

Cove and Altens Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 350
Monday 25 October 2021 via Microsoft Teams

1	<p>Welcome, sederunt and apologies Community Councillors: Marlene Westland (Chair), Michele McPartlin, Raymond Clark, Margaret Lockens, Brian Allan, Lynn Thomson (minutes) Other attendees: Councillor Alex Nicoll Neil Hendry (Head teacher, Lochside Academy), Insp Gillian Donald, Police Scotland, Anne Marie Steehouder-Ross (Aberdeen City Council), John Melville (resident) Apologies, Sue Porter, (Community Councillor), Councillor Philip Sellar, Councillor Miranda Radley Ash Forbes (British Transport Police, resident)</p>	Action
2	<p>Appointment of office bearers As this was the first meeting of the community council since the recent city-wide elections, Councillor Nicoll acted as chair for the appointment of office bearers. Those appointed were as follows: Chair: Marlene Westland (nominated by Margaret, seconded by Michele) Vice chair: Raymond Clark (nominated by Margaret, seconded by Michele) Secretary: Michele McPartlin (nominated by Raymond, seconded by Margaret) Minute secretary: Lynn Thomson (nominated by Marlene, seconded by Michele) Treasurer: Margaret Lockens (nominated by Michele, seconded by Marlene) Planning officers & Licensing: Raymond and Michele (nominated by Marlene, seconded by Brian) Councillor Nicoll then handed the chair to Marlene. Marlene advised that we had the same number of community councillors (9) as previously (Michele, Marlene, Raymond, Sue, Margaret, Brian, Lynn, Jayne Thomson, Lauren Allanach). As we can have up to 12 members, Marlene encouraged everyone to spread word of the vacancies. John Melville added that he might consider joining once face to face meetings restart. Michele and Lauren to include an article to encourage people to come forward as community councillors in the next edition of the Chronicle.</p>	MW MM/LA
3	<p>Minutes of meeting 349 of 27 September 2021. Approved without amendment (proposed by Raymond, seconded by Michele).</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting None raised</p>	
5	<p>Police, Fire Service, City Wardens. Insp Donald reported that only five crimes were reported in Cove in the previous four weeks. These included one drink driver, two cases of vandalism (youths identified for these) and a report of a woman being approached by a car (enquiries ongoing). She added that “spiking” had been in the news and reassured attendees this would be dealt with robustly if it occurred in the city. Insp Donald reported that the police officer from Lochside was working with</p>	

	<p>Academy staff to identify children in need of additional support. In addition, her sergeant and Anne Marie Steehouder-Ross were collaborating on youth work as antisocial behaviour can increase during school holidays, although this is not a significant issue in Cove.</p> <p>Michele raised speeding on Langdykes Road – Insp Donald advised she may be able to get speed checks done in the next couple of weeks. Marlene added that residents in Burnbanks village were also concerned about speeding on the Coast Road. Insp Donald to follow up.</p> <p>John noted that he had seen a motorbike with L plates with a passenger near Wellington Road. Insp Donald advised anyone with concerns to get in touch at the time with registration details, if possible.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Update from Lochside Academy</p> <p>Neil Hendry reported that the school was just back after the October break. Covid protocols still in place (facemasks, limits on some activities etc). There will be a Christmas concert this year, although it will be live-streamed rather than have an audience in attendance.</p> <p>No parents’ evenings until after January 2022 due to Covid.</p> <p>Sports clubs, extracurricular activities etc have restarted: these have been welcomed by students and well attended.</p> <p>Prelims planned for January and early February. Normal national examinations anticipated in 2022, but shortage of invigilators at present.</p> <p>Academy keen to support annual Cove Clean Up.</p> <p>“20s plenty” signs still not working properly (a city-wide issue – see previous notes of meeting).</p> <p>Noted every Academy newsletter has road safety article.</p> <p>Pool will reopen soon to the public. Lifeguards currently being confirmed.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Update on youth work</p> <p>Anne Marie reported on the recent meeting of the multiagency group exploring youth work south of the Dee (Torry, Kincorth & Cove areas). The group need to map what’s already in place and how young people are involved; initial focus will be on Primary 7 and S1 students. Group provides an opportunity for several organisations to work together to put plans into action for the whole area. Discussion on possible contributors including Bikeability, Outdoor Rangers, Cove Rangers (Neil to pass contact details to Anne Marie), Kincorth FC, Cove Boys’ Club pitches (Michele to forward contact details to Anne Marie).</p> <p>(Neil and Anne Marie left the meeting after this item)</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>MM</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Business update:</p> <p>a. Treasurer’s report Report attached. No transactions since last month.</p> <p>b. Incoming and outgoing mail Report attached.</p> <p>c. Planning matters Heatherlee application for 27 houses: Objection has been submitted.</p>	

<p>Concerns expressed locally. Old Duncan's Cabs building (Optima): proposal to demolish and replace with building on same footprint. Objection will be submitted and plans will go to ACC Planning Committee. New Aldi alcohol licence: no concerns.</p> <p>d. Chronicle, website and Facebook page Cove Chronicle: October edition online Website and Facebook page: MSP contact details updated on website.</p> <p>e. Funding for litterpicking Raymond to buy equipment now elections have been held. May have to switch to online purchasing system.</p> <p>f. Christmas concert and activities Reminder that this year's concert cancelled due to Covid situation. Raymond has emailed factors for Charleston to ask about Christmas lights on streetlights in area. Raymond advised that city council Christmas fund was open until end October and he will apply in next few days. Lauren to progress with crowdfunding for covering costs of Christmas Lights. Tree lights switch on will be on Sunday 4 December.</p> <p>g. Projects (farm trail cairns, defibrillators etc) Burnbanks Cairn built and paid. Michele reported information plaque was progressing. Defibrillators: Michele advised Charleston School unit was accessed previous evening, but not required as ambulance arrived shortly afterwards.</p>	<p>RC&MM</p> <p>RC</p>
<p>9 Reports from city councillors. None present as Cllr Nicoll had to leave meeting early.</p>	
<p>10 Reports from subcommittees, CC reps attending meetings etc Community Engagement Network: Marlene reported that she had attended the inaugural meeting and it will be interesting to see how network develops. Community Planning, Health and Social Care Partnership and voluntary sector all involved. Next meeting in February 2022.</p>	
<p>11 AOCB Raymond advised he had received £600 from companies whose HGVs had used the Coast Road inappropriately. Suggested we add further discussion of this to future agenda to investigate innovative ways we could use monies eg signage/speed signs</p>	
<p>12 Date of next meeting Monday 29 November 2021. Meeting closed 9.10pm.</p>	