

**COLLIESTON & SLAINS COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
16 November 2009**



Present: Directors: Vicky McNiff
Committee Members: Fiona Chaplain, Trish Robinson, Craig Leuchars, Sue Somner, John Allan
Observers: George Jamieson

Apologies: Steve Rainey, Ian Bell, Elizabeth Hay, Alan White, Peter Somner

Chair: Steve Rainey

1. Discussion & Approval of the Minutes of 19 October 2009

Minutes of 19 October were proposed, seconded and approved by the committee.

2. Action Log

Date Raised	Description	Who	Status	Date Closed
17/08/09	Obtain samples of proposed building materials and display on the Rivie Update 21/09/09: Carol McBain will deal with this once CL3 is complete. Update 16/11/09: chased R&H and they replied that owing to busy work commitments it would be circa 3 weeks before they could get around to arranging building material samples for us.	CL	Open	
19/10/09	Update the CASCT profile on the CADISPA website	AW	Open	

3. Treasurer's Report

- Balance as at 21 October (last bank statement) was £2151.66.
- Balance as at 16 November (online printout) £2487.51.
- Sale of Ceilidh tickets and cards had caused the balance to increase.
- The next fundraising event was to be the Ceilidh on 20 November at the Victoria Hall.

4. Work Group Reports

4.1 Architectural Work Group

There is nothing further to report at this stage.

4.2 Business Plan Work Group

The Big Lottery Growing Community Assets (GCA) application, all 900 pages in 3 volumes was submitted on the 27th October. Volume 1 contains the GCA application, the CASCT Business Plan and 3 Options Appraisals (on Needs, Capital and Opex). Volume 2 is called Capital Grant Check List 3 and contains all the approved detailed designs, surveys and costs associated with refurbishing the existing buildings and building a new Community Centre. Volume 3 contains 49 chapters providing all the evidence in support of the application. The documents have been put on line, plus a hard copy has been put in the hall and with SR, PS & VM.

The Big Lottery have recently informed us that it might now be up to 6 months before we hear whether our application for funding has been successful.

Our latest project officer from Highlands and Islands Enterprise visited Collieston on 23 October to help visualise what our project is all about and VM showed her round the village and existing hall, she commented that the hall was very small relative to the size of community and she can readily understand why we are trying to improve our facilities.

4.3 Communications Distribution Group

A very comprehensive two sided Rivie Review was distributed and posted on the web site, which informed of the Big Lottery submission and the upcoming Ceilidh. It was noted that it was unfortunate that there was no opportunity to put in anything about the Ceilidh in the last Blether. The next Blether does however have a deadline for submission of items and SS is to request an item about greeting cards for sale and VM is to request an item about Steve's move to Oman, communicating to the community that while he is stepping down as chair he will remain involved as a director as well as thanking him for the huge amount of work.

5. Fundraising

The next fund raising event is the Ceilidh in the Victoria Hall, Ellon on Friday 20 November.

6. AOB

It was suggested that, as we no longer have a shop in the village, to increase social interaction it would be nice to hold informal monthly coffee mornings within the village, possibly different groups could take turns to organise. The community council observers were asked to bring the idea up at the next council meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

19:30 on Monday 18 January in the Hall.

Minutes compiled by: Vicky McNiff