

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 21st February 2019 at Pitmedden Primary School

- Present:** Garth Entwistle (Chair)
George Duncan
Rob Henderson
Colin Duncan (Secretary)
Matt Kaye
Paul Bailey
- Also Present:** Cllr Paul Johnston, Cllr Jim Gifford; UCT members, Eleanor Morris and Mike MacDonald
- Chair:** Garth Entwistle
- Apologies:** George Bruce, Cllr Andrew Hassan, Heather Black
- Presentation by UCT, sharing activities past and present :** *Garth opened with an introduction sharing the background of the desire to establish a shared understanding and support across UCC, UTC and PAT. Establishing a program of joint meetings along with clear communication channels between UCC, UCT and PAT.*
Eleanor provided an informative summary of UCT purpose and function. UTC has a board of 7 and an administrative staff of 2. The trust is established in provision of ownership of assets in aiding the development of the Udney Area. The trust having a broad and general remit. The Udney Community Fund, managed by the trust, is to provide funding to 'suitable activities' within and close to the Udney parish. The trust being primarily a support function as opposed to having ownership of such 'activities'. UTC board meet regularly on the Last Wednesday of each month. UTC sponsored the 'Imagine Udney' program engaging PAS in presenting, collating and analysing the Udney resident's vision of Udney development. The Draft outcome documents are expected to be available early March. The initial review of documents shall be considered in a joint meeting between UCC and UTC at a date to be determined. It has been proposed that we engage with Piers Blaxter of Aberdeenshire Development, to present the Udney future planning desires related to Phase one planning.
- Minutes:** Minutes from January 2019 meeting Approved. Proposed by Garth Entwistle, seconded by Matt Kaye. Copy to be forwarded to Aberdeenshire council.. Action Colin Duncan.
- Scottish Police Report** **PC Emma Chalmers** provided a report, contents as follows. -
BREACH OF THE PEACE
January 2019
1 x reported for threatening or abusive behaviour, Pitmedden. – enquiries ongoing
February 2019
1 x reported for threatening or abusive behaviour, Pitmedden
1 x warned for drunk and incapable, Linsmohr Hotel, Pitmedden.
ASSAULT
December 2018
1 x reported for assault, Linsmohr Hotel, Pitmedden
January 2019
1 x reported for assault, Pitmedden.
VANDALISM
January 2019
1x reported for vandalism at Pitmedden School – Gymnasium window smashed.
THEFT
None reported.
HOUSEBREAKING
None reported.

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

December 2018

1 x reported for no MOT at CMB Autos, Pitmedden.

January 2019

1 x reported for no insurance, Pitmedden.

1 x reported for no insurance or MOT, Pitmedden.

1 x warned for careless driving, Pitmedden.

DRUGS

January 2019

1 x reported for possession of a class B drug at Bronieside,

Declaration of Member's Interest

None Declared

New Items

- Forum meeting of 6th February was attended by Colin Duncan. Grampian Fire Brigade gave a presentation of their broad remit and activities.. Points of interest were that out of the 24 stations in the area there is only 1 fully staffed, the balance being staffed by 'on call' fully trained staff. A thanks to all employers who support these members. We were informed that the Fire service are and have been for some time been supporting the Ambulance service with calls to cases where an ambulance would not be available for a longer period. The Fire service staff being trained in first aid, cpr and all vehicles carry a Defibrillator. A current plan, dependent on finances, is to obtain smaller emergency vehicles which would be suitable for a staff of 4. Current Fire Tenders require a full crew of 8. Training in the application of CPR is available through the Fire Service.

Road Safety Issues

Speed and parking remains an issue in Pitmedden and Udney Green. Subcommittee shared the Parking Options notes with the UCC. Questions were asked of Aberdeenshire councillors present on the proposal for the Community to signpost areas of parking restrictions and possible application of road markings. As to erection of signs, these would not 'enforceable' as they shall not be under control of Aberdeenshire Roads. It was noted that erection of signage by the community would require authorisation from the owners of the 'structures' to which signage would be mounted. Further review of proposals was required with intension t engage Udney Green residents response to the final proposals.

Udney Green Memorial Hall

Issues of 'ownership' of areas related to Udney Green Hall. Ownership dispute being resolved.

Udney Green

See ' Road Safety Issues' above.

Pitmedden

Engage with UCT in analysis of the Imagine Udney Draft report from PAS in preparation for engagement with Aberdeenshire Development staff. Draft expected by early March.

Community Turbine

Community Turbine continues to work well and continues to generate significant sums for the community, a um of approximately £1,000,000 has been generated to end of December 2018.

Community Trust

Village Tidy/Village Orderly – Snow Wardens, these activities shall be coordinated by the Community Council going forward. Village Orderly report for 2018 shall be completed and forwarded to the council by the Trust prior to the UCC adopting the request for 2019 grant and recruitment process.

Amenities Trust Paths Project

UCC to contact Stuart Ross regarding status on final steps regarding finances of the newly formed Amenities trust.

