



Minute of meeting held in Port Erroll School on Monday March 2nd 2009

Present: Hugh McIntyre, Peter Abenheimer, George Stroud, Billy Collie, Kathleen Morrison, Stuart Pratt, Margie Davidson, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Sonya Stapleton, George Hall, Angela Blanchard, Lee Scott, Gordon MacKay: Apologies: Stephen Smith

Please note that format of minutes will now be organised by key topic and separate action tracking list will be issued to specific individuals, this change is intended to allow better communication of business and focus on actions.

1. **Minutes** : There were no amendments to the minutes of the last meeting.
2. **Finance** : Hugh gave a summary a report by the fund managers on the current status of the **John and Mary Garden Fund**, commissioned by us as a result of the recent global financial crisis affecting its value, which has reduced from around £51k to £38k. The general consensus was that we should move all equity based funds to cash, gilts or bonds and use the majority of the money for high profile, high visibility projects which would benefit the community long term. It was agreed that these projects should be identified and presented as recommendations to an Extra Ordinary General meeting. Proposals to be submitted to next meeting for review and planning for EGM. Initially three ideas were agreed as having potential...
 - **Beach cleaning equipment** : Boris (George Stroud) has made initial enquiries about this and could use his business contacts to get us a good deal on some second hand gear. Boris to pursue. A new beach cleaner would be tens of thousands of pounds and too expensive.
 - **Play Park** : Lee proposed this with support from George Hall and Angela. It was agreed that this was worth pursuing also. Lee and Angela to lead.
 - **Container sheds** at harbour. : Gordon proposed us purchasing new more environmentally suitable sheds for the harbour and leasing them back to users. This too was also seen as an excellent suggestion, with revenue earning potential and was agreed. Gordon and Boris to lead.

Margie and Hugh are planning to attend a funding meeting held by Buchan Development partnership on March 11th at Mintlaw Community Hall. Billy may also attend.

3. **Ladies Bridge** : Lots happening here. Boris has organised a project team with sponsorship from ATR and JOTON for supplies and manpower as well as offering extensive man-hours from his own company to move the project forward. A full professional survey of the bridges requirements for maintenance repair and painting is to be undertaken before work starts. Once again, Boris has this arranged.

Margie, with help from Dawn Brodie, has completed a claim for paint and materials which Billy will deliver to East Grampian Coastal Partnership on Wednesday.

Lee said that the Police cadets might be able to help with the painting and this offer was gratefully accepted!

The funding for the replacement of the Ladies Bridge is critically dependent on the community being seen to be involved. It was agreed to plan for an 'Open-day' on Wednesday 15th April, 3pm - 8pm. Boris has arranged for ATR to help with presentation and display items. Additionally, Sonya is going to speak to the school about the possibility of the school getting involved in some way. Also, Angela to lead on getting the youth groups involved.

4. **PLANNING** :

Castle : Nothing new to report. Ongoing

Brickworks ; Ongoing; No further developments.

Garage Planning permission refused

Changes to structure plan - It was noted that several changes had been submitted for consultation and the CA should try to assist in communicating these to the villages.

Hughie to contact applicants and suggest open day in the hall to publicise.

5. HALL :

The full survey for the hall has been organised at 'only' £900ish. It was expected to be considerably more expensive but thanks again to the efforts of Boris and Margie we have brokered a deal to our advantage. Peter has funds for this from planning gain and responsibility to progress this matter now needs to pass to the Hall Committee to agree these proposals as a matter of urgency. Hugh and Pete to confirm actual target date for funding submission for Sita proposal.

6. Community Involvement Projects :

- **Shell Small Grants Initiative** : Shell, in partnership with BDC (Buchan Development Council) have funding available for local community driven projects with particular emphasis on health and safety. Hugh asked if we have any ideas on new or indeed current projects to utilise this potential funding. Ongoing.
 - **Harbour Beach Clean-Up** : Boris has cleaned up the rubble on the north (harbour) beach, including potential for arranging for the old net-winch to be cleaned and placed near Hardings as a focal point.
 - **Litter / Recycling**: Billy has registered us for the National Spring Clean 2009. Litter is a key issue for us and it was noted that we need to try to change the whole culture of mess in the village - starting with a Cruden Bay Spring Clean Day to raise awareness. Billy and Rosemary to lead and Angela and Sonya again to try to help get the school and village groups involved. Boris is aiming to clean up the bins area on Saturday - again. Stuart said that he knew of no reason why we shouldn't have our community warden next summer. **Dog Mess** : Ongoing
 - **Clean Beach Award** : This years award cycle about to start. Hugh / Margie to monitor.
 - **Street Sports** : Ongoing. George H. and Lee monitoring. Looking to get something definite up and running for this summer.
- Sandy Brae** : Ongoing monitoring of status
- **Serald St/Old School**: Reinstatement of right of way subject to ongoing monitoring.
- Bussy Brae** : Stephen has raised lack of suitable drainage with the Council and this and it is planned for action in March.

7. Other Organisations / Interfaces :

Parks Committee : Funding has been agreed for the 2nd All-weather pitch. We underwrote this on the understanding that it was a 'use-for-all' project and the Parks Committee have now written this requirement into their constitution. As all funding now in place the CA commitment to underwrite has been discharged.

Harbour : Hugh gave an update on the Harbour. The Harbour committee meetings will now be held on 3rd Monday of each month and the ongoing focus is on raising major funding for repairs.

8. AOB

Mike the Postie : Very successful event with a fabulous turn-out. Over £1100 collected, truly outstanding. Pictures on the web. Many thanks to Gordon for all his work to make this a special evening for Mike and his family.

Community Initiative Funding : George H. to get prices for play structures to Lee.

Harbour Video Presentation : A video presentation in support of the Harbour investment has been created and will Gordon noted this could be developed for support of other village initiatives.

The possibility of resurrecting the village Gala Day was floated. It was noted that a Harbour gala day was in the planning for 09 and this could be possible for possibly 2010. To be discussed further at next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Hall on Monday April 6th at 7.30pm.