

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 17th January 2019 at Udney Green School

Present: Garth Entwistle (Chair)
George Bruce
George Duncan
Colin Duncan (Secretary)
Matt Kave

Also Present: Cllr Andrew Hassan, Cllr Paul Johnston. Udney Green residents, Jeannie Price, Eve Vanderende, Holly

Chair: Garth Entwistle

Apologies: Paul Bailey, Heather Black

**Udney Green
Parking Issues:**

Representation from Udney Green raised the subject of Parking in and around Udney Green. Numerous photographs of 'typical' inconsiderate and illegal parking examples were shared. Concerns were expressed over safety, residents inconvenienced by blocking of driveways, obstruction of highways by parking on corners of carriageway, parking around the Castle access splay plus parking on opposing sides of carriageway impeding flow of traffic through restriction of adequate passageway for through traffic. Parking on the pavement in front of the Village hall. Parking provision adjacent to the Primary School regularly underutilised. Discussion on varied proposals ensued, from the application of 'Parking Mats' embedded on the Village green; Herringbone type parking, Parking restriction enforcement (signage and road markings) and introduction of a one way system. As discussion progressed it was proposed that the Issue be taken up by the UCC in conjunction with Udney Green residents to determine 'most suitable options' at a separate meeting. Those options to be put to the Udney Green residents to determine consensus prior to putting the matter before Aberdeenshire Roads department.
Meeting date and location to be arrange by Garth with invites to the UCC sub-committee and relevant Udney Green residents.

Minutes: *Minutes from November 2018 meeting Approved. Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by George Duncan (from December email circulation process due to duration between meetings over festive period.) Copied to Aberdeenshire Council.*

Scottish Police Report After secretary made contact with Regional Police office we were advised of a new Community Officer being appointed to Udney, T/ sergeant Lyndsey Penny. Officer Penny contacted the secretary with an introduction. Secretary advised Officer Penny of the January meeting, time and location, acknowledging the priorities for our Police force but requesting a briefing on Udney Police activity should attendance be an option. Nothing forthcoming. **Secretary has taken an action to contact Officer Penny requesting an update of a Pitmedden local disturbance, week of 7th January involving a large number of youths**

Declaration of Member's Interest None Declared

New Items

- Demonstration of online survey functionality postponed again. **Secretary to Prompt Rob Henderson for firm date.**
- Defibrillator under UCC ownership, Insurance cover to be verified. Secretary advised this matter was still open. Current insurer

documentation does not interpret clearly. **Secretary shall engage with David Hekelaar who has finalised insurance cover for Tarves.**

- Strategic Assessment Data Collection completed by UCC members and submitted to Aberdeenshire council prior to the 28th December 2018 deadline. Receipt acknowledged.
- Community Council procedure regarding external contact interaction. *It was agreed that all Community council members, if contacted individually, regarding issues or requests of the UCC should determine the validity / relevance to the UCC then limit engagement with the 'requestor' to, clarifying the issue/request then advise that the matter shall be raised at the next UCC meeting. Any matter deemed urgent should be conveyed to all UCC members via email. The requirement for extraordinary meeting may be determined and arranged to suit.*

Road Safety Issues	Speed and parking remains an issue in Pitmedden and Udney Green. <i>Secretary to engage with UCT. To determine outcomes from the PAS program which may lead to action points to take to Aberdeenshire Roads department. Udney Green issues as noted above.</i>
Udney Green Memorial Hall	Nothing to report
Udney Green	(Parking Issues, opening note).
Pitmedden	Arrangements for Dani Robertson to meet with Bill Johnston to share ideas on the proposed "Pitmedden History Display". Imagine Udney / Pas report due January / February 2019.
Community Turbine	There was mention of new legislation being introduced regarding Wind Turbine Supply management. To be reviewed by Turbine trust. Turbine continues to work well and continues to generate significant sums for the community
Community Trust	Village Tidy/Village Orderly - Secretary has communicated with Community Trust. Awaiting creation and submission of 2018 report. Application for 2019 shall be actioned in due course. Defibrillators -Hattoncrook unit has been located, currently with Eleanor in Trust office. Agreement for reinstalling once location preparation has completed.
Amenities Trust	Advised that final steps in progress regarding finances of the newly formed Amenities trust.
Paths Project	UCC advised of recent Court of Sessions ruling by Lord Woolman which exposes Community Councils to Legal Action. Consideration of any upcoming, past actions taken by / on behalf of the Community council would best be reviewed in light of this ruling. Copy of P&J article held by Secretary, extract below plus Link to Court of Session case below. Secretary shall contact James Davidson, Aberdeenshire Access Officer regarding this ruling. Shall raise this at Joint Forum of 6th February.



