

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: Wednesday 16th September - 2020.

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)

Claire Woodward

Jillian Wood

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Andrew Hassan Cllr Paul Johnston

Note: meeting started slightly later than scheduled due to TEAMS connection issue.

Police report: Councillors had been in discussion with Formartine Constabulary. Feedback to Councillors from Police imminent

Apologies: *None*

Approval of previous minute: August 19th 2020 meeting minute acceptance proposed by, Matt Kaye seconded by George Duncan

Declaration of Member Interest: Nothing declared.

New Items:

1. FCC Forum meeting of 26th August, UCC members had difficulty access meeting. Colin D. to enquire as to issue. Presentation by Ian Daniels (Aberdeenshire roads) copied on by Aberdeenshire council. Loaded onto TEAMS, Aberdeenshire Roads channel.
2. Use of Village Halls. Impacted by max 6 form 2 families. 'Shire council confirmed Halls are not exempted. Impacts original plan for AGM in Udney Green hall.
3. UCC Facebook page ... proposal had unanimous agreement recognising that a UCC Facebook page would have a greater scope for community engagement. Claire Woodward offered to assume responsibility for creation and administration of Facebook. It was agreed that restrictions would apply where 'posts' out with Council members would be blocked allowing a structure where UCC member posts were visible uninterrupted by external posts. Messaging from non-members would remain functioning as the means of communication. Communication between Claire, Paul and Colin regarding options, format and restrictions to be conducted week of 21st September 2020.

Update from previous meeting

4. **Community Impact Assessment - Ward 8 Discussion Forum:** Update from attendees. UCC members again had connection issues therefore no update available. Garth Entwistle had been involved in the subject of Village Halls advising that risk assessment was to be executed for Dr Spencer Hall in Udney Green with view to commence functions within COVID guidance. Discussion continued on **Subject of AGM on October 21st 2020** which had been planned for attendance at Dr Spencer Hall Udney Green should now be planned as a MS Teams web meeting due to current change in Guidelines and ongoing uncertainty of situation come October 21st.

5. **Kirkwood Homes Bonnyton Development (APP/2019/0753) ? Ingleside Closure.** On site meeting with Myles McGregor(MTS), Paul Bailey and Colin Duncan, 31st August 2020. Tour of all roads and proposed site conducted, photographed extensively by Myles. Report of findings/ observations to be provided with focus on terminology which best suits the unbiased findings. Draft report expected Monday 21st September. **Action: Paul Bailey to contact David Murray to enquire if he has any related documents.**

6. **Formartine Police Report.** Paul B advised that he had not received any response to his contact with Police. Cllr Johnstone and Hassan advised that they had been involved in a meeting with the Constabulary (Andy Scott) at which the matter of Community reports had been raised. The matter of providing community updates shall be reviewed and Councillors advised.

7. **Contact with our MSP.** Colin Duncan advised that correspondence with Gillian Martin MSP had been acknowledged and reply received. Copy of communication between (Jim Savage) Chris Ormiston, acting service manager and Gillian included in response. Refers to Roads redetermination order scope / criteria. Extract of notable interest from Gillian Martin's reply "identify any local councillors or planning officials who may have been involved with this process in 2002, and seek indirect testimony to include with the community council's submission. Even in the absence of the contemporary paperwork, someone must know why the decision was taken at the time." A copy of all parties attending the FAC meeting of 3rd of November 1998 where the relevant application was processed as Delegated approval. Councillors requested to review and make contact with all parties listed enquiring as to recollection of related events.

Planning Applications. No concerns noted for past 4 week period.

Notable Items sent by e-mail

8. **Views sought on Aberdeenshire Council Roads Policies review:** Aberdeenshire Council are currently reviewing the following three roads-related policies and would welcome the views of individual members of the public and interested organizations on our draft proposals. Consultation closes **Friday 2nd October 2020.** **Action: Sub Group to review note key points for discussion at TEAMS meet. (by 25th Sept). Copy outcome to full UCC for comment. (by 29th September latest). Response to be completed by October 1st.**

- 9** Pre-ApplicationConsultationChanges@gov.scot. Consultation. [Copies in new Channel in TEAMS](#). Link : [consultation paper](#)
[Consultation deadline 6th November 2020](#).

Information about the planning reform programme and the 2019 Act is available at:

www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/

Action: *Sub Group to be formed once Colin Duncan has completed initial review. Sub Group shall consider areas of positive or challenging impact. Prepare presentation for full UCC review. Present at October 21st 2020 meeting. Response to be submitted by 30th October 2020.*

- 10** [Udny Climate Action](#) – **ITEM MISSED AT MEETING**, Chairman to contact potential candidate to engage with UCA as representative of UCC. Report back to UCC at meeting of October 21st.

