

Cove and Altens Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 345
Monday 26 April 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams

1	<p>Welcome, sederunt and apologies Present:</p> <p>Community Councillors: Michele McPartlin (chair), Raymond Clark, Lauren Allanach, Jayne Thomson, Marlene Westland</p> <p>Other attendees: Sgt Ashley Forbes (British Transport Police), Councillor Alec Nicoll, Councillor Miranda Radley, Margaret Lockens (Treasurer), Neil Hendry (Head Teacher, Lochside Academy).</p> <p>Apologies:, Councillor Philip Sellar, Blair Gordon (Altens Community Centre), Sue Porter, Lynn Thomson, John Melville (local resident), Brian Allan, Insp Donald (Police Scotland)</p>	Action
2	<p>Minutes of meeting 344 of 29 March 2021 Approved. No matters arising</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Raymond Clark and seconded by Jayne Thomson</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>Aberdeen Altens Hotel application for major variation to alcohol licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlene attended Alcohol Licensing Board on 13 April. Applicant amended application to 01.00 on Fri and Sat only. Film related to inhouse tv in bedrooms and indoor spaces. No outdoor monitors/screening/streaming. • Application approved with the amendments made. 	
4	<p>Police, Fire Service, City Wardens.</p> <p>Sgt Ashley Forbes (British Transport Police)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised of cone thrown onto track which could have resulted in serious injury and life endangerment. Working with schools and patrols in the areas of Cove, Portlethen, Stonehaven. • Graffiti - enquiries ongoing. Will share updates/news. Share anonymous text number for people to provide info. • Cleaning up the graffiti – work with Network Rail to get this done. Road under rail bridge may fall to local authority. Ash will pull together relevant organisations if necessary. He can't give a timescale but will advise as soon as he has this information. <p>Raymond advised that there is CCTV is in place at the recycling centre and will pass information on who to contact to Sgt Forbes.</p> <p>Police Scotland - Report from Insp Donald. <i>Summarise email</i></p>	RC

<p><i>Reported very low crime rates</i></p> <p>Will put a piece in the next chronicle. See emailed report. New School Liaison Officer should be in post at Lochside Academy during May.</p> <p>Michele raised issue of youths kicking balls against community centre window and that huge amounts of rubbish being left daily. Also concerned about the drugs situation. Police officer to meet with centre manager. It is intended to arrange regular Friday and Saturday night patrols involving Special Constables.</p>	
<p>5 Lochside Academy: Update from Headteacher.</p> <p>Update from Mr Hendry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Into week 3 with all pupils back. Very busy time for seniors with SQA and providing support to them. City wide procedure in place with smaller assessments in place. • Awaiting start date of Police Officer. • School astroturf open to lets from now. • Following eviction notice, the Travellers left without fuss or mess. Janitor locking the gates at the end of each day and at weekends • New first years coming in -virtually. All schools doing the same thing so makes this easier. Sport outside. • Young people wearing masks all the time. Planning award ceremony again at the end of the year and hope to get into the Music Hall to 2022. Great to have the pupils back to school. • Rubbish – will raise this issue with pupils when they can. There are not enough bins. Will work on this and hope to take part in the Clean Up. • Amount of students crossing and jay walking on Wellington Road and not at the lights. This Road Safety issue can be looked into further by the school based police officer, once in post. Discussion was also held regarding the height of the central barrier. • Raymond advised that the 20mph signs coming on outwith school times eg 9pm. Cllrs Nicoll and Radley will follow up. 	<p>Cllrs Nicoll and Radley</p>
<p>6 Business update:</p> <p>a. Treasurer’s report -circulated prior to the meeting. Healthy balance and we have received the grant from ACC.</p> <p>Request for Replacement laptop for Chronicle was considered and agreed in principle up to £379 as per the link to the website, pending feedback from Community councillors not present.</p> <p>b. Incoming and outgoing mail</p> <p>List covers 24 March to 19 April 2021 and was circulated prior to the meeting for information.</p>	<p>MW/ MM</p> <p>MW</p>

Marlene attended Locality Empowerment Group meeting looking at priorities for South Locality. Discussion on need to adopt an holistic approach to youth issues across Kincorth, Torry, Nigg and Cove (South of the River) was considered at a follow up meeting with ACC Community Learning and Marlene and Michele to highlight the previous work undertaken by the Community Council with service providers relating to youth diversionary work. Various avenues for funding that could be followed up eg NESS Group, Co-op and previous volunteers keen to offer help, Ash Forbes will put on agenda for next meeting of Trustees of the Loirston Annexe Community Centre.

