

**Cove and Altens Community Council**  
**Approved Minute of Meeting 359**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7pm via Microsoft Teams**

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b>            Community Councillors: Michele McPartlin (secretary), Marlene Westland (Chair), Margaret Lockens (Treasurer), Michele Binnie (Minute Secretary), Cllr Alex Nicol, Sue Porter, Sgt Kate Witte ( Police Scotland), Cllr Lynn Thomson, Ann Ross (Resident)</p> <p>Apologies: Raymond Clark (Vice-Chair), Cllr Radley, Cllr Brooks</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting 359 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022</b>            Proposed by Michele McPartlin &amp; seconded by Margaret Lockens</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>            No Matters Arising</p>	
4.	<p><b>Police Update</b>            Sgt Kate Witte updated the CC on local Police issues/concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very little crime reported in the Area</li> <li>• No Road Traffic incidents</li> <li>• No reported assaults</li> <li>• Vandalism was reported at Charleston Primary School within the school grounds of school play equipment. Kate informed the CC that they are following up positive lines of enquiries.</li> <li>• No Housebreaking reports</li> </ul> <p>Ann Ross attended the CC meeting to raise concerns regarding the wall opposite the railway bridge in Old Cove. Ann had previously contacted ACC to inform them of the coping stones that had fallen (or pushed) off the wall. ACC told her that it was Network Rail which were responsible for maintaining the wall. Ann then contacted Network Rail who informed Ann that the wall was not their responsibility to maintain as they did not own it. Ann again contacted ACC but again was told it was Network Rail who were responsible for maintaining the wall.</p> <p>Ann informed the CC that more recently, a van had crashed into the wall leaving a huge opening in the wall and nobody was taking responsibility for fixing the wall. Ann is extremely frustrated and upset that neither ACC or Network Rail were taking any responsibility of who owned the wall and when it would be repaired and the concern for public safety due to the gaping hole in the wall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Alex Nicol informed Ann that there may be ownership issues of who actually owns the wall as with a number of areas within Old Cove itself. However, he agreed to raise Ann’s issues with Officers at ACC to ensure that enquiries are made and agreed to email Ann directly and the CC with an update on the situation.</li> <li>• Cllr Lynn Thomson also agreed to log a ticket with the Officers.</li> </ul> <p>Sgt Kate Witte updated CC that they know who the driver of the van was and enquiries are still ongoing.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Lochside Academy Update</b>            No update – Further contact to be made by email</p>	MW
6.	<p><b>Business Updates</b>            a. <b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p>	

	<p>Margaret verbally updated CC with Treasurer’s report and MW circulated copies to the Community Councillors.</p> <p><b>b. Incoming &amp; Outgoing mail</b> Incoming mail has been quiet lately. Marlene will circulate Planning Guidance to CC.</p> <p>Cllr Alex Nicol updated on the local development plan in relation to St Fitticks and Doonies Farm and that it is difficult to appeal The Reporter’s decision, but it will be brought back to ACC for approval or not.</p> <p><b>c. Chronicle Update</b> Marlene updated CC on the meeting of the Chronicle Team and advised that the team was working towards production of the December Chronicle in hard copy once again.</p> <p>There will be a small increase applied to advertisers to cover printing and related costs. The team is in the process of communicating with advertisers regarding the small increase and with the delivery volunteers to find out whether they are still willing to deliver Chronicles within their area, starting from December.</p> <p>There will be a review in 6 months time to ensure that this will still be financially viable. However it is anticipated that everything is going according to plan. A suggested date for delivery of the December issue from the printers is 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</p> <p>Michele McP advised that the Community Councillors may need to help with delivery for hand delivering information fliers to volunteers on the most recent delivery list (last updated in February 2020). There may be some gaps in delivering to households in the first instance that we will need to fill.</p> <p><b>d. Website/Facebook</b> Michele McP updates FB as appropriate and the website is updated with the minutes of CC meetings along with the Chronicle for uploading.</p> <p><b>e. Christmas Tree, Lighting &amp; Concert</b> There is no update on the tree and lighting with RC not being able to attend the meeting. Community Councillors agreed to have a meeting on 3/10/2022 to discuss tree etc. Sue agreed to take this forward but informed CC that the Concert may be an issue due to not having much response.</p> <p><b>f. Projects – Speeding and Warning signs</b> Michele McP updated CC that the electronic speeding signs are now in situ at Cove road and Langdykes Road.</p> <p>CC may investigate possible funding for more speeding and warning signs.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>MW</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Elected Member Reports/Updates</b> Cllr Lynn Tomson updated CC that she has held her 1<sup>st</sup> surgery and subsequent surgeries will be held on a Tuesday once a month in the library. Cllr Thomson also informed CC that she had had a tour of Lochside Academy and had been reporting issues with street lighting in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Alex Nicol informed CC that he will update CC on the local development plan once Officers have sent him the report. Cllr Nicol updated CC on the new access road to the harbour and to accelerate the timeline for the new access road to the harbour before 2026.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Nicol also mentioned that there was a new benefit calculator available for people to use to make sure that they were getting all benefits that they are entitled to and that he will send a link through so that it can be passed onto the wider community.</p> <p>Also updated CC that the Education Committee estates will be looking at the schools within Cove.</p> <p>Marlene asked Cllr Alex Nicol if the Financial Inclusion Team can circulate an information leaflet that may be added to the Chronicle, Cllr Alex Nicol agreed to pass this on.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Reports from Community Council Reps</b></p> <p>No reports</p>	
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Cllr Lynn Thomson will report potholes along Langdykes Road to the Roads Department at ACC.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 31st October 2022 at 7pm.</p>	