



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2025

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

Apologies: Councillor G. Owen, Councillor J. Crawley, Roger Berl, Sheena Junor,

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Sally Sheehan Seconded: Julie Swan	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arch Henderson details forwarded to the Slains Estate factor. • Chris Hovey to follow up progress regarding the 'Active travel Hub.' • Roddy has managed to repair the broken hall chairs. • Sarah Mcpherson given gardening vouchers as thanks for her much appreciated help with the Collieston calendar. • Beth took the large map of Collieston and Slains. It would be useful to get it reduced in size and printed to put a copy in the Hall. Suggestion to show it to Aberdeenshire Council archivist Phil Astly. 	
Event Planning	<p>NEAT events <i>"Is That a Whip in Your Hand"</i> Thursday 20th March <i>"The Elves and the Shoemaker"</i> Saturday 12th April (afternoon) <i>"Sand, Silt, Flint"</i> Saturday 17th May</p> <p>Marley Twine and Chris Hovey would be delivering Emergency Response Training on the 8th March between 2 and 4pm.</p> <p>Drop in coffee mornings continue</p> <p>Gala August 2nd 2025</p>	
Secretary's Report and correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been an issue about High Town gritting following some damage to properties. Councillor Davidson was to find out the current situation. • The Community Council agreed to buy three dog waste bags dispensers. • The Community Council are to work with Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action to gain an Involving Volunteers Award. • Everyone was in agreement that the Facebook page would stay a private group. • Damage to one of the hall chimneys had been reported. Repair had been done in two days. 	

- Members present discussed the type of plants best suited to the village.
- Roddy and Chris had reported a problem with the generator. A new starter was needed and alternative storage may be required.
- Police Scotland had written with the offer of a presentation about fraud and scams. Agreed that a session in the early evening or at a weekend could be useful. Sally to contact Michael Urquhart.
- ALDO log ins had been requested for new Community Councillors.

Correspondence to 5th February

- Anne Craig re Heritage group involvement
- Various re gritting through Collieston
- Fiona Bell – Programme for Burns Supper
- Joanne Murray – confirmation of let for Youth Club sessions
- Formartine Roads – Road closure at Smiddyhill 4th February
- Colin Anderson – Rural poverty alleviation fund
- Reece Ironside – Defibrillator thermostat query
- Michael Milligan – Arch Henderson query
- Chris Hovey – re above
- Bank of Scotland – information about business savings account
- Hollie Weatherhead – Tall ships trainee opportunity
- NEAT – online forum
- Chris Hovey – Asda grant
- Chris Hovey – North East Scotland Coastal Trail
- Roddy Junor – possibility of crafters at events
- Formartine Partnership grant application submitted
- Nisbets invoice – plates and mugs
- Various re replacement chairs for hall
- Various re bedding plants allocation
- Claire Young, Area Office – SSEN East Coast Local Fund
- Sarah MacPherson – thanks for voucher
- Various re dog poo issue and dispensers
- Martin Aitkin re Sand, Silt, Flint show in May
- Bank of Scotland – card machine
- Michael Milligan re Arch Henderson
- Roddy Junor – Quote from Booths of Inverurie
- Planning application for South Knapperna
- Emma Christie, AVA – Involving Volunteers Award
- Scottish Community Councils – Scottish Climate Intelligence Service
- Various re dog poo dispensers
- Emma Kingaby – storage for building materials at Cransdale (Rivie)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various re Facebook • Reece Ironside – chimney at hall, also permission for socket in stone shed • John Hitchcock – offer of seedlings from SEChange • Marley Twine – dates for ER training • Roddy Junor/Chris Hovey – electrical requirements for generator etc • NEAT – Creative Scotland three-year funding announcement • Martin Gray (electrician) quote for socket in back shed • Emma Christie AVA – Involving Volunteers award agreement • Michael Urquhart, Police Scotland – Fraud and scam visits • P&E Admin, Aberdeenshire Council – Energy mapping information for Community Councils • Aldo log ins for new Community Councillors • Lorna Hogg, Aberdeenshire Council parking team re trader licence for Cransdale • James Walker – question about trader licence for Cransdale • Aberdeenshire Council – MET office online training 	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Current balance £18000.00</p> <p>Expenditure included payment for hall hires, new glasses and crockery, toilet cleaning, generator repair and screws.</p> <p>Income: Burns had made £300 and calendar sales made £1700. A grant of £2300 toward the coffee morning expenses had been received from AVA.</p>	
Planning applications	APP/2024/2107 South Knapperna, Collieston, Aberdeenshire, AB41 8SH Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse	
Wellbeing	A number of get-well gifts and cards had been distributed.	
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resilience telephone tree needs extra volunteers. Beth Thomson, Marley Twine and Craig Swan volunteered to help, • Concern expressed that large vehicles such as lorries parking on the Rivie carpark were destroying the cement. There was a suggestion to put planters in place to reduce the area of the car park entrance whilst still leaving room for village vehicles to park there when the weather is stormy/icy. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community Council agreed that local art work could be displayed in the hall.• Work party is needed to install the new noticeboard.	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th March 2025 Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	