



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2025

Present: Roddy Junor (Chair), Gill Moir, Roger Berl, Ian Law, Beth Thomson, Nora Harper, Sally Sheehan, Chris Hovey

Apologies: Trish Davidson, Julie Swan, Sheena Junor, Lesley Wilson, Marley Twine, Councillor Louise McAllister, Councillor Gillian Owen, Councillor Isobel Davidson, Councillor John Crawley

In Attendance: Anne Craig, Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Beth Thomson Seconded: Ian Law	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire Night - The partnership between the Community Council and CORC had been a great success on Bonfire Night. Volunteers helped with the fireworks, bonfire and refreshments and the licensed bar. Donations were to be shared equally between CORC and the Community Council. • Signs saying “proceed at own risk” or similar wording may be needed for hazardous steps. • Need to ask the Council to remove the orange and blue bins from the bus shelter. Leave the bin for general waste. • Right of way being investigated by the outdoor access officer. • Beth had contacted the Council about a water leak. Ongoing. • The new projector and television screen had been installed. The control box was to be fitted the following week. • Toilet refurbishment is out to tender. Works involve outdoor shower, sand trap, replacement of toilets, hand basins and drain. Aberdeenshire council have been informed that the roof of the shop and toilet block still leak, as they are responsible for keeping the building watertight. • First Aid box to be installed in the lady’s toilet. • Craig had taken the broken box containing the litter picking equipment to the Ellon Men’s shed for repair. • Lynne Stewart, the solicitor from Leadingham Chalmers had met with Trustees of the Community Development group. Slains Estate to pay all conveyancing costs. • Children’s Art group had its first meeting. • Ellon Campus had installed motion sensitive lighting outside the community centre. • Scott McPherson had borrowed the sound board to take to Ellon Academy, as they wish to purchase one for the school. • QR code available, listing resilience sources available in Aberdeenshire. 	

<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<p>Updates to the Factsheet were acknowledged. Agreed to print approx. 400 copies for all households.</p> <p>Correspondence to 5th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVG acknowledgement for Slains art club facilitator • Licensing – acknowledgment of receipt of annual event safety plan • Jean Glennie, Ardo Christmas trees – Collieston order 2025 • SCVO – annual membership renewal • Sarah Macpherson – Benches from Slains School for village • Anthony Craig – booking for Boules club AGM • Jordans Fireworks – delivery details • Sally Sheehan – Convention of North East Community Councils – request for attendance • Sarah Macpherson – transfer of Parent Council money for art club - £395.68 • Sally Sheehan – invitation to NEAT's 40th birthday celebrations - Saturday 15th November • Snapfish – Senior Citz party invitations order • Sally Sheehan – to Brian Gordon Wilkin re security light • Chris Hovey – report from Udney resilience open day • Laura Geals – Formartine Rural Partnership small grants scheme • Chris Hovey – Letters to Peter Coldwell and Bridget Freeman regarding the reinstatement of a right of way in Collieston • Claire Young, Area Office – Service contacts for Formartine • Trish Davidson re Slains Art Club • Jack Stott, Aberdeenshire Council – recycling electricals • Claire Young, Area Office – Call for Ideas • Sally Sheehan – Receipt for projector to Area Office (£2674.87) • Various re children's art club • Aberdeenshire Council – Adopt a grit bin scheme • Councillor Isobel Davidson re above • Aberdeenshire Council – fix my street update • Disclosure Scotland – PVG approval • Licapps – occasional licence for 1st November • Chris Hovey – acknowledgement of form submission to reinstate public right of way. • Summary of NES Community Council meeting • Madelyne Simpson, Aberdeenshire Council – Stagecoach service revisions 27th October • SEChange – grant opportunity • Community Councils newsletter • Disclosure Scotland – Need for parent Disclosures • Councillor Isobel Davidson – Grit bin volunteers • Resilience team – resilience conference presentations 	
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Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th November 2025: Remembrance Day. Wreath laying followed by Teas in the Hall. • 19th November SEChange AGM • 27th November 2025: Boules AGM. • 7th December Christmas Church Service in the hall • 13th December 2025: Senior Citizens Christmas Party. 1pm-3pm. Invitations printed. • 24th January 2026: Burns Supper. Jimmy Cairney agreed to Chair; Colin Anderson agreed to give the Address to the Haggis. • Wednesday morning coffee mornings have restarted and very popular. 															
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Expenditure since last meeting:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">BT monthly Wi-Fi Oct & Nov</td> <td style="text-align: right;">90.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toilet cleaning Oct & Nov</td> <td style="text-align: right;">240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass cutting – 3 hours – Ollie Davidson</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drinks / Hall hire</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonfire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wine/prizes/invitations – Snr Citizens</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tea</td> <td style="text-align: right;">165.19</td> </tr> </table>	BT monthly Wi-Fi Oct & Nov	90.88	Toilet cleaning Oct & Nov	240.00	Grass cutting – 3 hours – Ollie Davidson	60.00	Drinks / Hall hire		Bonfire	37.16	Wine/prizes/invitations – Snr Citizens		Tea	165.19	
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	<p>Income:</p> <p>Grant – projector, etc. – from CC Fund 2025 2674.87</p> <p>Bonfire night – bar takings + donation (inc.£100 float) 204.20</p> <p>NEAT night – 24/10 – door takings (£100 float) 230.00</p> <p>Current balance: £17,930.33</p>	
Pier	<p>Slipway requires attention. Void underneath which could break away if heavy vehicles used the slip. Harry Gilmour had been contacted.</p> <p>John Kelly to be paid for his first aid box. Regular checks would be needed to replace anything that had been used.</p>	
SEAchange	<p>Polycrub is nearly completed. Roddy had delivered a large water tank to the garden.</p>	
Wellbeing	<p>The community were sorry to hear of the passing of William Cummings and also Alistair Smith from Whinnyfold.</p>	
CCDG	<p>A new circular picnic bench from the school had been placed at the end of the Rivie.</p>	
Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to find what the situation regarding gritters will be this winter • Agreed to advertise the butler sinks from Slains School. £20 each, buyer to collect. • Scottish water had been contacted about a water leak on the path outside Roger’s house • Concerns about frequent cancellations of the X63 bus to be brought forward at the November bus forum. • There was a suggestion that there could be more than one A-B bus journey per week, Community Council advised to take the suggestion forward to A2Bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.(01467535333). • Chris Hovey had been investigating an old Right of Way between the back of Slains Church and the Feu, once used by schoolchildren walking to Slains School. The Outdoor Access officer had been contacted. 	
Date of next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 3rd December Collieston Community Centre at 7pm</p>	