

Chairman's Notes

The season of good will is rapidly approaching and when it arrives let's hope it will be so.

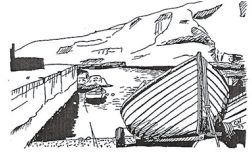
Christmas Festivities

Hopefully you enjoyed our Concert and are now appreciating the Tree and lamp-post decorations giving a festive feel to our Community. This was only possible due to the generosity of Michael Robb Accountancy and Taxation Services, Ltd who sponsored the Community Christmas Tree and Councillor Kate Dean who donated money from her ward budget to help towards the cost of the festive lights on the lamp-posts.

Loirston Annexe Despite rumours it is still open and hopefully this much needed facility, despite Council cut backs, will continue to provide a service to our Community. It will, from April 2012, have to be run by a volunteer management committee similar to that which currently operates at Altens and Inchgarth Community Centres. Whilst a steering group has been set up much more needs to be done by the Council in order to guide, train and support this fledging group to take over and successfully run this centre. In addition the Council will have to carry out any necessary repairs to the property before it can be handed over. Even at this late stage the Council has still not issued a finalised version of either the Model Constitution or the Building Lease. This is not something that can happen overnight and I hope the Council with its staff reduction and restructuring will reappraise its programme to ensure an orderly hand over and a successful future for the centre.

Vandalism Hopefully the dark nights will not lead to an increase in vandalism. I would ask parents to highlight the cost to us all of

wilful damage to property and the need to respect other people's property.



Planning Plans have been submitted to turn the electricity Sub – Station on Langdykes Road at the entrance to Cove into more of a depot for Plant and Vehicles It would be surrounded by a high security fence and all existing screening bushes would be removed. We are concerned that this would dominate the main entrance to Cove and lead to an increase in traffic.

New Year Resolution Why not make a resolution to put something into your Community by joining our Cove in Bloom team or even our Community Council. Give it a thought!

Roads Whilst repairs have been carried out in Strathburn Street we still await and are chasing up the Council to carry out the outstanding works on Cove Road, Loirston Road and at the bridge into old Cove before the onset of wintery weather. If you have any others areas which give you concern phone or email the Council.

Thanks I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our advertisers, our printers and all those involved in the production and delivery of the Chronicle. Without your support there would be no Chronicle. This is truly a Community effort of which we should be proud.

Season's Greetings May I take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best throughout the Festive Season and in 2012.

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