

Udny Community Council

Serving Our Community



For more detailed information go to [Being a Community Councillor | Community Council \(communitycouncils.scot\)](#) and [Community Council \(communitycouncils.scot\)](#)

Udny Community Council is an official body recognised by the Scottish Parliament and as such are privy to receive Information / notifications from Aberdeenshire council and other official sources which relate to and may affect the settlements within Udny Parish. The Udny parish represents Pitmedden, Udny Green and Hattoncrook inclusive of residents within the convoluted Parish boundary. (A boundary map is available for anyone interested).

www.gov.scot contains the following wording:

“Community councils are the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland. They bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent.”

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/community-councils>

The Community Council Framework.

Community Councils must represent all people in the area without prejudice. Therefore they should:

- Be non-party political and non-sectarian.
- Represent a full cross-section of the community and encourage the involvement of people regardless of gender, race, age, disability, nationality or sexual orientation.

Community Councils act as a voice for their local area. Their specific role can vary according to their local area's needs. Their size, in terms of area and population, differs across the country.

They must ascertain and express the views of the community to local authorities and other public bodies, and to take action which appears to be in the interests of its community. They can complement the role of the local authority but are not part of local government. They should have a positive working partnership with the local authority - therefore they must be informed on the council's policies, and keep the council updated on their activities.

Community Engagement

Every member of your community can be a valuable member of society with something to contribute.

Community Councils should attempt to engage with a wide range of people to create a large diversity of perspectives and insights which can help the Community Council to achieve more. Engaging community members in making decisions is also likely to make them more pro-active about their community's needs.

Community engagement is about building open and honest relationships between citizens and the Community Councils, based on mutual trust.

Being a Community Councillor.

Being a community councillor means you have shared responsibility for the success of the Community Council, even if you are not an office bearer.

You must commit to the role and uphold the standards and values of the Community Council.

All members should contribute to discussions and decisions concerning the work of the Community Council.

Community councils' roll in Planning.

Community councils have a statutory right to be consulted on applications for planning permission and the community council has a special role, representing a broader yet still local view which can be set alongside the comments of those with a more individual interest.

*UCC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month excluding July and December, commencing at 7:30pm. Venue shall be confirmed in advance of scheduled meeting. ***It should be noted that these meetings are open to the public.*** Contact: colinuccsecretary@gmail.com*

UCC Membership. 2022 – 2023

Office Bearers:

Chairman Paul Bailey

Secretary Colin Duncan

Treasurer Matt Kaye

Members:

George Duncan

Claire Woodward

Gary D Bruce

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Regina Hesdon-Noble

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