

Cove and Altens Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting 356
Monday 30 May 2022 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams

		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies Community Councillors: Michele McPartlin (chairing), Margaret Lockens, Jayne Thomson, Raymond Clark, Brian Allan, Sue Porter</p> <p>Other Attendees: Isobel MacNicol (minutes), Karen Finch (ACC), Julian Farrar and Nikki Mcauley (Ironsides Farrar Ltd), Councillors Rick Brooks, Lynne Thomson, Miranda Radley and Alex Nicoll</p> <p>Apologies: Marlene Westland, Lauren Allanach, Michele Binnie, Police Scotland</p>	
2.	<p>Introductions – newly elected City Councillors Rick Brooks introduced himself, his main interests are Education, both child and adult, child poverty and deprivation. Cllr Nicoll, Cllr Radley and Cllr Thomson joined the meeting later. Cllr Thomson apologised for leaving the Community Council without a minute taker. Busy doing inductions and beginning to pick up case work. She will sit on the Planning Committee.</p>	
3.	<p>ETZ Update - Nicola Mcauley and Julian Farrar of Ironsides Farrar Ltd Commissioned by ETZ to look at how Aberdeen transitions to Net Zero, focussing on South Aberdeen, particularly Torry, East Tullos and Altens Industrial Estates. Formulating a master plan in consultation with other organisations leading to a planning submission by the end of the year. Recognise the contentiousness of land allocation and access roads. Rick Brooks reported that at a council meeting with Sir Ian Wood last week a plan was presented giving the proposed locations of the separate campuses and asked if this could be shared with the Community Council. Julian Farrar said that, once signed off, the plan would be shared. Raymond Clark commented that there was a lot of vacant land in the industrial estates that could be used instead of St Fittick Park and Doonies Farm. There are questions over who owns what land, including Aberdeen Harbour Board. Julian Farrar said he will find out whether he can share ownership details with us as it may be commercially sensitive. Rick Brooks said he would try to find ownership information through the council. Michele thanked Nicola and Julian for attending and they left the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of meeting 354 of 28 March There was no note of who had Proposed and Seconded the minute of previous meeting 353 of 28 Feb. Brian thought he had done one and Jayne the other Proposed by Brian and seconded by Margaret.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising No matters arising.</p>	
6.	<p>Police Update Although there was no Police presence their report is attached.</p>	
7.	<p>Lochside Academy Update No update</p>	
8.	<p>Business Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Treasurer’s Report Margaret gave a verbal report b. Data Protection Fees Margaret reported that these are due sometime in June c. Incoming and Outgoing Mail Michele gave a verbal report 	

	<p>d. Vacancy for Minute Secretary Michele Binnie had informed Michele that, if there were no other volunteers, she would take this on.</p> <p>e. Annual Cove and Altens Clean Up Feedback on event held 16 April Raymond reported that there had been a reasonable turnout and expressed thanks to Aberdeen City Council for their help. Thanks also to James McLaughlan, janitor at Loirston School for his help. Around 50 bags of litter were collected. Ladies from Deeside Sub Aqua Group also attended and gave information on how so much litter ends up in the sea.</p> <p>f. Planning and Alcohol Licensing Michele reported that there was nothing contentious coming through on Planning. Raymond expressed concern that there was very little published for this area Michele said that there will be training coming up in regard to Alcohol Licensing.</p> <p>g. Funding – HIF and Co-op Michele had covered HIF in her mail report</p> <p>h. Sport & Physical Activity Fund – applications received The Scouts and Loirston School have both submitted requests, the sub-group will need to be reconvened to consider these.</p> <p>i. Chronicle/Website/Facebook Chronicle – Michele expressed thanks to Isobel and Lauren for their work on advertising and layout. Lauren pulls all the reports together. June issue will be finalised shortly. Working towards getting back to printed copies. Printing costs and advertising prices will need to be looked at as well as how many copies we need printed. Lynn to work with Michele on a handover of co-ordinating deliverers. Website – needs to be updated with new meeting dates and other minor changes Facebook – mainly used as a noticeboard and posting roadworks but not been getting a lot of notifications recently. Karen said we should be getting them all.</p> <p>j. Christmas Tree/lights Raymond reported that the tree is looking poorly, there are a few green shoots but it may not survive. Need to reconvene sub-group to consider a substitute display for future. Sue said that the hotel has been booked but nothing else agreed yet.</p> <p>k. Projects Farm Trail Cairns – Michele still to meet with Joe MacLeod to agree wording for the plaque for the Burnbanks Village cairn. Defibrillators – Amanda MacLennan organises the rota for checking them. Michele said that community training on using them will be organised once the council open lettings of premises. The grant from the HIF fund will be used for this. There have been three calls on the Charleston Defibrillator and one on the Loirston unit. Litter picking equipment – Raymond reported that we have some in stock and have money from a grant to buy more.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>
9.	<p>Elected Member Reports/Updates Michele congratulated Alex on his new role as Leader of the City Council and thanked him for always looking out for our area. Flooding in Scylla/Earns Heugh areas – Alex said that there is no way they can stop flooding with the unprecedented volumes of rain we had in recent storms. One problem is small pockets of land “left over” from developments and trying to determine ownership. The City Council are in consultation with Scottish Water regarding responsibilities for above and below ground.</p>	
10.	<p>Reports from Community Council Reps No reports</p>	

11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Raymond recorded thanks to Sue Clark, secretary of Burnbanks Village Residents' Association on monitoring HGV activity on the Coast Road and reporting to companies.</p> <p>Raymond also reported on the "Welcome to Cove" sign. The new sign is galvanised and this will take some time to age in but should mean no need to paint the sign. Philip Young has raised the issue of lighting the sign. He supplied solar lights last year but would like to know if something permanent could be done. We would need to look at cost of materials and installation, running costs and responsibility for insurance. Need to formulate an opinion and get back to him.</p> <p>Alex reported on a problem with run-off half-way along the Coast Road to Burnbanks Village. This is apparently coming from a vacant yard on the industrial estate. He is trying to find out who owns the yard to get it dealt with.</p> <p>Michele reported an environmental impact of the Stewart Milne housebuilding on the Station Fields site whereby the woodpeckers and squirrels in the Loirston Manor addresses have gone.</p>	AN
12.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 27 June at 7pm</p>	