

Cove and Altens Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 352
Monday 17 January 2022 via Microsoft Teams

1	<p>Welcome, sederunt and apologies Community councillors: Marlene Westland (chair), Michele McPartlin, Margaret Lockens, Raymond Clark, Jayne Thomson, Sue Porter, Lynn Thomson (minutes)</p> <p>Other attendees: Councillors Alex Nicoll and Miranda Radley, Kevin Souter (Sergeant, Nigg Police Office), Neil Hendry (Lochside Academy), Karen Finch (Aberdeen City Council), Michele Binnie (resident)</p> <p>Apologies: Lauren Allanach, Brian Allan (Community Councillors), Insp Gillian Donald, Police Scotland.</p>	Action
2	<p>Minutes of meeting 351 of 17 January 2022. Approved without amendment (proposed by Michele, seconded by Margaret).</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting: None raised</p>	
4	<p>Update from Lochside Academy from Neil Hendry Neil began by wishing all a happy new year. He advised SQA exams were planned for April and May (the first for three years). Practicalities such as distancing, dividing large sports hall with curtains are being planned to allow exams to take place. Exam invigilators are typically older and retired so they may be reluctant to work in schools if Covid still an issue. Teaching staff are undertaking invigilation roles at present. Exam assessment work starts on Monday for two weeks.</p> <p>Neil reported that he had been appointed to the new Inverurie Community Campus and that his last working day at Lochside will be Friday 11 February. Mike Will is acting head teacher until a replacement can be recruited (probably in May/June before new person in post). Neil will forward Mike's contact details to Marlene.</p> <p>All present thanked Neil for his service to the community and in getting the new academy up and running.</p>	NH
5	<p>Police, Fire Service, City Wardens. Kevin reported low levels of crime in the area with 90 calls during December. Most of these were calls expressing potential concern, traffic incidents etc. Antisocial behaviour remains low.</p> <p>Several parents at Loirston Primary School were spoken to about inappropriate parking and one penalty notice issued.</p> <p>He added Inspector Donald will be liaising with the Kincorth and Cove working group on youth initiatives in the area.</p> <p>Michele asked about speed checks in the area. Kevin responded that there would be ad hoc checks in the coming weeks. Michele enquired about the area behind Altens Community Centre which appeared to be an area of antisocial behaviour. Kevin replied that police were aware of this area and do go past when they are in the vicinity.</p>	

6	<p>Business update:</p> <p>a. Adoption of constitution This was agreed by all present. Now needs signed off after recent elections. Requires a “wet” signature. Michele, Raymond, Sue and Lynn all confirmed they were happy to sign this off.</p> <p>b. Training for community councillors Karen advised that dates for planning and licensing training will be available soon.</p> <p>c. Treasurer’s report Report attached. Margaret reported the Clearwater cheque for £600 has been banked. After ring-fencing, £297.08 surplus is left in the main account. Noted that we are due £220 to SHMU for web hosting. Accounts are almost ready for auditing; just awaiting statements. Michele advised that Sanda was happy to be auditor again this year.</p> <p>d. AGM on 7/2/22 This will follow the previous format, but will be online once again. Noted we will not have final accounts by then, but “raw” numbers on our current status will be available.</p> <p>e. Incoming and outgoing mail Report attached. Correspondence included Fairer Aberdeen Fund, Coastal Communities Fund, Nestrans 2040, HSCP Locality Engagement Groups, Community Learning and Development bulletin, Health Improvement Fund, Citywide digital survey and Learn to Bike courses for adults.</p> <p>f. Traffic issues Raymond advised it would be helpful to meet with ACC Roads Department to discuss local traffic issues such as inappropriate use of residential roads by HGVs. Michele will invite a member of the Roads Dept to a future meeting and will update on progress at our meeting in February.</p> <p>g. Planning matters: Raymond reported on a proposal to change the frontage of Cove Library with small windows and larch cladding. Proposal came via the weekly notification list. Raymond to forward details to Cllr Nicoll as he had yet to see proposal.</p> <p>h. Chronicle, website and Facebook page Cove Chronicle: latest edition now on website Website: current arrangement with SHMU scheduled to end March 2022. Facebook page: will use this to highlight articles in the Chronicle.</p> <p>i. Christmas concert and activities Awaiting invoice from Scotia for installing, removing and storing of Christmas lamppost lights (will be approx. £1700-1800). Some lamppost lights now showing signs of age. Noted that council not keen on lights on newer aluminium lampposts. Raymond advised we may need to discuss future lighting plans soon.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>RC</p>
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	<p>The tree (at junction of Langdykes Road and Earnsheugh Road) appears “burned” on one side. This tree was a replacement for a previous tree that failed to thrive in the same location. Suggested that we go to the local community to seek suggestions for the way forward.</p> <p>j. Projects (farm trail cairns, defibrillators etc) Litterpicking equipment: no update this month. Annual Cove Clean Up: Provisional date of 23 April agreed. Noted that school will probably not be available for toilet and refreshment facilities due to Covid restrictions so we will need to rethink format of event and have a “Plan B” depending on the restrictions in place at the time. Raymond to contact Lorna at ACC re the hire of their litterpicking equipment.. Cairns: Michele will be working on plaque for new Burnbanks cairn. Defibrillators: the group looking after monitoring and maintenance of the two local defibrillators at Charleston and Loirston primary schools will be seeking funding for upkeep costs (batteries, pads etc). Michele noted that the Coastal Communities Fund might be a possible source of funding for this and potentially for a third defibrillator in the area.</p>	RC
7	<p>Reports from city councillors. Cllr Nicoll reported council staff were still very busy clearing up after recent storms and that one large tree could take one day to remove. Sue reported that she’d been trying unsuccessfully to report a deep pothole in Old Cove. Cllr Nicoll will chase up on Sue’s behalf. Raymond asked about progress with the ETZ (Energy Transition Zone). Cllr Nicoll advised that the Local Development Plan was with the Scottish Government Reporter and might not be back before the end of the current administration (as there are local council elections in May). Michele noted that the route of the Number 3 bus could be changing due to proposals for Union Street pedestrianisation.</p>	AN
8	<p>Reports from subcommittees, CC reps attending meetings etc No meetings since last Community Council meeting.</p>	
9	<p>AOCB: None raised</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 28 February at 7pm (online) Meeting closed 8.50pm.</p>	