



## SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Present:** Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Julie Swan, Trish Davidson, Beth Thomson, Nora Harper, Chris Hovey

**Apologies:** Ward 9 Councillors, Lesley Wilson, Ian Hay, Marley Twine, Sheena Junor

**In Attendance:** Anne and Anthony Craig

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Roddy Junor    Seconded: Sally Sheehan	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Council had been successful with the grant application to the AVA Mental Health and Wellbeing fund.</li> <li>• Senior Citz party had gone very well, costing approx. £400.</li> <li>• Slains School pupils had been given selection boxes. They sent their thanks.</li> <li>• Three donations had been made from the donations given at the drop in coffee mornings – Princess Charity/Slains School, the RNLI and Formartine Homestart.</li> <li>• Some more potholes have been repaired at Cransdale.</li> <li>• Chris Hovey had been liaising with Arch Henderson regarding the survey of Slains owned land. A photograph showing a landslip had been sent to Arch Henderson. Estate Directors will need to approve costs before the survey goes ahead.</li> <li>• Chris and Roddy had also continued to have discussions with Aberdeenshire Council officer Blair Keen regarding possible parking spaces beside the bus stops. Scottish Government funding for Active Travel hubs could potentially be used toward the cost.</li> </ul>	
Event Planning	<p>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Supper 6.30 for 7pm. Arrangements were in hand.</p> <p>NEAT events – <i>“Is That a Whip in Your Hand”</i> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March  <i>“The Elves and the Shoemaker”</i> Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April (afternoon)  <i>“Sand, Silt, Flint”</i> Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</p>	

	<p>Drop in coffee mornings have recommenced.</p> <p>All very supportive of another CMTC taking place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Gala August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report and correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of chair backs were broken/insecure. Agreed to buy replacements.</li> <li>• Thanks to Craig Swan for putting up the Christmas tree and to Roddy Junor for taking it down.</li> <li>• Decision taken to apply to the Formartine Partnership grant - £200 for bedding plants, £300 toward electrician costs for installing ceiling projector.</li> <li>• A new grant was available to alleviate hardship and poverty. Council members asked for suggestions on how this could be used.</li> <li>• Awaiting decision for resilience funding for a starlink system.</li> <li>• Ollie had put in new steps leading down to the beach steps, path drains and had planted two sacks of bulbs.</li> </ul> <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various re coffee morning charitable donations</li> <li>• Roger Glennie Contractors – Invoice for Christmas Tree</li> <li>• Michael Milligan, Estate Factor – agreement from Estate Directors to pay for survey</li> <li>• Ken Duncan, Aberdeenshire Council – survey on library usage</li> <li>• Colin Anderson, Community Planning Officer – Formartine Partnership small grants</li> <li>• Chris Hovey – photo of road near North Alehousehill</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council re bedding plant allocation</li> <li>• Various re meeting with Council re parking space at bus stops</li> <li>• Just Projectors – Quote for cinema system for hall</li> <li>• Roderick Junor re Booths of Inverurie re cinema system for hall</li> <li>• Various re Christmas gift for Slains School</li> <li>• Piers Baxter, Aberdeenshire Council – Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan, evidence report.</li> <li>• Louise Muirhead, Area Office – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2025</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – meeting with Donna Sutherland</li> <li>• Sally Sheehan – Possible funding for poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Aimi Blueman re communications grant</li> <li>• Dr John Loder – funding and bedding plants</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action – funding for CHWB fund</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roderick Junor re possible for car parking/cycle paths</li> <li>• Trish Davidson re Village orderly work</li> </ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Current balance was £14,905.80 Bank of Scotland, £1,200 Virgin Money.</p> <p>Income included Calendar sales to date of approx. £700 from online orders, also the Newburgh shop. All in agreement to send Sarah Macpherson a token of appreciation.</p> <p>Expenditure included £500 toward coffee morning expenses and costs and also payment for village orderly tasks. The Snow Queen cost £94 this included our annual membership to NEAT. Senior Citizen party cost £420. Selection boxes for the school cost £30. Toilet cleaning is £120 a month, covered by a grant from Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Trish was concerned that village orderly tasks should only be for essential work.</p> <p>It was suggested that the front of some village steps needed re-painting</p>	
SEChange	<p>Following a recent article in the P&amp;J, Anne and Anthony explained that the planning application had included a wide range of possible activities that the Church could, but not necessarily would do in the future. There is no intention to duplicate activities that currently happen in the Community Centre.</p> <p>The Community Council expressed interest in the local voices history project.</p>	
Wellbeing	<p>Concern expressed ambulances had not reached the village when called out for emergencies.</p>	
Pier	<p>More erosion had been noticed on the deck of the Pier.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>Craft/youth club nights were about to begin again.</p> <p>A handrail may be installed at the side of some steps.</p> <p>Beth had obtained an old map of the village which may benefit from repair.</p>	
Date of next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p> <p>All meetings will be in Collieston Community Centre at 7pm</p>	