

Annual General Meeting
21st October 2020

Held as Virtual meeting via MS Teams

(Due to extra-ordinary circumstances of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions)

Agenda

1. **Present:** Paul Bailey. - Chair
Colin Duncan - Secretary
Matt Kaye - Treasurer
Garth Entwistle
George Duncan
Claire Woodward
Rebecca Heidenreich

Also Present: Elaine Brown (Area Manager), Cllr Jim Gifford; Cllr Andrew Hassan

Residents present: Sandra Nichol; Jim Urquhart.

2. **Apologies.** ---. Cllr Paul Johnstone. Heather Black (resigned prior to meeting)
3. **Approval of the minutes of 2019 AGM.** Proposed by Paul Bailey. Seconded by George Duncan. (*Notice of approved amendment at point 6 Verified Statement of Accounts*),
4. **Election / re-election of any office bearers.**
Chairman: Paul Bailey. Proposed by Colin Duncan, seconded by Garth Entwistle.
Treasurer: Matt Kaye. Proposed by Colin Duncan, seconded by Paul Bailey.
Secretary: Colin Duncan. Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by George Duncan.
All proposed candidates accepted respective officer positions.

5. **Annual Council report (Chair):**

I would like to thank all members for their support over this particularly difficult and challenging year, in particular Colin Duncan, our colleague, who keeps me right administratively.

The Community Council have embraced Teams technology which has meant that the Community Council has been able to continue to meet up virtually throughout the year. Thanks to Matt Kaye for his patience and understanding in getting Teams operational. This has been of a great benefit in keeping in touch and I believe we were unique in this respect as far as Community Councils in Aberdeenshire.

Before I get into the report per say I would like to take this opportunity to thank George Bruce for many years of service to the Community Council. George has now decided the time is right to retire and we wish him well as he hangs up his Community Council pen and paper.

There are three new members to the Community Council team, and I would like to welcome both Rebecca Heidenreich Claire Woodward, and Jillian Wood who came aboard earlier this year. Udney Community Council have now achieved full membership.

The annual elections, normally held in June each year have been postpone due to the current pandemic. Aberdeenshire council have confirmed that elections shall now take place in the spring of 2021, restrictions permitting. As such all UCC members 'term of office' has been extended accordingly.

Our thanks to the staff of Aberdeenshire Council who have been supportive in addressing the many issues resulting from the pandemic restrictions. Their support and engagement is much appreciated.

We would also take the opportunity to express our gratitude to our local councillors, Cllr Paul Johnstone, Cllr Jim Gifford, Cllr Andrew Hassan and Cllr Karen Adam who regularly attend our monthly meetings, providing advice and information within the constraints of Council confidentiality.

The Community Council have been involved in helping local families in conjunction with the Co-op and the Local Parish by issuing food vouchers through the FACE programme. Many Community Council members have been supporting their neighbours through the Covid pandemic and to date are still doing so. This is what community is all about!

The Community Council have been tenacious in securing the best possible outcome for the proposed re-opening of the Ingleside road safety issue. The Community Council has recently commissioned a further road safety survey with a final report due late October.

In general, we are keeping an eye on all local Planning Applications and will ensure that any potential issues are investigated thoroughly and in addition looking to secure developer obligations to enhance our local area and support local activity groups.

We are now in the process of constructing our own Facebook page to compliment the Udney Online web page and this should be up and running by early December 2020.

For the future we will be focussing on green and climate issues and shall be working with Udney Climate Action, engaging with and supporting their Action Plan Agenda. The purpose of the action plan is to both develop and to support initiatives to combat climate change and to reduce its harmful effects on the environment. The plan will cover a five year period from October 2020 and shall be subject to annual review. The ultimate goal shall be achieving a 'ZERO CARBON UDNBY' as quickly as we can. In addition, it is our strong belief that road speed limits need to be addressed and reviewed as a matter of urgency and it is our intention to prioritise this.

As I said earlier this year has been testing for all of us and I can only hope that 2021 is a better year. Looking forward to working alongside each and every one of you to collectively make our community a safer and more enjoyable to live.

Sincerely,
Paul Bailey
Chairman

- 6. Annual Verified Statement of Accounts:** Matt Kaye presented Statement of account for period ending 31st March 2020. Account being independently examined by Ms Karen Gardner. [*Approved Amendment. At AGM of 21st October 2020. Treasurer noted that there had been a discrepancy in the accounting period ending 31st March 2109 related to Petty Cash. The discrepancy had been identified post 2019 AGM, on the transition of accounts to Matt Kaye, assuming the Role as Treasurer on the resignation of Rob Henderson., Discrepancy has been rectified, with revised account independently examined and approved by UCC, copy to be forwarded to Area Manager.*](#)

Accounts were accepted by members present.

- 7. Report on Election 2020.** *Postponed provisionally to Spring 2021 due to Covid 19 Pandemic. Membership extended accordingly.*

8. **Approval of community council's Annual Budget.** Approval acknowledged at receipt of Budget notification June 2020.

9. **AOCB**

George Duncan tabled a proposal for an increase in the Secretary Honorarium as had been practise on previous years.

The proposal was answered in that the secretary and treasurer had previous conversation and agreed that the honorarium would remain as is in consideration of the proportion related to the Annual Budget received.

Closure of Meeting:

With no further business intimated the AGM meeting was announced as Closed.

With Thanks extended to all those present.