<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/search-judgments/judgment-search?indexCatalogue=court%2Dof%2Dsession%2Djudgments&searchQuery=Connel+Community+Council&wordsMode=0>

- Speed Indicator Signs** UCC proposal submitted to Aberdeenshire Council has had a response. Response contains the council policy statement with a number of justifications as to the rejection of most all locations in UCC proposal. *It has been agreed that a subcommittee be formed to address this matter. Thursday 24th January 2019 7:30, Trust Office, Old Meldrum Road.*
- Udny-online - survey functionality** As per text on 'New Items' above, demo postponed, new date TBA. **Action Rob Henderson / secretary.**
- Udny website** Matt Kaye advised of the need to engage Rob Henderson to resolve the Website 'HOST' issue enabling the release the Udny.org.uk domain to Pitmedden News. **Matt shall make contact with Rob.**
- Finance... Internet banking.** Issue with Banks actions in transfer of Signatories. Matt and Rob to arrange a joint visit to resolve.
- Pitmedden Street lighting** Concerns raised by residents regarding the new LED street lighting was discussed. Secretary had made contact with Aberdeenshire Street Lighting officer. Assurances were made that lighting design is in compliance to BS5489. It was acknowledged that lighting levels can vary depending on the design class used. Paul Johnston advised that the program had been designed to use lighting of the same LUMEN / 'LUX' output as that of the original Sodium lights. It was questioned that the area of projected light was suitable for single sided carriageway lamp standard design. It was suggested that the angle of projection be queried with Lighting Department. Previous

communication from Lighting department had indicated the Standard only required the illumination of the carriageway and the footway. Some areas of footway appear to be devoid of illumination raising safety concerns.

Secretary shall re-engage to enquire regards options available.

Snow Wardens 2018/2019 program had a requirement for volunteers to register by October 2018 for training and provision of supply of equipment. It was agreed that the 2019/2020 program (assuming continuance) shall be promoted with higher profile to Undy residents.

UCC Constitution Receipt acknowledged by Carol Crawford. Advised approval pending review by Kasia Belina. **Secretary to make contact requesting update.**

Planning applications Nothing which required CC attention

Notable items

- Unlock Our Future Fund (VATTENFALL) Fund. It was acknowledged that UCC did not have any projects current or planned which could benefit from this fund. Funding program has been noted for future reference.
- Colin Duncan indicated he would attend the Joint Forum scheduled for 6th January 2019, Old Meldrum School, commencing 7pm.

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-Councillor Andrew Hassan wishes to extend a sincere thanks to all who contacted him to wish him well during his recent ill health.

- Discussion took place regarding the position and communication between UCC, UCT and PAT. It was agreed that UCC, as the appointed party recognised by Aberdeenshire council, should be the 'leading group'. Communications and coordination of duties should be a collective activity with regular joint meetings with specific Agenda prepared to cover the joint interests.

It was agreed that these joint meetings should be incorporated into the monthly UCC meeting calendar. Number of UCT and PAT members attending to be determined through communication with each group seeking consensus. Initial Agenda shall be drafted by Garth Entwistle, Matt Kaye, Paul Bailey and Colin Duncan; provisioning an initial representation of each group.

Contact to be made with proposal to UCT and PAT by Garth Entwistle.

-Garth informed the council that the, now increasingly active, Environmental Carbon Reduction group have secured 15 places in a Fuel Efficient Driving tuition program. This being funded through the Udney Community Trust.

Next Meeting **February 21st 2019 at 7:30. Pitmedden Primary School.**

