

UCC Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Treasurer's Notes

### **Microsoft Teams**

Microsoft Teams free (classic) was due to expire on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The new free Teams version was chosen by Matt as the initial way forwards, the current understanding being that relatively low cost subscription Teams Essentials version (which would have allowed file storage to be maintained and longer meeting times) would require every member to upgrade if they are to get the same benefits as well – this was considered to be expensive and unnecessary. Interestingly, the classic version of Teams is still in operation. File storage can easily be dealt with through other cloud storage systems such as OneDrive. The inconvenience of having future Teams meetings of only up to an hour (when using the free version) before having to start a new meeting is considered to be acceptable.

### **Website**

Matt had previously e-mailed Gail Henderson at Dev4 to arrange a meeting to discuss how best to move forwards with the website but with no response to date. However, this now needs to be discussed further in order to decide how we want to use our website and what procedures we need to be able to take on in order to keep the site up to date. There was also discussion over the fact that we still have (and pay for) our original domain name [udny.org.uk](http://udny.org.uk) registered and hosted by another company as well as the domain name ([udny.online](http://udny.online)) that Dev4 chose to register when they developed our website. It was agreed that the merits of this need further discussion with Dev4.

### **Improvements to Amenity of Towns and Villages funding**

The Explorer Scouts from the 1<sup>st</sup> Daviot-Oldmeldrum Group (16 Explorers plus leaders and a couple of parents) did an excellent job collecting 16 bags of rubbish in Pitmedden village. The donation of £250 has now been transferred to the Explorer Scout's bank account.

Our request to Aberdeenshire Council for them to purchase a Glasdon bench seat net of VAT (£585) on our behalf in order to make our grant funding go that bit further has finally succeeded after a phone call direct to Oliver Deeming who agreed to purchase the bench straight away and send us the invoice so we can repay part of the grant.

### **Finance**

The UCC current account balance is £1,675.61 of which all is committed funds, depending on how the Secretary and minute takers decide on how best to split the current Secretary's annual honorarium of £500.

The finalised accounts for the year ending end March 2023 had previously been circulated to allow committee members to raise any queries. No queries were raised so the finalised accounts will now be sent to the accountant to be verified, prior to presentation for approval at the June AGM.