It was noted that the Paths Group are seeking to prepare a Map of the paths around Udney for public access. Paul Bailey has previously met with the paths group and shall again communicate with them. Rob Henderson indicated his willingness to dialogue with the group regarding Web accessed software options.

**Community
Council
Liability**

Aberdeenshire Legal department have issued an 'Information Note For Community Councils' regarding the 'Connell CC action for damages' and Lord Woolmans court of sessions ruling. Item for consideration being adequate insurance cover, see below.

Insurance

All the actions required to be taken by a community council in relation to insurance have not changed as a result of this judgment. It is the responsibility of a community council to ensure that it has the appropriate insurance cover, including public liability and legal costs, for any and all aspects of its activities or assets that it is responsible for. The community council must fully review and disclose this information to the insurance provider as per the Terms and Conditions of its policy (this would normally take place either annually as part of the renewal process or as a Mid Term Amendment) The individual policy can be checked for guidance. The community council must then check the proposed cover offered by the insurance provider to ensure that it is adequate for its purposes.

**Speed
Indicator Signs**

A further review of 'Speed Indicator Signs' required after previous proposals were rejected. A subcommittee shall be formed to review and propose a further plan to Aberdeenshire roads.
Secretary shall contact our Police force requesting vehicle accident records, time and location.

**Udney-online -
survey
functionality**

Survey functionality shall be shared by Rob Henderson with UCC secretary (Colin Duncan) enabling the creation of surveys gathering the opinions of our community on issue related to our community. *Action Rob Henderson / secretary.*

Udney website

Resolution in progress with relevant parties completing their respective actions in completing the transfer.

**Finance...
Internet
banking.**

Awaiting a further mandate from the Bank for completion by outgoing treasurer. Once in receipt by the bank, the final setup of the internet account shall occur.

**Pitmedden
Street lighting**

A further survey by UCC, taken across the streets in Pitmedden using a professional Light meter has been completed. The results were documented and, along with a map of the 'areas of most concern', forwarded to the Street Lighting Officer of Aberdeenshire Council. They acknowledged receipt and indicated their intention was to undertake night time inspection concentrating on the areas highlighted but will also take readings at other points for validation against the design model over the coming weeks. We are awaiting a reply on their findings.

**Defibrillators
Insurance**

Current Udney Community Council Insurance policy provides Damage or Theft cover. Due for renewal 31st March 2019. Continued cover has been validated.
Other matters regarding defibrillators: Hattoncrook Defib' has been 'displaced' due to renovation works. Unit is currently held within the shop as the protective cabinet has yet to be reinstated (the cabinet currently held in the Trust office Old Meldrum Road). This requires mounting and electrical connection. George Duncan has kindly offered to attend to this when timing has been agreed.

**UCC
Constitution**

Approval by Aberdeenshire has been received. This prompted an Extraordinary General Meeting which took place on 21st February 2019. Attending councillors agreed unanimously to adopt the Constitution, also agreeing to Post the UCC Constitution on the **Udny.online** website. **Action: Colin Duncan**

**Planning
applications**

Nothing from the weekly planning lists which required CC attention.
A matter was brought to the UCC attention regarding ground works underway at Coulliehare cottages. It was suggested that groundworks at the site were possibly outwith the consented designated use. UCC agreed to pursue this matter with Aberdeenshire Planning Department. In due course the Outcome shall be communicated to the originator and council members.

Notable items

- AWPR Regulations Consultation Letter. **Action: Posted on UDN.Y.ONLINE web site**
- Statutory Consultation – Aberdeenshire Off street parking Order, 2019 **Action: Posted on UDN.Y.ONLINE web site**
- Community Council Networking Event 28th September, Woodhill House. Topics suggestions to be submitted to Kasia Balina by 30th April 2019. UCC members to consider individually and discuss collectively.
- Funding News - Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants. **Action: Posted on UDN.Y.ONLINE web site**
- Small Communities Housing Trust. **Action: Posted on UDN.Y.ONLINE web site**

AOCB

- Date for UCC Annual General Meeting had been requested by Aberdeenshire council so as to arrange election schedule.
- UCC member agreed that the AGM shall be held on June the 20th at Pitmedden Primary School. Aberdeenshire council to be advised by UCC secretary.
- Communication regarding Community resilience groups had been received. On discussion, due to periodic blockage of culverts and flooding of the Bronie it was suggested this should be considered at our next monthly meeting. We were advised of an existing Flood alarm system provided by Aberdeenshire council. This apparently consists of a monitoring system (camera) of culverts in Pitmedden. Should the waters appear to be rising rapidly an alarm is raised by the monitoring station alerting the relevant services.
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- **Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Matt Kaye who for over 20 years has managed the role of UCC treasurer. Matt has now handed this role over to another capable member of the Community Council while remaining as an active member of the council.**
- **Eleanor advised us that she shall be departing from the UTC on 15th of March 2019. Eleanor's departure shall be a great loss to Udny as she has dedicated her time executing the varied tasks and duties with professionalism, always ready to engage and support in the broad and varied projects and activities. We send our sincere Thanks and Appreciation and best wishes for her future.**
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Next Meeting

March 21st 2019 at 7:30. Udny Green Primary School.

