



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2025

Present: Sally Sheehan, Roddy Junor (Chair), Trish Davidson, Beth Thomson, Chris Hovey, Nora Harper, Ian Law, Gill Moir, Lesley Wilson,

Apologies: Roger Berl, Sheena Junor, Marley Twine, Julie Swan, Councillors G. Owen, I. Davidson, L. McAllister,

In Attendance: Laura Geals Formartine Rural Partnership, James Walker

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Ian Law Seconded: Nora Harper	
Laura Geals, Formartine Rural Partnership	Laura is the new Development Worker for the Rural Partnership. She outlined her role while also telling Community Councillors about the Partnership's new large grant scheme.	
James Walker Possible Cransdale activity	James hoped to bring two mobile trailers to Cransdale for water-based leisure activities and wanted to find if the community would support the idea. Finding a favourable response, James was to re-apply to the Council for a trader's licence.	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding that the dog waste bags that were purchased would not fit dispensers, it was agreed that a supply of bags would be left in the hall and in the phone box. Emma Christie from AVA had visited the hall and had been very impressed with the input from volunteers. Chris had bought some perennial plants which he will plant later in better weather. The generator may need a new starter motor and solenoid. Sally, Chris and Beth had met with Peter Coldwell to find what help could be provided to help with the local path network. The meeting was very positive with Mr Coldwell saying he could progress the work done last year by path consultants - although this could not guarantee any sources of funding. He was to pass on details of the newly formed NE Coastal Trail SCIO. Police Scotland to be asked for a date to deliver training on fraud and scams. 	CH Resilience group
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 were to deliver Emergency Response Training on the 29th March between 2 and 4pm.</p>	MT/CH

	<p>Drop in coffee mornings continue until the beginning of April.</p> <p>VE Day Thursday 5th June.</p> <p>Collieston Multi Terrain Challenge Sunday 29th June.</p> <p>Gala August 2nd 2025. Plans were progressing, RSPB had confirmed they will have a stall, Aberdeen Science Centre may also be able to attend (they would need a gazebo)</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play park swings had a broken part and were out of use. It was hoped a replacement part would shortly be available from Wicksteed - the original suppliers. • Roger had given the Community Council an old map of the Collieston area which would be hung in the Heritage Room. • Community Councillors agreed that a copy of a letter written 30 years ago by children at Slains School for the time capsule on the Pier could be reproduced in the next Blether and/or Facebook. • Coffee morning volunteers were undertaking training courses for First Aid, Food Hygiene and Mental Health Awareness. • We were unsuccessful with a grant application for a projector, however an application would be made to the Formartine Coastal Communities grant later this year. <p>Correspondence to 5th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Walker – Cransdale trailer enquiry • Sally Sheehan – Shallie Brae steps • Various re communication grant • Laura Geals – Formartine Partnership development officer • Emma Christie – involving volunteers award • Formartine Area Office – ALDO log ins • Lorna Hogg, Car Parks – Cransdale • Volunteer Scotland – Volunteer Week 2nd – 8th June • Aberdeenshire Council – Development Plan • Peter Coldwell, Environment Project Officer – North East Scotland Coastal Trail • Sally Sheehan – plants for the village and donation of a framed map • Donna Sutherland re community projects • Sally Sheehan to Reece Ironside re electrical works • Sally Sheehan to Councillors re Smugglers Cone • Roger Berl – Forvie meeting 5th March • Woodland Trust – successful application 	<p>RJ</p> <p>SS</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various re meeting with Peter Coldwell • Sally Sheehan Autumn Winter NEAT programme • Louise Muirhead, Area Office – NHS publications • Chris Hovey – receipts for plants etc • Sally Sheehan – Village orderly work (6.5 hours) • Kai Suleman, Harriet Cross constituency office – re CC minutes • Sarah Macpherson – Science Centre for Gala • Louise Muirhead, Area Office – Adult Support and Protection information • Councillor Davidson – Smugglers Cone • Zurich Insurance premium due • Paul Ritchie – Heritage Room picture rails • Sheena Junor – financial donations to community groups • Chris Hovey – perennial plants for the play park • Sally Sheehan – dog poo bags • Camille Russell, LLA – Spring into Easter activities poster • Aberdeenshire Council, Finance – Communications grant £1939.06 • Michael Milligan – Director’s approval for Arch Henderson’s survey • Generators Direct – invoice for power bank generator • Trish Davidson – Ollie’s time sheet hours • Chris Hovey – Forvie dog bin • Roddy Junor – broken down pipe at back of hall • Sarah Macpherson – Science Centre at Gala • SEPA – Community Council note on Consultation • Peter Coldwell – Chairperson of NE Scotland Coastal Trust contact • Jenique Farrell, Peak playgrounds – funding for trail equipment query • Louise Muirhead, Area Office – The Circuit registration check for Community defibrillators • Marley Twine re resilience walkie talkie location • Laura Geals, Formartine Partnership re large grant scheme 	
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Current balance £19,600. £1600 had been transferred from the old Virgin Money account, but £99 had been left in to keep the account open.</p> <p>Expenditure included payment for the new portable power station, Dust and timber, payment for Ollie’s work, plants and compost, £220 additional insurance premium, toilet cleaning.</p> <p>Income: Grant received from the Council’s resilience fund for the portable power station and satellite phone equipment.</p>	

	Trish was to arrange for the accounts to be audited at the year end.	TD
Forvie NNR	<p>Roger had represented the Community Council at a recent meeting. Several points had been raised including –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path diversion. There is a portion of the Forvie footpath that regularly floods. The whole footpath had been diverted. • Question asked whether water quality checks are still being done at the beach. • There is a beach clean at Fovie on 3rd April and a fun day on 11th July. • The trial of Forvie voluntary car parking charges is to start end Mar/start of April. Charges range from £2 to £4, £10 for larger vehicles. • Question asked whether the dog warden is still in post. • Roger and Beth Thomson will share representation at future meetings. • Roger invited Forvie to the Gala and also told Forvie representatives about the multi terrain challenge. <p>Sally had contacted Isobel Davidson regarding the questions of water quality and the dog warden.</p>	SS
Wellbeing	<p>The Community Council had been shocked and saddened to learn of the very sudden death of Viv Easton.</p> <p>Trish told the meeting that Betty Thomson, a long time supported of the Gala fundraising for the RNLi had recently died at the age of 100.</p>	
Pier	It was believed that work was to begin on the slipway in the near future.	
Rivie	<p>A grant had been secured from the Woodland Trust to plant trees on the north bank of the Rivie. The saplings would be delivered around November.</p> <p>Chris Hovey has prepared the ground at the side of the car park for planting wild flower seeds as well as creating an accessible path from the car park into the front of the Community Centre.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>A work party planned for 22nd March. Tasks would include the installation of the new notice board and finishing the Pirate ship. Once the notice board is in place, some parents would like to use the old bus shelter as a mini art gallery.</p> <p>The telephone box needs to be repainted and possibly have new customised header boards with the Collieston logo.</p>	All
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd April 2025 Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	