

Chairman's Notes

We certainly had a blast over the festive season but not the type we would have liked.

Festive Season Our Street Lights and Christmas Tree managed to survive the gales and I trust gave a festive feel to our community. The Christmas Concert and switch on of the Christmas Tree lights were well attended and hopefully enjoyed by those present.

Thanks are due to the team, assisted by Doonies tractor, who erected and took down the Christmas Tree, the organisers of and performers at the Christmas Concert and the Gala committee who provided warm drinks and nibbles at the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights.

We are also indebted to Michael Robb for sponsoring the Christmas Tree and Aberdeen Technical Services for providing the surveillance camera at the Christmas Tree. It was pleasing that once again this year neither the lights nor the tree were vandalised.

Planning Despite our justified objections to the proposed upgrade of the sub-station at the entrance to Cove into a depot and the erection of a phone mast on Earns Heugh Road these were overruled by the Planners who gave permission for both to proceed. Unfortunately this seems to be a city wide problem with the progress of development taking precedence over the very real and justified concerns raised by the Communities that have to accommodate them.

Dog Fouling Whilst many of you enjoy the healthy exercise of walking your dogs there are still irresponsible dog owners giving all of you a bad name by failing to clean up after their pets. Whilst it is occurring throughout our Community it is particularly bad on the

footpath between Cove Road and the shops. Plenty of dog bins have been provided so

there is no excuse for dog walkers failing to properly dispose of their pet's droppings. The faeces are a health hazard and we should not have our public open spaces despoiled by becoming an unofficial dog's toilet. **You can anonymously report irresponsible dog owners by phoning 523737**

Delivery of Chronicles We urgently need somebody to assist us by delivering the Chronicle to part of Earns Heugh Circle. 75-99 and 42-68 (28 copies) If you can help please give us a call.

Community Councillors *Despite previous appeals we still have three vacancies on our Community Council and in addition we are shortly to lose our Treasurer.* We urgently need to fill these posts so if you are interested please give us a call or why not come along and meet us at our **Annual General Meeting which is being held in Loirston School on Monday 13th February commencing 7.00pm.** Refreshments will be provided and hopefully after hearing what we do you may be inspired to join us in looking after the interests of our Community.

Roads The Council has so far failed to carry out remedial works on Cove Road, Loirston Road and the road into old Cove. We will continue to press them to complete this work as a matter of urgency. In the meantime please let us know if you have any other areas of concern.

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