

# Chair's Notes

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## **30 years of Community Council!**

A milestone! The Community of Cove and Altens has grown beyond all recognition since the Community Council was formed in 1986. Many residents have come forward over the years and volunteered their time and energies for the benefit of everyone living in our ever expanding community.

**There are spaces on the Community Council and if you think you would like to get involved please come along to our meetings and see what's involved. No particular experience is needed just a desire to work on behalf of your community.**

## **Traffic Lights**

### **Langdykes Road/Makro Roundabout**

Following our communication to the City Council Roads Department, trial adjustments have been made to the sequence of the traffic lights. Have you noticed the difference? Please let us know!

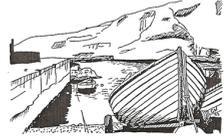
## **First bus**

Proposed changes to the number 3 bus route and the trial introduction of a number 18 service have been announced by First Bus. We have received many comments about the changes and these will be put to David Adam, Operations Manager, when he attends our our March meeting.

## **Planning Matters**

Since our last edition we have seen various planning applications raised for the Cove and Altens area. An Application by Barratt Homes has been submitted for the former Cove Rangers ground- **Allan Park**- to build a mixture of 48 terraced houses and flats which unfortunately will see the loss of another of our green spaces here in Cove.

Various other smaller scale applications have also been raised for signage and the usual house extensions etc.



Other applications raised - an application for a drive-thru (with internal seating area) was raised for the Car Park at the Makro site in Wellington Circle to be occupied by Starbucks, and an application for a new Stadium and pitch for Cove Rangers also in Wellington Circle. Whilst these are not within the Cove & Altens CC boundary they are still in the immediate vicinity to our Community and will contribute associated traffic, etc. to Wellington Road. It is good to see some amenities being built in our area however all we ask is that the roads are improved to cope with increased traffic levels. Following Public consultation a planning application for an Energy from Waste Plant in East Tullos has been lodged.

## **Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route**

Representatives from the AWPR engineering team have been invited to our 30th May meeting to give an update on the construction of the new Charleston junction.

## **Cove Harbour**

Regretably the situation is still ongoing. See page 35 where Jim Adam, Chair of Cove Fishermen's Association has provided an update on the situation.

## **Cove in Bloom**

The volunteers are gearing up for the new season. They have lots of plans and are looking for more volunteers to help them brighten up our community.

## **Cove Gala 11th June**

Make a note in your diary to go along on the day and support the Gala. The Gala Committee of 8 women and 1 man (come on guys!) is busy organising this year's Gala. They could do with more help. Please see back page for more information.

### **Mains of Loirston**

Sadly an ignominious end to the old Loirston Mains farmhouse which was gutted by fire on 24th March. The Mains has been in existence since before 1840 but has lain derelict and constantly vandalised since the passing of Farmer Sandy Allan in 2009 and it is now on the market. It is hoped any development of the site will be sympathetic to its history.

### **Margaret Allan Legacy**

Margaret Allan who lived at Sergeant's Croft, was the sister of Sandy Allan. Her legacy to the Community Council is being used to form a Farming History Trail in the local area. A Sub-Committee of the Community Council is currently gathering information for this project. If you have experience with this sort of project please get in touch.

### **Loirston School**

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Kay Macdonald, Head Teacher, who is moving on to a new post. We thank her for all her community work in the time she was here. She

will be missed but we wish her well in her new appointment.

### **Annual Cove Clean Up**

We are hoping for a good turn out on the 23rd April. The litter problem doesn't seem to get any better!

### **Flashing Sign on Langdykes Road**

Irresponsible drivers are still overtaking when the bus is stationary at the stop and crossing island on Langdykes Road. The Council placed the warning sign to remind drivers not to overtake.

### **Chronicle Deliverers**

Our volunteer deliverer for part of Charleston Road North is moving out of the area. If you live there and can help please get in touch.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Next Community Council meetings: 25th April and 30th May at Loirston School, 7pm.

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