath had been ordered for Remembrance Day. (Monday 11th November) • The price list for 2024 Fireworks had been received. The hall has been booked for either the 2nd or 9th November – if required. • The Area Office had passed on a link should communities want to order a bulk supply of dog poo bags. Agreed to purchase. • The Family Craft nights had started again for the winter months. Bookings had been made by the Community Council. Families would be paying a small cost to cover 	<p>CH</p> <p>All</p> <p>AC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>SS</p>

	<p>expenses. The Community Council agreed to pay the hall rental charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Macmillan coffee morning was to held on 25th September. The Community Council agreed dates for the fortnightly drop in coffee mornings over the winter. • Gala – Street musician for the Saturday afternoon. <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Sheehan to Moira Beverely, Aberdeenshire Council re paths project • Claire Young, Area Office ref election posters • Play Safety – Play Park inspection report • Sally Sheehan to Ward Councillors re cost of play park inspection reports • Aberdeenshire Council – Rural Communities Challenge Fund open • Ken Duncan, Aberdeenshire Council – list of grant recipients from CCF • Michael Milligan, Estate Factor re leak in Low Town • Roger Berl re Cruden Bay playpark equipment • Malcolm White, Outdoor Access & Countryside Team re Paths for All grant • Irene Jamieson re CMTC takings and suggested donations • Police Scotland monthly report • Mike Taylor SAMH re Suicide Protection training • Chris Hovey re above • Claire Young Area Office - Community Council election posters • Beth Thomson re flooded road • Various re Pirate ship • Various re Gala • Graham Gibson, Amey – July to September roadworks on NE Trunk Road Network • Aberdeenshire Council – Masterplan Consent Areas – Statement of Consideration • Michael Milligan – revised map of Slains ownership • Aberdeenshire Council funded first aid training at Ellon Church • Chris Hovey – Suicide prevention poster • Sally Sheehan- Mental health first aid training • Alan Clark, Team Leader, Facilities Management – re Public Convenience problem • Anne Buchan, Roads – no progress on Low Town water leak • Licensing, Aberdeenshire Council – Licence for Gala • Licensing, Aberdeenshire Council – Firework Display conditions • Tesco alcohol order 	SJ
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Treasurer's Report	£18,404.75. Virgin Account £1,199.40 Trish emphasised the value of the fortnightly coffee mornings and said that £800 surplus from grants could be used toward the costs.	TD
Events	McMillan Coffee morning – 25 th September CORC fund night – 28 th September October – NEAT – Sunday 13 th October - Support Your Library rock opera December – NEAT – Thursday 12 th December - The Snow Queen Bonfire and Fireworks – 2 nd or 9 th November – weather dependent Parent's forum to be asked if they are likely to have sufficient volunteers to organise and clear up the Bonfire.	
SEAchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAchange: The vegetable harvest had been left in the bus shelter for community use. • Rivie: Community payback team have helped with weeding paths and rust proofing of equipment. Donation box erected in carpark. • Pier: Repairs to the slipway were expected to start soon. • Wellbeing: The sad death of Mike Wallace was acknowledged. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The track down to the A Frame house at Old Castle was to be closed for road improvements. • St Ternan's well: Sign had been erected to inform that the water is unfit for human consumption. • The notice board beside the shop had to be moved into the bus shelter due to storm damage. It will require new timber posts concreted into place. • Car abandoned at the Waukmill bridge reported to Police Scotland. • New defibrillator installed at Slains School. • Robot lawnmower coping well with the schoolhouse garden and Rivie. 	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 25 th September (change of date following Community Council elections) All meetings will be in Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	