



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024

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

Apologies: Lesley Wilson, Councillor Isobel Davidson, Councillor Gillian Owen, Councillor Louise McAllister, Councillor John Crawley

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Roger Berl Seconded: Trish Davidson	
Matters arising	<p>Bonfire night had been a great success. Thanks expressed to the many volunteers who had made the bonfire possible. Thanks also to Craig Swan, Ed Walton and Kevin Spalding for setting off the fireworks.</p> <p>As a community event, and as a requirement of the annual safety plan update it was agreed that volunteers must be in organised well before the event. Another group had been contacted to find if they might be interested in providing the manpower of organisation. Donations could be shared 50/50 between a group and the Community Council. If the group wished to provide refreshments etc they would keep 100% of the profit.</p> <p>The recent North East Arts Touring event had been well attended.</p> <p>Dog poo bags arrived, but need a method of distribution. It was suggested to put some into the phone box and perhaps some at the Nature Reserve.</p>	
Co-option of new member	<p>Marley Twine was nominated and approved as a co-opted member of the Community Council.</p> <p>Proposed: Chris Hovey Seconded: Julie Swan</p>	
Slains Estate next steps	<p>Actions from the recent meeting were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Factor would ask the Directors if the Cransdale road could be withdrawn from the offer • Aberdeenshire Council would be asked whether they were responsible for the wall and bank at the play park. • An independent surveyor would be instructed to compile a survey of the remaining land owned by the Estate. The Estate had said they would pay “reasonable” costs of the survey. <p>Councillor Davidson had asked the Council about responsibility for the wall. They had replied that the wall and bank lie on Estate land. However, this does mean that the Council has the</p>	

	<p>responsibility to maintain the road though and will maintain what holds it up too if there is no other way to do so.</p> <p>Chris Hovey offered to investigate what the community wanted to ask a surveyor to find out. A J Bean, Chartered Surveyor in Aberdeen would then be asked to carry out the survey.</p>	
Resilience Planning	<p>Chris had recently attended the second Aberdeenshire resilience conference. Collieston is very well prepared but we have no more than 24 to 48 hours of communication capability in the event of a power cut. The Aberdeenshire resilience team can award a grant of up to £2500 for a Starlink system. To be investigated and the grant applied for.</p> <p>Chris showed a card system used in Torphins which has a red card with "Help, I need assistance please" for placing in a window.</p> <p>Chris stressed that households have to take responsibility for their own resilience.</p> <p>The Community Council were currently reminding everyone of the "What to do in an emergency" booklet distributed last year.</p> <p>The Resilience plan had been circulated among the Community Council for updates. The community would also be asked to identify skills or useful contacts for the plan.</p>	
Event Planning	<p>Saturday 10th November – Work Party at the playpark Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day Wednesday 13th November – Mental Health Awareness Training - Mike Taylor North East Suicide Prevention Engagement Officer will present. Friday 29th November – Boules AGM Sunday 8th December - Carol Service Thursday 12th December - The Snow Queen Saturday 14th December – Senior Citizens party. Invitations had been printed; Julie was to send them out. Next meeting will confirm arrangements. Agreed that Sally would purchase small gifts for each attendee. Saturday 25th January – Burns Supper. Community was to be asked for suggestions for speakers/entertainers.</p> <p>Drop in coffee morning continue to be very popular. People attending were to be asked for their suggestions for which charities to donate to.</p> <p>Gala – Agreed to pay for a strolling magician at the Gala.</p>	

<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<p>Sally invited everyone to have a look at the website which had been updated. A letter had been sent to Ross Brothers at Strichen asking what had been done to alleviate flooding at North Alehousehill, there had been no reply. No more official news yet about the ice cream shop. A grant application had been submitted to the Community Health and Wellbeing fund. Sally had contacted a website called Just Projectors for information about a projector and audio system for the hall. An application to the Resilience fund for a new noticeboard had been successful. We had not able to proceed with Just Transitions fund for play equipment as it required planning permission. All agreed to apply for permission prior to any further application being submitted. Rospa have training course but it is in Perth Council have agreed to do work to the water across the road in Low Town – no date know. Letter of support needed for EGCP Peter Coldwell Environmental project officer had visited the village, accompanying Roddy and Chris round local paths. Chris had followed this up with photographs of the condition of paths and bridges between the village and Whinnyfold Mr Coldwell had agreed to provide help for improvements. Village orderly tasks were being carried out to good effect.</p> <p>Correspondence to 6th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair Grant, Scottish Boundaries - Boundaries Scotland Consultations - Publication of Further Proposals – Constituencies and Provisional Proposals - Regions (Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries) • Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action – Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund open • Louise Muirhead, Area Office – A conversation about the future of health and social care in Aberdeenshire. • Chris Hovey – Ready Scotland and Resilience Planning • Sally Sheehan to Reece Ironside re hall front door light • Sally Sheehan to Rhian Wood re Bonfire and Fireworks • Various re fireworks • Snapfish – acknowledgment of order for Christmas invitations • Sarah MacPherson – Collieston calendars sponsors • Claire Young, Area Office – acknowledgment of Community Council office bearers • Jordans Fireworks – Acknowledgment of order • Michael Milligan – Low Town water issue • Keith Anderson, AVA re Just Transition application • Supply Direct re delivery of play park boat 	
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Treasurer’s Report	<p>Current balance £17,419.00 Outgoings included Play boat, fireworks, toilet cleaning products, NEAT invoice. The fireworks cost £434.00 and the cost was substantially covered by donations.</p>	

	Trish told the meeting that the Bank of Scotland was to start making a monthly service charge of £4.25 plus an additional charge for every deposit. The name is being changed from Treasurer's account to a Community account.	
Recurring issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEChange: AGM at the end on 20th November. Shed foundations have been put in and posts for the polycrub are to be installed. • Pier: Grant received from the Coastal Communities fund to repairs. • Wellbeing: a new baby born in the village. • Rivie: A second repair to the culvert had not needed as much work as had been expected. 	
Any Other Business	There was a discussion about organising evening presentations throughout winter months. Possible suggestion for Phil Crockett on birds, Marley Twine had offered to do awareness training for using a defibrillator. Another possibility was internet safety.	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th December All meetings will be in Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	