

Cove and Altens Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 348
Monday 23 August 2021 via Microsoft Teams

	Action
<p>1 Welcome, sederunt and apologies Community Councillors: Marlene Westland (acting chair), Michele McPartlin, Raymond Clark, Margaret Lockens, Brian Allan, Jayne Thomson, Sue Porter, Lynn Thomson (minutes). Other attendees: Councillor Miranda Radley, Councillor Alex Nicoll, Barry Wallace (for Inspector G Donald, Police Scotland), Lorraine Porter, John Melville, Anna Rist (Public Engagement Team, NHS Grampian). Apologies:, Councillor Philip Sellar, Lauren Allanach, Inspector Donald, Neil Hendry (Head Teacher, Lochside Academy)</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of meeting 347 of 28 June 2021 Approved (proposed by Michele, seconded by Margaret).</p>	
<p>3 Presentation and discussion: Anna Rist, NHS Grampian Anna explained that the NHS Grampian strategy “Plan for the future 2022-2028)” was now open for consultation. The NHS faces challenges and opportunities in the future (e.g. Covid, ageing population, better use of IT, working in different ways etc). We can be involved as a community council and as individuals. There is a survey online and more information on their webpage. Anna asked what people liked before Covid. Face-to-face appointments with GPs were mentioned (not everyone is tech-savvy), could see GP more easily, continuity of care very important, recognised that wait to see GP in Cove was long even before Covid. Anna then asked what was good during Covid. Brian thought online meetings with doctor worked well, Cllr Nicoll felt these were a better use of resources and made staff more accessible and that nurse practitioners were just as good as the GP. Lorraine mentioned that online appointments meant she could speak to the same consultant throughout, but that her elderly mother would have had difficulty doing this on her own. She added that face-to-face visits very important for elderly people. Anna asked what hadn’t worked well during Covid. Sue mentioned the difficulty in attracting Speech and Language Therapists to the north east – there are long waiting lists in this area. Michele noted difficulties in getting through to 111 (NHS24) and having to wait for over an hour for call to be answered by a handler, rather than a nurse. Lorraine reported calling 111, being told to call GP, GP said to call 111 so she ended up calling 999 for an ambulance. Anna then moved on to asking about the future. Brian thought that Community Centres could be more involved (e.g. social prescribing) and annual health checks would be good. Lorraine noted that district nurses used to visit elderly people regularly and now it’s assumed family will check on their health. Michele added society had changed in recent years – people more spread out so family less available to help. Also, unpaid carers are ageing.</p>	

<p>awareness when it is Ok to do so. It is planned to have a meeting in September to consider how to progress with awareness sessions.</p> <p>f. Christmas concert</p> <p>Sue reported concert venue now booked, but dependent on Covid situation. Hotel will contact us if situation changes, but for now we carry on as normal. Noted that some organisations may be reluctant to participate. Michele added that Karen Finch (City Council) had advised that Community Councils could now meet face-to-face, however as we still cannot get access to the primary school, we will need to continue online in the meantime. Sue asked if she would contact attendees/ groups that usually took part in the concert to check if they were happy going back to face-to-face events. (Sue left meeting at 8.35pm)</p>	SP
<p>7 Dog bin replacement and street lights</p> <p>Councillor Radley reported it was now unlikely that the Altens dog bin would be replaced. Jayne said she had stopped litterpicking in that area as it seemed pointless if no bins were being provided.</p>	
<p>8 Reports from city councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Radley: full council had taken place today. She reported that she had mainly been dealing with constituents' issues, although more of these had come from Kincorth. She encouraged people in Cove to contact her too. Cllr Nicoll advised the City Centre Masterplan was coming back to the City Growth and Resources Committee. This includes the Beach Masterplan, Aberdeen Market update and issues in Union Street.</p> <p>The proposed new road to harbour is currently bogged down with permissions etc and will be a couple of years before work is started (i.e. new harbour could open before road complete so may be knock on effect on harbour traffic using residential roads).</p>	
<p>9 Reports from subcommittees, CC reps attending meetings etc</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>10 AOCB.</p> <p>John asked about weeding at side of roads. Cllr Nicoll replied that roads are sprayed twice each year, although there had been delays this year due to the wet spring. He asked that people let him know if any roadsides had been missed.</p> <p>Michele asked where the dividing line on Wellington Road and the AWPR was – where does BEAR Scotland take over responsibility from ACC? Cllr Nicoll requested that Michele contact Cllr Radley if there was a specific issue and she would investigate.</p> <p>Noted that there are still issues with flooding on the Coast Road – Cllr Radley to follow up.</p>	All MR

11 Date of next meeting Monday 27 September 2021.	
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