



ALTENS UPDATE – APRIL 2013

The committee and staff at Altens Community Centre continue to develop the venue into a place to be enjoyed by its users. Without its users, many of the activities on offer just wouldn't continue. So, mention the Cafe, the excellent hall, the great child care and the mini bus to all your friends and acquaintances and do your bit to make Altens a place full of vibrancy and fun.

Much work has been done over the last year or so with the Council on the agreement and lease that they require. The Centre endeavours to make them fair and workable documents.

When the Council was asked for up to date paperwork on which to negotiate, it turned out that the deadline for agreement was not before the end of March, as we had been led to believe, but actually November 28th. That means the Centre can continue under the existing agreement until that date. However, we have completed our own versions of the paperwork in preparation for negotiations and it's hoped they can be concluded much sooner and in time for the Altens AGM in June.

The aim is for Altens to be professionally run. The process of looking for a Centre Manager was begun some months ago but the Committee agreed at that time to halt the process until the new Agreement was done and dusted. On hearing that the true date may be some way off, the process of getting a Manager has begun again. If you would like to be considered, or you know of another then please call **01224 896798** and leave your details or email altenscc@gmail.com .

We are exploring charity status and the benefits that that may bring and await word from the regulators. While we await those replies we are pressing ahead with a 'business' plan along the lines of a social enterprise plan. Please feel free to approach the committee with any ideas that you feel could enhance what's being done at the centre.

I sense a buzz awakening in the Cove and Altens area in general. Altens CC should be a big part of that and encourages you to be a part of that too.

Please note that the Centre will be closed in the first two weeks of April from 1st to the 15th to replace windows, gutters and other work that will see the Centre look much nicer on the outside than of late. Some work might run on after the two weeks, so I ask that all users take extra care during this time.

**Brian Allan
Chair Altens cc**