- 11** [Community Council Scheme Consultation](#): Current phase on Boundaries and membership numbers. Secretary shall locate and copy current Aberdeenshire calculation re Electoral population which determines Maximum membership numbers. Attending members advised that current active Boundary map can be found in Teams Udny Community Council > General channel. No concern over either matter noted.

- 12** [Consultation – Aberdeenshire Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy](#). Brief discussion as to purpose of consultation, Commnet made that this should be viewed for comment as Aberdeenshire wide, not specifically for Udny Parish. Secretary agreed to review, compile proposed response, and share with UCC members. On response from members complete the survey accordingly prior to deadline of September 21st.

- 13** [Aberdeenshire Infrastructure](#). Brief review of subject matter (reduction in repair and maintenance of Bridges, C & U class roads). **Action: Members advised to review the link provided on the Agenda for further information.**

[AOCB](#)

- 14** Advised that while Festive Street lighting shall still be in place the Annual Christmas lights switch event on shall not occur this year due to the ongoing COVID situation.

- 15** Scottish Border towns – 20mph speed limit plan. Advised to review in detail the Aberdeenshire Council Roads Policies Review documents considering safety benefits of Speed Reduction. Paul J commented on safety impact when 30MPH reduced to 20MPH. (further detail required). Speeding traffic through Pitmedden mentioned, observed predominantly by residents walking their children to School. [Spaces for People ... scotborders.gov.uk](#)

- 16** Noted that Ian Daniels (Aberdeenshire Roads) presentation from Formartine CC Forum has been copied into Teams > Aberdeenshire E-mails channel.

- 17** AGM – With Covid infections on the rise further restrictions have been applied. While the restrictions have numerous exceptions Community Council Meetings are not covered by these exceptions. AS the situation is unpredictable it was decided the UCC AGM shall proceed through the use of TEAMS. AGM to be held on Wednesday 21st October commencing at 19:00 using MS Teams platform. AGM agenda shall be followed as previous years; Chairman's report, financial statement etc. (A copy of the financial statement shall be sent as PDF file to the Aberdeenshire office). It is planned that the agenda shall not include

mention of Election other than confirming we have 4 Co-Opted members with acknowledgment that Elections shall commence in the Spring of 2021 restrictions permitting.

Use of Community Facebook pages and UCC web sites, along with community notice boards shall be used to advise the community of the AGM date and time and that it shall be WEB based virtual meeting. A request to provide an email address for those wishing to join the meeting through the MS Teams meeting shall be highlighted. UCC monthly meeting shall then proceed at conclusion of the AGM agenda.

- 18** Advised that Udney.Online had a server fault over period from 3rd September to 8th September. *Information only.*
- 19** Village Orderlies. £ 600 on deposit, £500 for Orderlies activity & £100 in lieu of Village Bloom contest. Program was £250 for Litter Pick (Daviot Explorer Scouts), £250 to Udney Paths Group for Project work, £100 for replacement of dead Beech trees on the 'Old Aberdeen Road' pathway. ***Matt Kaye shall speak with Daviot Scout group, also review the Beech tree replacement. Colin Duncan shall make contact with the Paths Group re current project program execution.***
- 20** Pilot for CC Websites. We have been advised that a further 8 community councils are required to sign up before this can be taken forward. 'Shire has contacted all CC's seeking further uptake. *Information Only.*
- 21** Accident on Tuesday 8th September, B999 / B9000 junction. Tractor /Trailer and motorbike involved in an incident apparently due to the motorbike travelling northbound attempting to overtake while the Tractor / trailer was turning onto B9000. Condition of the Motorbike rider is unknown at this time. *Information Only.*
- 22** Paul Johnstone advised he is in possession of past copies of the Pitmedden News, dating back to the 1980's. Question raised regarding possibility of Pitmedden news back copies containing anything relevant to the Ingleside closure. ***Cllr Paul J. advised that he would have a look at the early copies but noted that Planning was previous to the 1980's.***
- 23** Paul Johnstone advised of a fallen tree at the foot of Bellhaven road which requires branch trimming due to obstruction created on footpath. Suggestion is the NTS own the area in question. ***UCC members advised they would arrange for the required trimming to take place as soon as possible.***

Next meeting shall include our AGM. Due to Covid restrictions the AGM and following monthly meeting shall be conducted via TEAMS.

Meeting shall commence at 7pm on Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Notice of the meeting shall be posted on Udney Green and Pitmedden Facebook along with notice loaded to UDEY.ONLINE website. Aberdeenshire Council has been advised of UCC AGM date and time.

As UCC meetings are held in compliance as public; open and transparent it shall be clearly indicated that members of the public wishing to 'attend' our TEAMS meeting shall be required to provide an email address which shall allow our TEAMS administrator to include all those 'attending'.

