

# Chairman's Notes

Have we or have we not had our summer? That is the question! Hopefully not and there is still plenty of good weather to come.

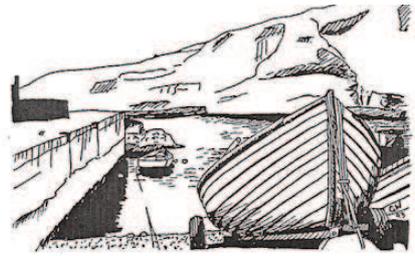
**Allotments** We have been awarded a Grant of £37,750 from the Climate Challenge Fund to provide Allotments in Cove.

Aberdeen Forward has agreed to act on our behalf to project manage the construction of the allotments and officials from Aberdeen City Council have offered to assist us bring this scheme to fruition. The proposed site as shown previously in the Chronicle is to the rear of Altens Community Centre. This award is great news for our facility starved Community and hopefully next year we will see the first crop of home grown vegetables. In the meantime an Association will have to be set up to be responsible for the management of the new allotments.

**Vandalism** Once again it has reared its ugly head with a window being broken at Altens Community Centre and windows in the bus shelters on Earns Heugh Road and Langdykes Road damaged. The wholly unnecessary cost of repairs is the last thing that is needed under the current financial constraints. This will only be stopped if the perpetrators are caught and punished so if you see anything untoward please give the police a call on [ 0845 600 5700 ] or Crimestoppers [ 0800 555 111 ]

**Flower Beds** Thanks are due to the small team aided by some new helpers who tidied up and replanted our flower beds. We are very grateful to all those involved and would compliment them on an excellent job. The Rainbows also deserve praise for planting out their bed on Earn's Heugh Road. Thanks are also due to David Penny of Cove Bay Nursery for donating plants and the Fire Brigade for coming along to

water the beds. Please give us a call if you have any ideas for other improvement



our Community or if you would like to help.

**Community Councillors** We now have a new Member on the Community Council as Marla Puckey expressed interest in joining and was duly co-opted at our meeting on 28 June. We are still short of two more members so if you would like to have your say on issues affecting your community why not come along to our next meeting on 23 August commencing at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge at Loirston School and find out what is involved. This will not commit you in any way.

**Roundabout Junction on Wellington Road** The Council has, despite only recently installing additional traffic lights, now come forward with plans to install two new lights controlled junctions in place of the existing roundabout arrangement. Hopefully you will have seen the proposals in the press, on their Web Site or were able to attend the public viewing at Altens Community Centre and make your views known to the Council. We will be writing to complain at the shortness of the time for consultation and the fact that it has been held during the holiday period.

**Road Safety Scheme** There are proposals to install two more pedestrian refuge islands on Cove Road [ same type as installed at bus layby ] and a Puffin Crossing on Langdykes Road at McColl's shop. We are pleased at long last they have agreed to a crossing on this busy road but have asked the Council to consider our original suggested location at the footpath linking

Altens to Loirston School rather than their proposed location at McColl's shop.

**Proposed AFC Stadium** The latest proposals show a revised layout, limited parking and an access bridge across the Loch. They intend to apply for Planning permission in July so watch out for their Application and don't miss this opportunity

to submit your comments in writing.

**Chronicle Delivery** We need a volunteer to deliver to 24 houses in **Cove Gardens**. If you can do this please get in touch.

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