

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 15th November at Pitmedden School

- Present:** Garth Entwistle (Chair)
Paul Bailey (Deputy Chair)
George Bruce
George Duncan
Colin Duncan (Secretary)
- Also Present:** Dani Robertson, George Allan
- Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Hassan, Cllr James Gifford.
- Chair:** Garth Entwistle
- Minutes:** *Minutes from September 2018 Approved. Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by George Duncan..*
- Dani Robertson** S6 student with an interest in Udney history advised of her ambition to present a display of Udney history open to all. Dani was seeking support in this project. Council members indicated support of Dani's project, advising that the Community Trust may be in a position to assist in funding support of the Display with support of the UCC. Members also provided a few contacts where local history may be obtained. Matter was closed with the understanding that Dani would work on the proposed presentation with completed project being submitted on a request for funding.
- George Allan** George represented a recently formed group engaging Carbon Reduction. Advised of an opportunity for a partially funded 'Fuel Efficient Driving' session for a maximum of 15 attendees. George was seeking support of the UCC in the handling of the outstanding balance due to the provider of the Training program due to the Carbon Reduction group not having banking arrangements setup at present. UCC agreed to be intermediary in the receipt and transfer of the outstanding balance payable to the company providing the training. UCC treasurer to engage with George in arranging the process required.
- Scottish Police Report** Nothing received. Colin Duncan shall contact Regional Police office requesting a monthly report of relevant Udney activity
- Declaration of Member's Interest** None Declared
- New Items** Demonstration of online survey functionality postponed, new date to be advised. Change of street lighting recently installed in Pitmedden. Concerns have been raised by residents over the apparent reduction in illumination. UCC supports these concerns and secretary has contacted Aberdeenshire Roads / Lighting department requesting specifics of the new versus previous illumination standards. No response to date.

Road Safety Issues	Nothing new to report (see 'Speed Indicator Signs' in section below.
Udny Green Memorial Hall	Nothing to report.
Udny Green	Nothing to report.
Pitmedden	Imagine Udny consultations taking place November 15 th through November 17 th . Discussion on potential of reintroducing the Youth Café. Opinions varied, decision to defer until the Image Udny outcomes are known.
Community Turbine	Turbine continues to work well and continues to generate significant sums for the community
Community Trust	<p>Christmas Lights - Approvals received from Aberdeenshire council. Passed onto the Trust who manage the installation activity.</p> <p>Village Tidy/Village Orderly - Colin pursuing current status with Community Trust. Shall report back through e-mail prior to the next meeting in January 2019.</p> <p>Defibrillators -Hattoncrook unit has been 'misplaced' due to renovation work at its location. George Duncan shall follow-up with owners of the location. Light has been repaired / replaced in the Udny Green location curtesy of George Duncan.</p> <p>Regarding insurance of Defib's, Colin has been in contact with Tarves council who have already arranged insurance. Colin pursuing required activity.</p>
Pitmedden park	Agreed to change this to read Amenities Trust (Park and Hall)
Paths Project	Letter to be sent by secretary to Steve Baguely with our thanks regarding the opening of new path through the castle grounds. It was noted that there was a general lack of information regarding paths in general. Require a map and a means of making public for all to see. Colin D to pursue with Paths group to explore options.
Speed Indicator Signs	<p>Proposed locations for new 'poles' to accommodate speed activated signs to be submitted to the appropriate department of Aberdeenshire council by UCC Secretary. If proposal adopted the intention is for Aberdeenshire council to install the poles at requested locations in readiness for the application of the speed-activated lights.</p> <p>Matt Kaye shall provide map of current Udny boundary enabling the reference points for Pole placements. George shall forward the council contact to the UCC secretary.</p>
Udny-online - survey functionality	As per text on 'New Items' above, demo postponed, date TBA. Action Rob Henderson
Pitmedden News article -	Article submitted ready for publishing in upcoming issue.

Udny website	CC reviewed what is happening to old domain. Udny.org.uk Pitmedden News requires a good site. Currently, its Wordpress site is only "temporary". CC agree to the transfer of the site to Pitmedden News. Matt Kaye to be asked to release it. Colin Duncan to contact Pitmedden news with a no cost offer.
Finance... Internet banking.	Current status TBA by Rob Henderson
UCC Constitution	Awaiting approval by Aberdeenshire Council. Colin shall contact the council requesting current situation.
Planning applications	Nothing which required CC attention
Notable items	<p>A96 - Dual carriageway Inverurie to Huntly will not directly affect us. Communication from Dr Hastings contesting elements considered by Planners has been forwarded on to a relevant party by Paul Bailey. Awaiting a response. Reply to Dr Hastings with response and advise of closure of UCC involvement. George Duncan attended forum on 13th November, has confirmed that proposals shall not have any impact on Udny. No further involvement by UCC.</p> <p>Street lighting change, concern raised by residents of Bothwell/ Allathen park, (see New Items' above).</p>
AOCB	<p>Strategic Development Plan - Main Issues Report - Wednesday 14th Nov - attended by Colin And Paul. Nothing new presented other than confirmation of SDPA agreement to final content in August 2018 and decision ratified by both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire council in September 2018. Representations may be submitted up to midnight of 27th December 2018 for consideration. Conclusions and recommendations to then be presented to the Scottish Government. Next meeting 6th February 2019.</p> <p>Noted that listing of Scotlands Funding Finder to be copied to Rob Henderson. Colin to action</p> <p>Snow Wardens - Colin to review previous communication from Council. Establish requirements regarding training. Copy onto council members</p> <p>Colin proposed that a regular meeting of Udny Community Council, Udny Community Trust and Amenities Trust be arranged. Apparent scope for sharing information, supporting projects through shared resource, allowing a true Community approach to issues, short term and long term. Colin to contact each group to establish potential.</p>
Next Meeting	January 17 th 2019. Udny Green Primary School - 7.30.

May I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2019.

