



## SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

**Present:** Roddy Junor, Gill Moir, Sally Sheehan, Nora Harper (not quorate)

**Apologies:** Julie Swan, Ian Law, Sheena Junor, Lesley Wilson, Trish Davidson, Beth Thomson, Councillor Gillian Owen

**In Attendance:** Lisa Heinzler, Home Energy Scotland, Anne Craig, Councillor John Crawley, Sarah, Scott and James Macpherson

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Sally Sheehan Second: Roddy Junor	
Home Energy Scotland presentation	Lisa Heinzler gave a presentation on how the scheme worked. She left information leaflets for community use.	
Matters arising	<p>Time capsule – agreed that a capsule would be purchased. Details would be posted on Facebook</p> <p>Website- Scott had designed a survey asking for people’s views and ideas for the revised site. Posters were to be displayed on noticeboards and in the shop.</p> <p>John Kelly’s son had volunteered to do a BBQ for Gala.</p> <p>The last community coffee morning had taken place that morning. The project had been very successful and it was hoped they would start again in the autumn.</p> <p>The adoption of two grit bins was complete.</p>	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 NEAT <i>Keiron and Cotterell</i></li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> June Time capsule event</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> June – Port Errol Harbour Day</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Multi terrain challenge – this event can only take place with sufficient volunteer stewards.</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> July Forvie Open Day</li> <li>• Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August Collieston Gala Day</li> </ul>	
Secretary’s Report and correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New fridge had been installed – thanks to Roddy for collection and installation.</li> <li>• The Missing Mrs Hudson from NEAT had been very successful. Feedback. Either Gill or Nora was to do the door for Kerion and Cotterell</li> <li>• Gala Safety Plan had been updated and sent to licensing</li> </ul>	

- Phil Astley, Aberdeenshire Archivist – Slains School records.
- The toilet refurbishment was ongoing. Unfortunately, it was no longer possible to install the outside shower.
- Ythan Community Council were to host a hustings event.

Correspondence to 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Sally Sheehan – New fridge needed for Community Centre
- Tesco – Stronger starts funding opportunity
- Aberdeenshire Council – Bin adoption complete
- Councillor Davidson – Slains school memorabilia
- Doors open day information
- Craig Swan – signpost needed for High Town
- Norman Boal – damp problems at Collieston
- Ken Duncan – Aberdeenshire Council internment charges increase
- Planning application - APP/2026/0330 Moss Croft Country Kennels, Moss Croft Slains, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, AB41 8JZ Application under Section 42 for Erection of Dog Hydrotherapy Pool without Compliance with Condition 3 (Public Water Supply) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2025/1238
- Resilience Team, Aberdeenshire Council – information about RTS meters shutdown
- Resilience Team – re grant payment for electrical work
- NEAT – Box Office return
- Aberdeenshire Council – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026
- Booking for Gala – Friday and Saturday
- Area Office - Aberdeen Rapid Transit - Public Engagement
- Councillor McAllister re public toilets
- Aberdeenshire Finance – Resilience grant payment
- Aberdeenshire Finance – Invoice for Senior Citizens afternoon
- Claire Young, Area Office – Free webinar for Community Councils – Community Wealth Building
- Formartine Area Office – return of signed defibrillator forms
- David Moar, Aberdeenshire Toilets – update on progress
- Sarah Rochester, Aberdeenshire Council – Inspiring Aberdeenshire nominations
- Sarah Rochester – Appointment of Area Manager
- Zurich Insurance – re insurance policy renewal



	Full details at AGM	
Forvie NNR	<p>Beth Thomson had attended the recent meeting on behalf of the Community Council.</p> <p>1. Staffing at Forvie Nature Reserve The staff currently have no line Manager as she has left her post. Interviews are taking place for a new full time reserve office in last week of March. There will also be a 3 day a week seasonal post.</p> <p>2. General update Due to heavy rain much of the track has been under water. Limited activity during the winter period. Numbers of visitors continues to grow (75,063 last year) and more followers on social media and watching blogs. New corporate plan for Nature Scott is available to view online.</p> <p>3. Plans for next 6 Months Recruitment Tern fencing Replacement of old signage Structural review of bird hides Beach clean-up events Fun days Installing parking meters (similar to those in Newburgh)</p> <p>4. Pathway from Crossroads to Nature Reserve This was discussed at the last meeting- Aberdeenshire Council did not provide counters to the reserve so no data has been collected. The reserve would not be in any position to fund or maintain any pathway.</p> <p>5. Transport Newburgh CC have written to the Traffic Commissioner re the bus service - due to poor service by X63.</p> <p>6. Agreement going forward that each representative will have a 'slot' on the agenda to update/bring any relevant business to the meeting.</p> <p>Date of next Meeting 9 September 2026 @ 2pm</p>	
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>APP/2026/0330 Moss Croft Country Kennels, Moss Croft Slains, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, AB41 8JZ Application under Section 42 for Erection of Dog Hydrotherapy Pool without Compliance with Condition 3 (Public Water Supply) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2025/1238</li> </ul>	

Community Development Group	Legal work still incomplete.	
SEAchange	Ground source heat pump and new solar panels had all been installed. The polycrub was complete – four fruit trees had been planted.	
Wellbeing	Get well and sympathy cards sent.	
Any Other Business	Noticeboard at the old shop had been broken in recent storms.  Banner for Gala, similar to those advertising the Auchmacoy daffodil day, was to be investigated.	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 6th May Collieston Community Centre at 7pm (AGM 3rd June)	