

Chairman's Notes

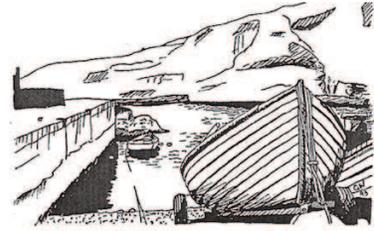
Autumn is on its way so lets hope Mother Nature turns over a new leaf when it comes to the weather. We could certainly do with it.

Proposed New AFC Stadium AFC has now submitted a planning application to build a new stadium at Loirston Loch. We have objected to it on the grounds that their proposed site is currently designated Green Belt and a District Wildlife site. We have no facilities to accommodate this type of development, can't afford to lose any more natural open space, be subject to increased traffic and the introduction of a blanket match day parking permit zone for the whole of Cove to accommodate this development. Why should a private company make a profit by taking over our public land and selling off their own land. We must give this proposal a red card or in this case - a red light!

Cove in Bloom The judges from Keep Scotland Beautiful - Its Your Neighbourhood! have been around and were impressed with what we have achieved and our future plans. We have just been notified that our efforts have been recognised and we have indeed been upgraded and awarded a Certificate at **Level 4 - Thriving**. We have been invited to be presented with our award at Beautiful Scotland's annual seminar in Stirling. You can see some of our activities on the **Chronicle front page**. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved and particularly Mr Penny of Cove Bay Nurseries for his generous donation of plants.

Pallet Garden Congratulations are due to the Gardening Club whose entry won

first prize at the Aberdeen RHSA Flower Show. They have followed



the Community Council's success and retained the Sally Henderson Trophy. The Club also brought home a Gold in their class from Gardening Scotland in Edinburgh. Well done to all involved!

Pedestrian Crossing The Council has already installed the two pedestrian crossings on Cove Road. We are still in discussion with them regarding the location of the proposed Puffin Crossing on Langdykes Road. They suggest it should be adjacent to RS McColl's shop (which will mean the bus stop will have to be relocated further up Langdykes Road) whilst we feel it should be located at the footpath/cycle path linking Altens to Loirston School, Doctors' Surgery and shops, where the school crossing Patroller used to operate. We have asked for a further survey of where people cross to ensure the location is best suited for school children and the elderly.

Allotments The location for the allotments has been moved to an area to the rear of the old farm building behind Altens Community Centre which will minimise the effect on nearby residents. Work is currently ongoing to prepare a lease and submit a planning application. An Allotment Association named Nether Loirston Growers has been set up so its all systems go. Hopefully the revised location will suit everybody and this worthwhile scheme will come to fruition.

Souterhead/Wellington Road Junction Hopefully you saw the plans and made

your comments on their 3 different proposals for the junction. The one in which Langdykes Road is unaffected will cause the least upheaval for Cove residents as the well used bus stops at Strathburn Street will remain where they are. We have asked that a layby be provided at the stops to avoid traffic being held up when the bus stops. The most efficient option with the best longterm cost benefit would be a flyover but it is unlikely the Council would adopt such a radical approach.

Scotia and Stewart Milne Charette

I trust you all went along and made your views known on their latest proposals for their housing development at their charette workshop. They will in due course be submitting a Planning Application and you will have an opportunity to make your view known

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