

Udny Community Council Meeting

22nd May 2024

Venue – The Medan Centre, Pitmedden

Present:

Sue Hebenton – Chair, Matt Kaye – Treasurer, Conor McEwan (Minutes), Cllr Jenny Nicoll, Cllr Andrew Hassen, Cllr Derek Ritchie

Non UCC Visitors:

None

Apologies

Gary Bruce, George Duncan, Vikki Jannetta, Alexina Clark

1. Previous Minutes

Approved by: MK

Seconded by: SH

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Non UCC Visitors

As above.

4. Declaration of Members Interests

None.

5. Urgent Business / Any Other Business

Claymore Housing

Teams meeting scheduled for 28th of April at 8pm. Meeting is in regards to planning permission near the Haddo Medical Group building. Meeting has been set up by Laura Dingwall from Aberdeenshire Council. There is currently no live application for the site. Claymore Housing indicate that they don't want to install Hub and will not build a community hub on site R2.

6. Police Report

A letter has been received from Police Scotland in regards to attending community council meetings.

Police Scotland are facing many budgetary challenges in the coming financial year.

Due to these financial challenges, Police Scotland has needed to make difficult decisions to ensure that their core capabilities are maintained and that focus remains within the operational environment. As such they have had to renew non-essential deployments across their divisions and will only be attending Community Council Meetings as an exception.

Police still commit to having a visible presence in their dedicated beats, promoting a visible deterrent and responding to crimes.

7. Treasurers Report

Statement of accounts for the year to end of March 2024 was presented by Matt Kaye. The accounts are drawn up by Matt Kaye and examined/verified by an independent accountant for presentation at the AGM. Closing balance was of £695, £250 of which was cash. Figures are similar to last year and are to be presented in June at the AGM.

A proposal has also been submitted to Claire Young (see attached) to apply for the 2024 Formartine Area Committee Village Amenity grant of £775, in accordance with the decisions made at our April meeting.

8. Udney Climate Action Update

Next Swap Shop is Saturday 29 June.

Working with Threads and Yarns to run the next Craft Workshop on 1 July, this is our fashion workshop.

Hosted 2 Udney Repair Café's which were both a success, we are hoping to do more Repair Café's in the community.

Ink Bin is set up in the Quarry Room in The Medan Centre, people are welcome to put their old ink cartridges in there, they will be sent off to be recycled / refilled, any income from this will go to UCA to help towards fundraising to keep some of our projects going.

Willow has been planted at the Tree Nursery. We also helped Meldrum Academy plant some trees.

UCA are looking for volunteers to volunteer for a free, whole house retrofit assessment. The results of the project will then be shared in the parish.

9. Udney Community Trust Update

All our regular groups are running – Baby and Toddlers, Health Walk, Quiet Games, Open Doors and Waist Watchers.

We are looking forward to welcoming Kai Dutton to our team on 4 June. Kai will be taking on the role of Community Engagement Co-ordinator and will be reviewing Imagine Udney. The project is called Imagine Udney: Past ~ Present ~ Future. Kai will be

updating the existing Imagine Udney Action Plan, she will be contacting the Community Council to ask for input for a new survey to find out what people need from their community and she will be producing a new Action Plan.

Our Large Grant deadline is Monday 27th May and our Small Grant Deadline is 3 June.

Our long walk is planned to go ahead on 30 May to North Mains Farm shop.

Our Community Summer Fayre is on Saturday 29 June, there is an option for the Community Council to have a table / presence at the Fayre.

10. Udney Resilience Group Update

Phil has Emailed Catriona back in regards to the grant and is still awaiting a reply. An update from Newmech has also yet to be received on punch items to close out on the changeover switches. These are being chased down that the electrical safety documents can be issued and procedures for use rolled out.

11. Planning

Environmental report went up on 17th April.

Four residents have put in letters regarding this. Major rejection from one of the consultees as it is near a high-pressure pipeline.

12. Matters Arising Single Election Date

Changing to single election date. This is to provide a consistent Aberdeenshire approach and moves the date away from local and national elections.

The AGM date does not need to be changed and will continue to be held in May/June each year.

Meetings can continue up to 18th September 2024 where all UCC members will need to step down and be re-elected.

13. New Items None

14. Notable items sent by email. None

**Next Meeting Wednesday 17th July
Meeting closed 20.41**