

**Annual General Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Commencing at 7:00pm**  
**Held as Virtual meeting via MS Teams**

1. **Present:** Cllr Paul Johnston – acting AGM Chair  
Paul Bailey; Colin Duncan; Matt Kaye; George Duncan; Claire Woodward; Gary D Bruce,

**Also Present:** Cllr Jim Gifford; Cllr Andrew Hassan

**Residents present:** Julia Richards.

2. **Apologies.** ---. Claire Woodward advised of possible late attendance.

3. **Approval of the minutes of 2019 AGM.** Proposed by Matt Kaye; Seconded by Paul Bailey.

4. **Annual Council report (Previous Chair):**

2020 has been another challenging year as the COVID pandemic continues to interrupt our daily lives and dictate what we can and cannot do.

The council have continued to meet regularly each month via the Microsoft Teams application which all members are now confident to use. This year we have supported Udney Climate Change to raise the different issues that we all face and how we can reduce our own carbon footprint. The council purchased a number of trees earlier this year through the Village Tidy scheme which UCA kindly planted for us.

The Ingleside Road opening issue is still ongoing however we are optimistic that we will keep the junction as safe as possible. A proposed quarry near to Newmachar is under our investigation and the Community Council are giving full support to the local community.

The council have now taken over the 3 De-Fibs located at Hatton Crook, Udney Green and Pitmedden church and have been added to the National Data base.

Speeding traffic through the village of Pitmedden has been an issue and Police Scotland have launched Operation Illustrious which will focus on this issue around Northeast Scotland.

I would like to thank all our members for their hard work over the past year, some have decided to step down and I would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a pleasure to work with you all and thank you for all your hard work and valuable contributions. A special mention to Colin, our secretary who keeps me informed and has a challenging job in doing so.

We have some new people joining us this year, thank you for volunteering and wanting to make a change to the place we call home. I look forward to meeting you all via Teams and in person when we can.

Here's to a year ahead when we as a Community Council can make a difference and support our area and its residents.

5. **Annual Verified Statement of Accounts:** Matt Kaye shared the Statement of account on screen for all attendees to view for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Account being independently examined by Ms Karen Gardner. The end of year Account balance being £1,485.71

Motion to accept accounts by Colin Duncan, seconded by Paul Bailey.

Subsequent question then raised regarding the Domain fees noted and a date range typo in the second entry was discovered by Treasurer and that the sums stated covered two years to Sep 2021. This typo will be corrected before submitting the accounts. The annual fee was perceived as being relatively high with respect to the admin budget and it was agreed that contact be made with the Domain provider to see if this can be reviewed for future payments.

6. **Report on Election 2020.** Chair Cllr Paul Johnston summarised events leading up to the AGM, those being that the first round elections did not provide sufficient nominations to provision a council. A second run subsequently provided a total of six members thus allowing the formation of the UCC. Cllr Paul Johnston read out the names of all members now forming the UCC and wished them well. Advising that his role as Chair shall transfer to the new Chair nominated and seconded in re-election process.

7. **Election / re-election of any office bearers.**

**Chairman:** Paul Bailey. Proposed by Colin Duncan, seconded by Matt Kaye.

**Treasurer:** Matt Kaye. Proposed by Colin Duncan, seconded by Paul Bailey.

**Secretary:** Colin Duncan. Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by Matt Kaye.

All proposed candidates accepted respective officer positions.

8. **Approval of community council's Annual Budget.** This matter shall be deferred until the next UCC meeting being 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

9. **Community Council Constitution amendment proposals.** None tabled.

10. **AOCB:** Nil.

**Closure of Meeting:**

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

Thanks expressed to Cllr Paul Johnston in Chairing the AGM; with Thanks extended to all those present.