

Chairman's Notes

Welcome to The Cove Chronicle, the local newsletter published by Cove and Altens Community Council. The Chronicle is produced by volunteers and delivered by volunteers to all homes in the Cove and Altens area.

The Community Council is currently short of members. If you think that you could, or might like to do something to help in the community, please think about joining us. We are just a group of ordinary people, looking out for the concerns of the people and groups in Cove and Altens, and we really need some more people to get involved. Whether you are new to the community or have been here for many years, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Cove Gala

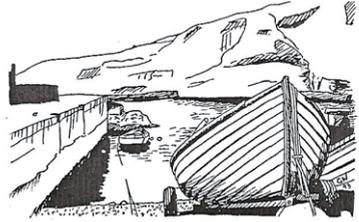
We didn't have the best of weather for the Cove Gala this year, but you turned out in force again to help make the Gala successful. Hopefully you all enjoyed the stalls and activities, and maybe found out a bit more about some of the groups that run in Cove as well.

First Bus

We are still waiting for confirmation of what the bus route changes will be in Cove from September. There was a public meeting in June regarding these changes. The "21" was earmarked to be axed, but after raising issues, including that this is the overflow bus for Kincorth Academy school children, plans are being reviewed.

Loch of Loirston proposed development

There was a public meeting in June to



make comment on the proposed 1500 houses and associated community and industrial zones. If you would like to know more about this development, please have a look at our website <http://www.cove-bay.com>. There are links there to the proposal and an email address to send comments to. If you would like to express concerns to the Community Council, please let myself or any of the other Community Councillors know your thoughts (names and numbers at the back of the Chronicle) or come along to our next Community Council meeting 20th August, 7pm at Loirston Primary School.

Loirston annexe

Discussions are still on-going regarding the annexe, but I think it is fair to say that things are looking a lot better now regarding its continued use. Thanks to the hard work and diligence of the management committee for keeping this community asset running.

Christmas Tree and lights

Is it too early to mention this? Maybe not. You may not know this, but the Christmas tree, its decorations, and the lamp post lights in Cove are provided by Cove and Altens Community Council, not the City Council.

Last year many of the lights on our tree and lamp posts were destroyed by the high winds and need to be replaced.

We are looking for sponsors for this year's Christmas tree and for some new decorative street lights for the community. If any of our advertisers would kindly consider doing this, as they have in the past, there is plenty of time to put plans in place. Similarly, there may be some individuals out there working for a company willing to help with sponsorship of our Christmas community celebrations. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

We are having a fundraising evening on 19th October at the Cove Bay Hotel to help the funding this year's Christmas lights. (further details below)

Congratulations

Many Congratulations to Margaret Vieira who was recently made a Burgess of the

City of Aberdeen for her services to the Community. A well-deserved recognition for all the work she has done in the community over the years.

And Finally.....

Thanks to Andy Finlayson, the outgoing Chairman of the Community Council for his many years of dedication in looking out for Cove and Altens through his work in the Community Council. We wish him well in his "retirement" from this role and also in his new position as a City Councillor for our ward.

Enjoy the rest of the summer everyone!

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