RC

Planning group

c. Planning matters

Multi modal corridor – deadline for comments 9 May

Fence – Earns Heugh Cresc – objection lodged. Retrospective application with two different road reports with different recommendations

Street Traders Licensing for mobile hot food outlet at various locations across the community. Letter of concerns lodged re road safety.

Cainrobin Bottom Ash Storage Facility - to check for planning application to Aberdeenshire Council.

Take Away chip shop at Charleston Road North planning application passed with conditions.

c. Chronicle, website and Facebook page

Cove Chronicle: April edition uploaded 19 April due to shmu personnel being on holiday. Continuing online meantime. Insp Donald will get in touch with article for next Chronicle. Deadline 12 May. Sgt Forbes to submit article

Website and Facebook page – items still to be uploaded. Need to have clear agreement with shmu in place for this year. To arrange a meeting with shmu to get this agreement in place. Facebook – posted traffic orders

MM/MW

d. Defibrillators. – progressing with the Friends group leading this project and looking at applying to Coastal Communities funding to replace batteries and pads for each. Looking to do other fundraising. Some funds left in CACC account for training/education purposes from HIF.

7	<p>Bins Update</p> <p>New bin installed in Marchmont Street has been removed. Cllr Radley to follow up with officers to try and get re-sited. Michele advised that a new bin replacement is sited on Langdykes Road</p> <p>Jayne advised that a bin should be sited near the standing stones and recently places picnic bench.</p> <p>Cllr Radley to follow up.</p>	Cllr Radley
8	<p>Sport and Physical Activity fund</p> <p>Agreed that we can re-advertise to local community groups and schools in the near future. Flier updated, closing date 30 April advertised on Facebook. Three notes of interest received.</p>	MW
9	<p>“Welcome to Cove Bay” sign update.</p> <p>Blacksmith took sign away today 26 April – notice put out to the community via our Facebook page</p> <p>Lauren has had contact from local resident who has offered to galvanise and paint – she will give details to RC.</p> <p>Backing board – will be put back in place meantime and will be replaced when the new sign is ready for installation</p>	LA RC
10	<p>Reports from city councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Nicoll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in Old Cove around the harbour. Number of issues across services – had meeting with ACC Directors and a chief officer is to collate and address these issues holistically. Parking on area subject to landslip. Concrete blocks are another problem causing access issues for emergency vehicles. • Flooding issue – ACC to do the work, not yet started. Factoring – nothing back from Land Registry re ownership of the area. May need national legislation to sort out in the longer term. <p>Cllr Radley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste bin now removed and trying to get it back. More lights out in Old Cove. New bin now at Loirston Road. However this is not where it is needed. There is no bin anywhere on the Woodland Walk to the north separating the housing from the industrial site and this is more appropriate for a new bin in the right place as this would be well used with dog walkers. 	MR
11	<p>Reports from subcommittees, CC reps attending meetings etc</p>	

<p>Raymond advised that he has received 10 Litter pickers free of charge from Green18. Already two groups have requested to use them. Raymond following these up.</p> <p>Christmas Tree doesn't look entirely happy with some needles turning brown.</p>	
<p>AOCB</p> <p>Any dealings with the media to go through the chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson vacancy. Michele is standing down from tonight. No-one came forward. MM, MW and RC met to discuss how to progress. Proposal to cover until elections: ○ Michele proposed MW for Chair and this was seconded by Lauren. Raymond to remain as vice chair. ○ All agreed that Michele will be a very hard act to follow. Vote of thanks were given to Michele and it was agreed to do something more formal when safe to do so. ○ Lauren advised Loirston Primary School is 40 years old this year. Doing a local history and heritage in May and bigger events being planned. ○ Marlene advised that thanks to the Community Council, NLGA is 10 years this year and planning some celebrations. ○ Future meetings after summer recess– 23 Aug, 27 Sept, 25 Oct, 29 Nov 	
<p>12 Date of next meeting Monday 31 May 2021 at 7pm. Meeting closed at 9pm</p>	