

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 2020. (postponed from 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Location:** Web Video (TEAMS) link 7:30pm\_

*Minute by: Colin Duncan*

**Community Council Member Attendees:**

Paul Bailey (Chair)

George Duncan

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Garth Entwistle

Matt Kaye (Treasurer)

Rebecca Heidenreich

Heather Black

**Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan

Cllr Paul Johnston

Cllr Jim Gifford

**Members of the Public:** Claire Woodward (proposed Co-Opt resident)

**Police report:** No report provided by Formartine Division. Paul B to contact re Status.

**Apologies:**

**Approval of previous minute:** June 17th 2020 meeting minute acceptance proposed by George Duncan, seconded by Paul Bailey

**Declaration of Member Interest:** None declared by current members. (Claire Woodward declared interest re LDP OP3 should Co-Opt action be carried)

1. **Proposal for Co-Opting Claire Woodward onto Udney Community Council.** No objections recorded, Claire Woodward duly Co-Opted as UCC member.
  - **Current term of elected members.** It was advised that Aberdeenshire Council have issued a notice of 'exception' due to impact of COVID restrictions.
  - No elections will take place for Community Councils for the year 2020/21;
  - Those Community Councillors who were due to reach the end of their 3 year term, can continue until the next election as a full elected Community Councillors if they wish to do so;
  - The percentage of co-options available to Community Councils will be raised to 40% (from 25%) of the maximum permitted number of members, but the number of co-opted members of the Community Council should not exceed the number of full elected members by more than 1; and
  - Community Councils should hold their AGM in October this year (if they have not already done so).

The election process for 2021/22 will commence in Spring 2021.

2. **Proposal of Constitution change:**  
*, MEETINGS section, 5.2. Meeting 'Day' change from third **Thursday** of the following months:- January to June and August to November to third **Wednesday** of the following months:-January to June and August to November. See Proposed Change document in Teams/Udny Community Council/UCC Committee Meetings/Committee Meeting 2020-07, file 'Proposal to amend the Constitution meeting day change July 2020.docx'.*  
**Members approved change. Colin Duncan to notify Area Manager requesting approval prior to adopting into Constitution.**
3. **Proposed LDP:** Update of previous extraordinary meeting provided, conclusion had not been reached due to only 3 members attending. Discussion opened with conclusion that a further extraordinary meeting be held on 24<sup>th</sup> July to finalise UCC determination.
4. **Bonnyton Farm development:** With confirmation of Kirkwoods alternative application being refused the topic of the Opening of Ingleside resumed. There was interest in the remaining process of Roads Order. Discussion was focussed on further options to contest the reopening decision. With the Roads Order outstanding and the process being that the Order comes before Formartine Area Committee it was suggested that a Survey of the junction be conducted on behalf of Undy Community Council. Any possible 'contrary' opinion would be permissible submission for FAC to consider. *Action: Matt K to contact possible source of Survey.*
5. **Pursuit of Ingleside closure records. Update on progress.** Colin Duncan advised that required files had been identified and request for retrieval submitted. Feedback was that due to Covid restrictions action may take some time. Advised that retrieval and copy in progress. Progress to be requested. *Action: Colin Duncan*
6. **Traffic Calming.** Due to ongoing issues it was decided to 'park' this issue meantime.
7. **Request for 40mph on sections of B999 around Pitmedden. .**  
Cllr Paul Johnston provided update of response from Aberdeenshire roads. The phasing of speed limits on approach to a 30MP was not accepted practice. Advised that policy is under review but suggestion is that outcome may not provide any benefit to our desire of traffic calming.
8. **Community Council Records retention.** Further records,2004 through 2017, received from Claire Young. Currently Archived on Colins PC. *Requires Backup, Action Colin D.*
9. **Tidy Village scheme 2020 – 2021.** Proposed application submitted and approved, Litter Pick £250, Paths maintenance £250, plus £100 toward planting of Beech trees on Drove road. *Note: Record activity, preferably photograph for promoting with*

*local communication and Aberdeenshire Council, mention of Council to be included in any publications.*

10. **Contact with our MSP** in it was suggested once again that contacting our MSP regarding the Bonnyton / Ingleside situation would as a minimum raise awareness of our current situation. *Action Colin D.*

11. **Notable Items received by email.**

- Issue reported by the Castle of Horse riders passing through the grounds leaving Horse manure on the pathways. Notice should be posted on Facebook and Udney.Online. *Action: ?*

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- UCC were advised of incidents around the footpaths around Udney Green / Pitmedden / Castle where a large 'camping knife' had been found embedded on a pathway with blade protruding upward. The knife had been found by a passing member of the public and removed. Photograph of the knife had been posted on Udney Green facebook. It had been mentioned that there was reportedly a level of friction regarding Bike riders around these pathways. There was concern over public safety should this incident be a wilful and malicious act. It was agreed that a notice of the situation be posted on the Facebook pages and Udney.online. *Action: Colin D.*
- UCC were advised that interest had been indicated in UCC membership by local resident Gillian Wood. *Action: Secretary to make contact.*
- Membership Attendance / Participation raised emphasising the need for a regular high level of attendance (noted that Constitution indicates that after 3 missed meeting the member may be disqualified). The subject of participation in current issues was essential particularly during periods of high activity. *Action: This matter to be addressed directly with any member failing to comply with expectation.*
- Matt Kaye raised a question regarding UDN.Y.ORG closure. Was advised that the Domain change was required. *Action: Paul J & Matt K to resolve.*
- Aberdeenshire Council contacted UCC re Pilot Project detailed below. Members agreed that we should indicate an interest in participation. *Action: Colin D.*

In light of Covid-19 and the potential difficulties faced by Community Councils in meeting online, the Improvement Service have advised that they have reached out to the Scottish Tech Army who are working on the early stages of a project which could lead to a website and social media support for Community Councils, along with the possibility of training and support in the use of virtual meeting software.

We've been asked to identify any Community Councils who would be interested in taking part in the initial project.

The work will cover three areas to:

- create a website template that CCs can use and easily update
- provide guidance and tips for CCs social media sites
- provide training and support for CCs using virtual meeting software

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Time: 7:30pm

Location: ***(TEAMS) Web Video Call***