

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 20th June 2019 at Pitmedden Primary School

Present: Garth Entwistle (Chair)
Colin Duncan
Paul Bailey
George Bruce
Rob Henderson

Also Present: Cllr Andrew Hassan, Cllr Paul Johnston, Amanda Roe Interim Area Manger.
Tillycorthie residents: Philip MacDonald; Dr Sigh, Julie Macdonald; Angela Douglas; Williamina Cousins; Sheila T Thomson; Rob T Thomson; John Douglas.

Chair: Paul Bailey

Scottish Police Report PC Douglas Donald 6421 advised of a Vandalism incident in Pitmedden Park where the Containers have been subject to graffiti spraying. Police are seeking any witness to this activity.
Car Parking at Haddo Medical centre issues.
Alleged Drug use in Pitmedden Park, investigation proved unfounded.
Police are monitoring the area for Hare Coursing activity. Apparently common in areas north of Udney but now reason to suspect this activity has moved into Udney.
Observation of a number of persons with Lurcher's have been seen in the area while no observation of actual Coursing as yet.
Copies of Moveable vehicle activated signs for review as requested by George Duncan.

Apologies: Cllr Gifford, Peter McAllister, George Duncan Heather Black, Matt Kaye

Minutes: Minutes from 16th May meeting approved. Proposed by Garth Entwistle, seconded by Paul Bailey. Copy forwarded to Aberdeenshire council.

Declaration of Member's Interest None Declared

New Items Tillycorthie Mansion House/Castle APP/2019/1179 –

- Philip MacDonald presented on behalf of Tillycorthie residents, 10 in attendance, their latest observations regarding apparent and repetitive misrepresentation within the 3 Tier application. UCC on review a reworked planning application. UCC agreed to conduct a brief Sub Group meeting at conclusion of the current meeting.
- Amanda Roe, Interim Area Manager, advised of ongoing review of UCC response letter to 3 Tier. Formal response shall be forwarded to Chair and Secretary on completion.
- As of the above meeting date Planning applicant 3 Tier had not requested attendance to UCC meetings to discuss or present their case with UCC.

Cairnfechel Farm issue.

- Garth had circulated to UCC members a written response from JKR, owners of Cairnfechel farm providing a full explanation of current activities along with indication of their further plans. JKR advised that Cairnfechel would be the family farming business satisfying the family passion for farming. Regarding the issues raised by near neighbours JKR indicated a letter is to be written to Cairnbrogie cottage residents to explain the activity to date and going forward.

Udny Green Parking Issues.

- As a result of the previous meeting with residents an option / preference board had been created. As a result further action shall be to present these conclusions to the 4-5 people who complained about car parking issues on - provisionally - Tuesday 2nd July at 7.00pm in Udny Green Hall in the company of Ian Daniels, the roads engineer for Formartine. An invitation shall be extended to all Udny Green residents in due course.

Empowering Communities Event – implications for UCC.

- Garth and Paul had attended. Presentation of information on future recognition and empowerment of Community Councils proposed by Scottish Government. Indicative of a raised level of interaction / collaboration with local council managed activities related to relevant communities. Indication being that Community Councils shall have a higher level of engagement with subsequent need of skills to meet the expectations. Further information shall be forthcoming over time.

Tidy Village Fund Application

- Application has been lodged with Aberdeenshire council providing the scope of work proposed. Acceptance of proposal and subsequent approval of grant to be advised. In the interim, with help from our UCT staff, community youth groups have been contacted seeking volunteers to fulfil the role of Litter Pickers within Pitmedden.

Update of items from previous month

Road Safety Issues

Police response to issue raised by George Duncan regarding the number of accidents at the junction with the B999 north of the village shows that Police recorded incident figure currently at three.

Udny Green Memorial Hall

Nothing to report.

Udny Green

See **Udny Green Parking Issues** above.

Pitmedden

.Bonnyton Development application progressing through Planning process. Aberdeenshire Roads department updated the application on 18th June indicating their stand on Ingleside junction layout proposal made by Kirkwood Homes.

Community Turbine	Ongoing and working well.
Community Trust	Replacement for Eleanor has commenced work in the UCT office. UCC Chair and secretary shall make contact and introduction over the coming weeks
Amenities Trust	Due to meet again in August 2019.
Paths Project	Inclusion of Paths group in a proposed joint meeting for later in 2019 has been agreed.
Speed Indicator Signs	Advised of a vehicle activated Reduce speed sign on the A920 approaching the SauchenHill lodge corner is not functioning. Roads department to be approached requesting repair of this unit. Action – Colin Duncan
Udny website	Proposal for an enhancement which shall allow users to register for automatic notification being reviewed. Continued use in publishing UCC and matters of interest to Udny community.
Finance... Internet banking.	Completed and up and running.
Pitmedden Street lighting	Street lighting issues at south end of village have been investigated and the Council will replace the lighting diffusers in due course. Colin Duncan shall contact Street lighting department seeking schedule of work.
Hattoncrook Defibrillators Situation	These are to be located at side of Farm Shop, completion pending suitable time to complete required installation.
Planning applications	The Ingleside development OP2 site- advised that application shall be up for review on 21 st June.
Notable items	A Tree preservation order has been placed “The mature Sycamore at Maplebank, Udny is highly visible within the surrounding landscape and due to the proximity to residential properties is considered to be at risk.” Therefore in the interests of visual amenity it is considered appropriate to ensure this tree is given long term legal protection

AOCB

A proposal to convene a Joint, UCC, UTC, PAT meeting early in the UCC new Business year, September 19th proposed with invite being extended by UCC. (Check with PAT bi monthly meeting schedule). UCC members supported this proposal.

- UCC new calendar year meeting dates and venue distributed with notice of alternative venues where dates coincide with School holiday dates. Colin Duncan shall request alternative venue confirmation.
- Request for a New UCC notice board, agreed by council members. Suggestion to approach Bob Bamlett regarding advice on purchase and installation as Bob has previous experience.. Action – Colin Duncan.

UCC Planning Sub meeting minute

On closure of main meeting a sub group consisting of Colin Duncan; Paul Bailey and Garth Entwistle to consider if any further action from UCC required regarding information presented by Tillycorthie residents earlier in the evening. Points considered:

- *Had Information presented by Tillycorthie residents' presentation indicated points of concern beyond those included on previous letter of objection?*
Apparent consistent submission of false statements and incorrect measurements despite these errors being highlighted in objections and Aberdeenshire Council roads a concern. Proposal to reduce the wall height at entrance, ref APP/2019/1179. UCC agreed that this would be detrimental to residents of Tillycorthie through increase in road noise along with loss of the character of a B listed property where the symmetry has complemented the estate for over 100 years. There was no significant value in the proposal which would address road safety concerns previously cited
- *Where new concern identified, did it warrant further objection by UCC.*
- A traffic survey executed and allegedly agreed by Aberdeenshire council had been conducted over a period where there had been road closure at Potterton. Diversions in place during this period transferred north and southbound traffic to the A90. This closure would have a significant impact on traffic volume passing through the Tillycorthie section. Thus misrepresenting volume and speed of through traffic
- *Agreement by Sub Committee to compose a further Letter of Objection by UCC based upon points identified above..*

Next Meeting **Thursday 15th August at Udney Green Village Hall.**

