



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025

Present: Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Chris Hovey, Nora Harper, Julie Swan, Lesley Wilson, Marley Twine

Apologies: Gill Moir, Sheena Junor, Beth Thomson, Roger Berl, Trish Davidson, Ian Law

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Chris Hovey Seconded: Nora Harper	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further meetings have taken place about the future of Slains School. Options are still being investigated. • The broken part of the swings had arrived – a work party would be needed for its installation. Installing the noticeboard at the same time might be a possibility. • The Elves and the Shoemaker from NEAT had been another successful event. • The new leaseholders of the beach shelter expected to open soon. • Dog poo bags had been purchased but they were flat pack, so unsuitable for dispensers. The meeting agreed to purchase three dispensers and bags. Possible locations would be Forvie Centre, Forvie Court and the top of the slipway. Tbc. • Favourable comments were made about the huge improvements to the schoolhouse garden. Chris has planted out all the borders and the robot mower is cutting the grass weekly. 	
Event Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day – arrangements were in place for the celebration on the Rivie and in the hall. • NEAT - <i>Sand, Silt, Flint Saturday 17th May</i> • Police Scotland - Scam and Fraud workshop - Wednesday 21st May • Gala August 2nd 2025. The raffle would be of a similar format to that in recent years. Sally was to order raffle tickets. East Grampian Coastal Partnership have confirmed attendance. NEAT had offered a performance of the Sea Salt Shore for the Thursday night of Gala. A mix of shanties and tales of whaling. Nicola and Hamish will be hosting the Friday night quiz. Crynoch Ceilidh band on the Saturday night. Lesley suggested that her friends could be a possibility for next year with their karaoke event. 	

	Dave McLernon had confirmed he would be able to pipe for both the VE night and the Gala fancy dress.	
Secretary's Report and correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting of the telephone box may be done by a work party or a contractor. • NEAT have offered a show by Black Liver for an October event. • <p>Correspondence to 7th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEAT – Invoice for March show £115 • Sally sheehan – pot hole filling materials • Chris Hovey – re above • Irene Jamies – CMTC • Joanne Murray – confirmation of let for CMTC (Sat and Sun) • Sally Sheehan – To Neil Fraser, HES regarding Collieston Century. • Anne and Anthony Craig – Collieston Century permission acknowledgment • Sally Sheehan – report of possible sink hole in Low Town and unemptied bins at toilets • Lauren Dunkley – East Grampian coastal partnership coming to Gala • Aberdeenshire Council Roads – road closure near Whinnyfold in May • Aberdeenshire Council car parks - Permission to site water sports trailers at Cransdale • Scottish Civic Trust – My Place Awards • Neil Fraser HES – Collieston Century permission • Various re telephone box painting • Roads – report of defect in low town • Stubbs raffle tickets reminder • Mike Earlam – response to Cransdale car park new venture • Sally Sheehan to Cransdale residents re new business venture • Aberdeenshire Council Estates – Merger of Foveran and Tippetty schools • Formartine Area Office – receipt of funding application • Aberdeenshire Council - Notification of Training - Community Council Training - Renewables and Energy Consents - Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) • Scottish Government - SCOP-0070 – CampionWind Limited - CampionWind Offshore Wind Farm Array Area – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion – • NEAT – Invoice for “Is that a whip in your hand” £31 • Aberdeenshire Council – care of war memorials • Aberdeenshire Council - Energy Training Social Media Graphic 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Smith, NEAT – summer show possibility • Roger Berl – new residents in Forvie Court • Emyr Bell, NEAT – possible dates for Devilled Eggs show in November • Claire Young, Area Office – Cycling Access fund • Sally Sheehan – Gala chip van • Facebook – black bin at Kirkyard missing • Mid Deeside Community Council – implementation of 20mph speed limit • Roger Berl re above email • Peter Coldwell, Aberdeenshire Council – Collieston paths update 	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Current balance £21,093.92 (this includes grant funding) £99 in the Virgin account.</p> <p>Income and expenditure were: Income - CMTC entries £1366 to date, Toilet cleaning grant £1419 Expenditure - Two NEAT invoices £146, Grass cutting £90, Hall bookings - various events £148, Remuneration x7 drop-in sessions £256, Toilet cleaning £120, BT - hall wi-fi £45</p> <p>2924/25 accounts were being reviewed prior to the AGM.</p>	
Rivie	Comments were made about the improved appearance of the Rivie car park and paths.	
SEChange	Work on the polycrub in continuing.	
Wellbeing	New residents have moved into Forvie Court.	
Any Other Business	<p>Speeding - Chris Hovey raised a concern about speeding into and through the village. Reducing the speed of traffic would be beneficial, although habitual speeding drivers might still ignore signs. Alternatives such as paint on the road, chicanes or speeding policemen were discussed. Roads were to be contacted for possible actioning.</p> <p>The need for a sign to alert motorists to the presence of deer was also discussed.</p> <p>Rebecca Sweeney had successfully petitioned the Council for a parent and child road sign on the bends of the road read the Forvie NNR access. It will be installed when Council resources permit.</p> <p>Public Toilets – Mick Sheehan had asked if the toilets could be painted inside and out. This could be done either by a work party or by contractors. Councillor McAllister believed that the matter had been discussed at a recent meeting. She was to investigate further.</p>	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th June 2025 Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	