



Minute of meeting held in Village Hall on Monday April 6th 2009

Present: Hugh McIntyre, Peter Abenheimer, George Stroud, Scot Buchan , Billy Collie, Kathleen Morrison, Margie Davidson, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Stephen Smith , George Hall, Gordon MacKay:

Apologies: Angela Blanchard , Lee Scott, Sonya Stapleton

1. **Minutes** : There were no amendments to the minutes of the last meeting.
2. **Finance** : Transfer of funds to cash complete pending decision on disbursement to protect against further falling value. Any remaining funds are best handed by savings account or premium bonds etc. Of the options for investment, the beach cleaner option was withdrawn, other options ongoing with a view to present and decide at AGM.
3. **Ladies Bridge** : Preparations for open day on 22nd April progressing well with article in P&J re bridge. Ellon Advertiser article to follow. Meeting with Aberdeenshire council has provided funding for both sets of community leaflets and poster boards for display day. Margie has organised kids drawing competition. Full team of officials and advisors committed to attend on April 22nd . Key participants to meet 2pm day of meeting.
4. **PLANNING** : Hugh will speak to Malcolm Campbell about our views on what community consultation actually involve from our perspective. The 3 changes proposed constitute a significant change to the current boundaries and need careful consideration. CA will continue to assist developers in public consultation, but not organise any events.

Castle : Nothing new to report. Ongoing

Brickworks ; Ongoing; No further developments.

Garage ; Proposal rejected by council.

Other ; Nothing new to report.

5. **HALL** : Survey completed after several delays. Planned deadline now past. New target is September funding tranche for submissions.

6. **Community Involvement Projects** :

Bussy Brae Repairs complete

Litter awareness - George S has clean up of several areas including the burn on Main St – much appreciated by all. Billy has registered with Ali – regional initiative on litter awareness. Recycling centre completely gutted and new kerbing to be installed. Estuary approaches cleaned up. Beach cleaned. Community Litter (esp. dog mess) awareness day for May scheduled. Billy to contact Hatton day organisers. Gordon is planning 'Friends of Cruden Bay' / 'Pride in your village' Web site. Funding of approx. £100 agreed.

7. **Other Organisations / Interfaces**

Parks Committee : Rosemary to raise issue of public availability of pavilion toilets.

Harbour : Hugh gave an update on the Harbour.

Any Other Business

Gala Day : The proposal for a village gala day was discussed, however lack of additional resources was an issue. This would be revisited after outcome of recent leaflet drop.

Clean Up : Still some rope on beach, George S will pick up later.

Xmas tree base : George S. has concreted base and support.....

Access to North beach ; George S has completed 2 out of 3 of the access right of ways. There is an issue over the ownership and access rights. Margie has looked into this and will continue to do so and update position at next meeting.

New Coastguard Station ; Rosemary asked about the possibility of some planters in this area. Kathleen to raise with Horticultural society.

Memorial for Aileen ; All agreed that we should do something appropriate to mark Aileen's service to the community. Hall Committee already looking at some ideas. Hugh and Peter to liase.

The next meeting will be held in the hall on Monday May 4th at 7.30pm.