



SLAINS & COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2026

Present: Roddy Junor (Chair) Sally Sheehan, Gill Moir, Trish Davidson, Roger Berl, Julie Swan, Nora Harper, Beth Thomson, Councillor Louise McAllister

Apologies: Councillor Gillian Owen, Ian Law, Sheena Junor, Lesley Wilson, Chris Hovey, Councillor Gillian Owen

In Attendance: Anne Craig, Sarah and Scott Macpherson

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approve minutes	Approved: Nora Harper Second: Sally Sheehan	
Matters arising	- Recent performance from NEAT had been well attended. - Scott gave a short presentation about the result of the website survey. Thirteen people had responded and made useful comments. Probable that the site will be moved from WordPress to another hosting provider. - The resilience page on the website in need of updating and information on who to contact in an emergency. - A lot of work has been done to continue collating information about Collieston's history. Lesley and Fiona to be invited to a future meeting to let people know about the progress made to date. - Meeting attendees were shown the time capsule - The noticeboard, which had been damaged by recent storms had been repaired and reinstalled. Thanks to Mick and Roddy. - Councillor McAllister suggested inviting Acting Area Manager Sarah Rochester to a future meeting.	
Treasurer's Report	Trish gave an overview of income and expenditure over the year. The balance was £16,614.81 Examined accounts would be presented at the AGM. Money spent on Toilet cleaning, grass cutting, Time capsule purchased. Toilet cleaning grant received, Money starting to come in for the multi-terrain challenge.	

Events	• 14th June Time capsule event – ideas were still needed. • 27th June – Port Errol Harbour Day • 28th June 2026 Multi terrain challenge – this event can only take place with sufficient volunteer stewards. • 10th July Forvie Open Day • Saturday 1st August Collieston Gala Day • Saturday 19th September – NEAT The Amazing thing puppet show • Thursday 23rd September – Macmillan coffee morning • Sunday 25th October NEAT Halloween Hell Coffee mornings will restart with September Macmillan	
Gala update	Stuart Sharkey magician has offered two free performances + walkabout on Gala Day. Stalls confirmed - RNLI, EGCP, HES, NatureScot, Ellon Academy, Coastguards, Dragon Dance, Coconut shy, Raffle sales, 3D mod Trish was to ask Tombola volunteers from last year if they could do it again. Craig Swan had offered to do bar manager Occasional licence application submitted Trade waste request for bins submitted Possibilities for using SumUp would be investigated. Beth, Julie and Trish would do Gala teas. Roddy to contact pizza van for availability on Gala Day Calendars will hopefully be on sale for Gala. All in agreement to purchase a banner to display at the crossroads. Raffle will have 2000 tickets and usual prizes plus the picture. Admission ticket price to remain the same – Adults £5 U16 £3 U5's Free Beer and spirits prices – soft drinks to remain at £1, Innes and Gunn low alcohol to be raised to £3 in line with other beers.	

Secretary's Report and correspondence	Toilets complete apart from installation of fixed toilet roll dispensers. Gill had been disappointed with the look of the terrazzo flooring. The Council to be asked if a deep clean might be possible. The new Blether and Situations Vacant page had been produced. Positive responses from Ellon Campus in regard to future management of the building. A duty officer is to be the named contact person. Electrical work has been completed, and some minor defects repaired. Mick has touched up paint. Slains play equipment has been rehoused at the Cabin Club CORC had discussed Burns supper at their AGM, regrettably they cannot take it on Nicola Twine may organise a film night Community Council members agreed that election of office bearers should be on the agenda of every AGM. Correspondence to 6th May • Licensing – update for Gala Safety Plan received. Conditions attached. • Terence Brady, Police Scotland – request to come to meetings • Scott Macpherson – Website survey posters and Saltire hours • Finance – Grant for public toilets • Sarah Macpherson – School play equipment • Aimi Blueman – Community resilience – check in and future developments • Reid Hutcheson – Community Benefits Briefing • Lisa Heinzler – HES follow up and presentation slides • Rosa Payne, EGCP – Collieston Gala • Stewart Sharkey – Magician's show at Gala • HAMP – Care of War Memorials in Aberdeenshire • Letter of support to Andy Leonard, Ellon Men Shed • Various re offer of play equipment from Slains School • RNLI Peterhead – confirmation of attendance at Gala • Stubbs raffle tickets – reminder of sales for Gala • Rachel Hitchcock – CORC and Burns Supper • Michelle Smith – Halloween dates • May Irvine – Time capsule comment • Sally Sheehan – reply to above • David Moar – Collieston toilets	
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	• Sarah Macpherson – Ellon Academy attending Gala with stall • Dawn McGlynn, RSPB – already committed to another event on Gala Day • Sarah Macpherson – Heritage information for the website • Nicola Twine – film night • Michelle Smith – autumn NEAT bookings • Sally Sheehan to Norman Boal re hall defects • Norman Boal, Aberdeenshire Council re above • Sally Sheehan to Auchmacoy Estate – banner and coconut shy • Norman Boal – electrician, building defects and fire alarm • ECS lets – Expiry of PEL • Claire Young, Area Office – AGM planning and network meeting • Claire Young, Area Office – networking event • Licensing – Collieston PEL • Gordon Calder - enquiry for Gala afternoon. • Fleeman productions – information request for Doric theatre	
SEAchange	Polycrub was almost complete. Anne thanked the Community Council for their donation of a potting table.	
Wellbeing	80th birthday had been celebrated	
Any Other Business	Generator was to be sent for a service. A limited print of a local painting had been donated. Members decided it should be a raffle prize. Decision that the low town rockery should be allowed to “re-wild”,	
Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd June AGM and Business Meeting May Collieston Community Centre at 7pm	