



COLLIESTON & SLAINS COMMUNITY TRUST MINUTES MEETING 29 JANUARY 2007

Present: Fiona Chaplain, Susan Somner, Jack Page, Vicky McNiff, Roddy Junor,
John Hitchcock, Steve Rainey, Peter Somner, Elizabeth Hay, Shirley Beattie

Apologies: Neil Ironside, Alan White, Ian Bell

Minutes of 15 January 2007 meeting proposed by Vicky McNiff, seconded by Jack Page and approved by the Committee. Minutes of two public meetings distributed to Committee and approval to be confirmed by the end of the week. Committee congratulated Steve on his excellent chairing of the public meetings.

1. Architectural Report

Committee were impressed by both architects presentations at the public meeting. Both architects were flexible, open and willing to have consultations with the community.

There was a comprehensive discussion on the ballot arrangements. It was decided to post out the info pack and ballot by 9th February with return on Saturday 24th February mid-day and count early Saturday evening. We will ask Abby if we can have a secure box in the shop (Roddy to arrange) and postal return to Secretary. Different coloured paper for Slains and village. Two copies to go to each house in Slains but more can be requested if required.

It was agreed that as a Committee we would not be comfortable going forward with less than a 50% turnout from the village.

Fiona noted the architectural competition process had been excellent in promoting community involvement and in amassing a huge amount of information.

2. Treasurer's Report

No update on balance since 10 January. Susan reported she had an appointment with the Accountant to get new software.

3. Legal/Slains Estate Update

Steve had received a letter from Sheila Ritchie with a plan of the area boundaries from Slains Estate. Steve still to contact Robert White re conditions on land sale. Fees not known as yet. We must have a clear and accurate picture of the boundaries and what risks we would be taking on. Vicky suggested a risk assessment.

4. Funding Strategy Workgroup Report

Discussion on Big Lottery submission. Aim to submit pre-qualification by end of February.

5. AOB

- Elizabeth raised Committee morale. We all have a limited amount of time and energy and the architectural competition has stretched us to the limit. We agreed we need more help.
- Alan and Ian going to CADISPA Conference in March
- As Fiona no longer wishes to continue doing the minutes etc. and as no one forthcoming to take them on it was agreed that Committee members do them on a rotational basis.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 February 2007 at Vicky McNiff's to compile ballot packs