



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2026

Present: Roddy Junor, Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Trish Davidson, Lesley Wilson, Nora Harper, Councillor Isobel Davidson

Apologies: Roger Berl, Julie Swan, Councillor Gillian Owen, Lesley Stewart, Fiona Chaplain

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Nora Harper Second: Beth Thomson	
Long service award	Trish Davidson was presented a certificate acknowledging her 20 years' service to the Community Council as Treasurer.	
Matters arising	• CMTC had been very successful with over 100 runners. Everyone was very appreciated of the marshalls and the WI for providing refreshments. A donation box for Anchor had made £200. A thank you card had been sent to Irene and her team. • Time Capsule event at the hall had been well attended. Chris and Lyn's were given leaving gifts prior to their move to France. • Councillor Crawley had not been able to obtain any more Slains School records. • Trish had obtained new card reader. It is linked to the Community Council account and will work with a Wi-Fi connection. • Concerns were voiced about the booking system for the hall. They system is not user friendly and the Community Council have no way of knowing when the hall is booked. The meeting welcomed the fact that the Council are investigating costs incurred by all Community Councils. Collieston and Slains has the smallest number of residents which means we receive the smallest grant – despite possibly having more costs and responsibilities than other larger Community Council. • The guide for using the projector had been displayed on the wall. The Community Council had been asked if the cabinet could be left unlocked. Following discussion, it was agreed that groups intending to use the projector must make advance arrangement to do so. A reminder would be posted on social media.	
Treasurer's Report	The bank balance was £15, 485.05. Expenses included Grass cutting £340.00, Plants purchased for the community centre garden £67.00, Raffle vouchers £200.00, toilet cleaning £140.00. Entrance money for the multi terrain challenge had been £1,700.00	

Events	• 4th July 4-5.30pm GoFibre information event at the hall • 10th July Forvie Open Day. The WI would be providing teas. • 12th July Pier fundraiser breakfast at the hall • Saturday 1st August Collieston Gala Day • Saturday 19th September – NEAT The Amazing Thing puppet show • Wednesday 23rd September – Macmillan coffee morning • Sunday 25th October NEAT Halloween Hell • Bonfire Night Saturday 7th or 14th November	
Gala update	• Monday 27th Tombola collection around the village – Gill, Trish, Julie and Craig. • Wed 29th July 2026: Boules Night. • Thurs 30th July 2026: Children's boules(am) • Thursday 30th July 2026: Magicians show • Friday 31st July Fancy Dress followed by Quiz Night. Emmajane Kingabee had kindly volunteered to judge the fancy dress. • 1st August 2026: Sandcastle competition. Isobel Davidson kindly agreed to judge. • Saturday evening Crynoch Ceilidh band playing in the evening. • Aberdeenshire gift cards had been purchased. • Fiona Bell was to design a banner to be displayed at the crossroads. • Forvie outdoors sauna will be on the Pier for Gala Day. • The Coastguards had arranged for the lifeboat to call in to the harbour on the Tuesday of Gala week where a line throwing exercise would also take place. Sheena was to provide refreshments again. (The event would be weather dependant) • Ian Bell had very kindly taken the beer tent to Edinburgh to have the eyelets repaired.	
Secretary's Report and correspondence	• There was a discussion about future grass cutting in the event of local young people being no longer available. Agreed that we may need to get a local contractor to undertake the work instead. The Lawn Tamer charges £35 an hour, the playpark and bog would cost £105 and the Rive £70 a cut. • The Community Council had been awarded £9722 from the National Lottery to cover the costs of new flooring for the marquee and two years funding for the wellbeing cafes. The	

	flooring would be ordered straight away and would hopefully be delivered in time for Gala. • Sarah Macpherson had enquired about the flagpole at Slains School for the village. The Area Office had replied with a number of points. • Some card tables were deemed to be surplus to requirements and would be offered to other groups. • Calendar was almost ready to go to the printer • Email about community council networking event in September • Keyholder agreement was to be completed. • Booking dates had been submitted for next year's Craft and Games nights and Children's Art Club. • Email from ALOAF • Proposal submitted for the Towns and Villages fund. If awarded it will be for £275, a reduction from last year. • Go Fibre have an information session in July • Alex Ross, a relative of the late Alec Ross had asked permission to install a memorial bench on the boatie shore. Correspondence to 3rd July • ECS lets - confirmation of receipt of bookings • Lesley Stewart – confirmation of attendance at July's meeting • Aberdeenshire Council – receipt of comment on Cransdale house proposal • Lesley Wilson – instructions for using AV system • Irene Jamieson – sponsorship of CMTC medals by John Smith Oils • Sally Sheehan – request to all to pick up CC banner • Lesley Hannah – request for borrowing tables • Leigh Sutherland – question re Gala stall • Chris Hovey re time capsule • Ian Bell – marquee repair • APP/2026/Land Adjacent to Little Collieston Croft, Mains of Collieston, Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions Fiona Bell – booking dates for next year's Craft and Games sessions ALOAF – request to Community Council to review existing core paths to determine if they meet local need for outdoor access. • Councillor Crawley – Slains historic information • David Moar – Collieston toilets	
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SEAchange	Polycrub had been completed	
Pier	Work had started to repair the slipway. A dead seal had been removed from the beach. A reminder on Facebook had asked people to report any future incident to ensure proper disposal.	

	A fundraising breakfast was to be held on 12 th July	
Planning	The Community Council's response to the planning application at Cransdale had been acknowledged. APP/2026/0927 Land Adjacent to Little Collieston Croft, Mains of Collieston, Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions for Conditions A planning application had been approved for a Starbucks café near Tesco Ellon	
Wellbeing	The beach shelter was to take on cleaning of the toilets over the summer holiday period. A card had been received expressing thanks for remembering a deceased village resident in the annual report.	
Any Other Business	Generator had been serviced for £200 and would be moved into the stone shed after Gala. Gill had asked about using the walkie talkies for the multi terrain challenge if required. Agreed that they would be made available. Roddy suggested using the Sea change carpark for the CMTC and Gala. This would only work if the weather was dry. Lesley Wilson queried the positioning of new Fibre poles and whether they were mounted on estate or private ground at Forvie court. Isobel Davidson to enquire why the power has to be above ground rather than the preferred underground. Jack Rigby the Council's digital information officer was to be asked about this. He would be attending the Go Fibre information event at the hall. There is a broken drain cover outside the toilets. The new toilet roll holders in the toilets were not suitable and had been reported.	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd September Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	