

Cove and Altens Community Council

Minutes of Meeting no. 393 on 23rd February 2026

7pm in Cove Bay Hotel Meeting Room - downstairs

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Community Councillors:

Present

Marlene Westland (MW), Chair
Michele McPartlin (MMcP), Secretary
Raymond Clark (RC), Minutes Secretary
Rab Aitken (RA)
Jayne Thomson (JT)
Sue Porter (SP)
Brian Allan (BA)
Margaret Lockens (ML)
Temi Akinsanpe (TA)

Apologies

Lauren Allenach
Lynn Thomson
Richard Brooks
Alec Nicoll

In Attendance:

Kevin McPherson (KMcP)
Miranda Radley (MR)

2. Kevin McPherson – Christmas Tree Offer

He gave a presentation regarding his proposal to provide a Community Christmas Tree. He works for an estate and suggested a tree could be provided free. He has also spoken to 3 businesses in respect of assistance and described how his plan might involve building a sleigh as a feature. KMcP to meet RC and report back re location and any other factors.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 392

Agreed. Proposed by RA, seconded SP.

4. Treasurer's Report and End-of-Year Accounts

Circulated by email. ML explained that there had been issues with online banking and difficulties of getting signatories ratified. General discussion of banking. Year end accounts are still being prepared.

5. Updates

- 1) **Police Scotland.** No further contact from them. MMcP reported incidents of vandalism on Loirston Green and beside the Allotments. There had been no acknowledgement. AN said he had a meeting with Chief Executive of ACC and he said that other Community Councils have similar concerns. 101 is the number to call for Police assistance.
- 2) **Scottish Fire & Rescue.** MW said there had been no further contact since the AGM.
- 3) **Lochside Academy.** No recent contact.
- 4) **GP Practice/Health & Social Care.** SP discussed her experience with EConsult today. MW said there is an online meeting on the 25th March which she hoped to attend.

- 5) **4 CCs.** Email contact with Torry, Nigg & Kincorth but no definite proposals yet.
- 6) **CC Forum/Planning.** Long discussion on Developer Contribution Opportunities in Aberdeen City. Discussion of Battery Storage Planning Applications response by CC's.
- 7) **CC Resilience Sub Group.** 5 actions highlighted. Criteria is met for Old Cove.
- 8) **Cove Chronicle.** MMcP has spoken to McKenzie Print to look at reducing printing costs. There is a £30 delivery charge for each issue. Long discussion on the merit of the Chronicle and the costs. It was restated that the objective is to break even with advert pricing. Absolute deadline Thursday 19th March for April edition. Hopefully, there will be no overtime printing costs involved. It was agreed to publish the April edition and then review costs again.

6. Projects & Events.

- 1) **Clean Up Cove & Altens** booked for 18th April. ACC equipment will be provided.
- 2) **Tree of Hope.** There was a long discussion in respect of how it evolves. Subgroup of MW, RC and MMcP to discuss. Reply to email from ACVO re use of funds and progress will be discussed.

7. Planning & Alcohol Licensing

Ongoing discussions regarding ACC proposals for South Harbour link roads.

8. Correspondence

- 1) All emails circulated.
- 2) ACC/Use of Cove Library space. No further progress.
- 3) Social Media & Website. Nothing to report.

9. Elected members updates.

AN stated that all flags on lampposts must be taken down. With elections due in May there can be no political statements. Normal constituency business.

10. AOCB. MW highlighted the Garden Party nominees and ongoing discussions.

11. Close of Meeting. Date of next Meeting. 30th March 2026 – online.