

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - 2020.

**Location:** Web Video (TEAMS) link. *minute by: Colin Duncan*

**Community Council Member Attendees:**

<u>Paul Bailey</u> (Chair)	<u>George Duncan</u>
<u>Colin Duncan</u> (Secretary)	<u>Garth Entwistle</u>
<u>Matt Kaye</u> (Treasurer)	<u>Claire Woodward</u>
<u>Rebecca Heidenreich</u>	<u>Jillian Wood</u>

**Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan Cllr Jim Gifford Cllr Paul Johnston

**Members of Public:** Emily Boast; Jim Urquhart.

**Police report:** See New Items - report of Formartine Forum 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Apologies:** Nil

**Approval of previous minute:** October 21st 2020 meeting minute acceptance proposed by Paul Bailey seconded by Garth Entwistle.

**Declaration of Member Interest:** none

**New Items.**

- **Police reporting update.** Aberdeenshire Formartine Council / Formartine Police proposal. *Police to report to Shire office, Shire shall divide by Parish and provide to CC's*
- **Rainnieshill – JKR Quarry, Public** (*[moved up schedule from 'Update of items discussed at Previous meeting' due to Members of public with interest in Rainnieshill consultation notice.](#)*) Consultation presentation advance copy received from Johnston, Poole and Bloomer on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Circulated to all UCC members plus Jim Urquhart, member of public with noted interest. Discussion identified a number of concerns regarding :-- 2.3Km distance cited as distance from quarry to Newmachar and Tillycorthie questioned, has been suggested this distance is overstated; -- concern over access roads capacity; -- School Bus pickup point at proposed junction , -- Potential routes of 20Tonne HGV's, restrict toward B979 junction (no right turn) ; -- Drawings and statements provided in presentation, in some cases, lack clear definition to fully assess proposal; UCC members deferred further discussion pending further information resulting from consultation event. Colin Duncan and Paul Bailey indicated their intention to request access to the ZOOM event.
- **PUT / UCTC / UCC - Village Floral Display / Finance.** (*[return to agenda sequence](#)*) Grants available, may be slight reduction over previous years. Budget currently with Area manager for review prior to submission for final approval. Acknowledged that selection available may be impacted due to the lateness of season. PUT to be approached, shall impact agreement to apply for grant on PUT behalf. *[Colin D shall contact PUT providing update on matters](#)*

- **Local volunteer engagement in landscape management.** A proposal for Landscaping to consult with settlements regarding local interest of volunteers in grass cutting, general boundary management etc. It was acknowledged that past season had presented a number of issues between the council and settlement volunteers, on occasion where Landscaping resource had attended an area only to find that local volunteers had previously executed required works, also acknowledged that Council had given direction that could have been more supportive. Consideration of PPE and Liability was critical along with evidence of training. None of these were seen as obstacles and willingness to explore further was noted. It was also confirmed that this was based on local settlements to manage areas of particular importance to the community and should not be seen as replacement for Aberdeenshire Council duties in landscaping ownership. *UCC member local to settlements to approach community to assess interest.*
  
- **Scheme of Establishment consultation, Latest update.** Due to be considered at full council meeting of 19th November 2020. *Members encouraged to view link and comment at next meeting.*  
<https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=1&meetid=19936>
  
- **Community Council page on the Our Aberdeenshire website.** Link:  
<https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/your-area/formartine/formartine-community-councils/>

Members advised of intended use for storage of Agendas / Minutes of Community Councils meetings which shall be accessible from this site.

### **General 'New Items'**

- **Local flooding of 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** Secretary shall meet with Aberdeenshire Roads and Landscaping (invite from Philip Leiper) on 25<sup>th</sup> November along with Cllr Paul Johnston plus representatives from the Bowling club and Allathan Park residents to visit and review the areas of significant flooding. *UCC updated once outcome determined.*
  
- **Formartine Area Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Agenda item 9, Climate Change Declaration Consultation. *UCC member's calendars prevented attendance.*
  
- **Introductory workshop: Gaining confidence with social media".** Colin D attended online session, session led by Diane Wild ScottishTechArmy member, provided extensive information on use of Facebook, help pages, enhancement of posts and much more. Copies of the Introductory and intermediate presentations have been entered into UCC TEAMS, General folder, sub folder 'Social Media resources info'

**Village Orderly Grant commitments.** March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to fulfil agreed activities. Challenge in scheduling activities prior to the deadline. Litter Pick; Paths Group sponsor activity and Tree planting. *Matt Kaye shall reach out to Explorer Scouts, Colin Duncan shall contact Paths Group. Tree saplings to be sourced with planting season to be confirmed.*

### **Update of Items discussed at Previous meeting**

- **UCC Facebook page creation**: Facebook now live. Next step shall be create a link through Udney.online website. *Colin Duncan shall contact DEV4 for guidance.*
- **Rainnieshill JKR Quarry** ... see update under 'New Items'.
- **Progress on Kirkwood / Ingleside Door Drop / Survey**. Update letter and Junction maps / diagrams have been forwarded for inclusion in the upcoming Pitmedden News digital issue. The same information shall be posted on the community Facebook pages, also published on Udney.online. Our original intention was to arrange a doorstep delivery, consideration of the COVID situation we resolved to use a digital means of communication. *Colin Duncan to post and upload to noted sites.*
- **Aberdeenshire Roads Policy Review**. *Colin D has drafted a letter for attention of Border Councillors enquiring after the challenges and obstacles encountered along their journey to achieving the 20MPH trail.*
- **Pre-Application Consultation Changes@gov.scot. Consultation** : Survey completed by Colin D. Copies sent to UCC members.
- **UCC LOGO**: Rebecca currently seeking a formal means of contacting the Schools and Children's groups seeking their participation.
- **ALDO registration**. Members confirmed that those who supplied information required now have access. Our thanks to Claire Young & team.
- **Presentation plan for our retired long standing member** Colin Duncan shall email our former member to establish a suitable time for a small group to conduct a Doorstep, socially distanced presentation.

#### **Notable Items sent by e-mail.**

- As requested by UCC Secretary Aberdeenshire Formartine area office have provided an updated Service Contacts listing for the Formartine area. List has been uploaded to UCC Teams under General tab '2020 Service Contacts for the Formartine Area.doc

#### **Finance report:**

- Matt Kaye, UCC treasurer provided an update of current account, with reserved amounts UCC account stands with a balance of £1000.

#### **Climate Action report:**

- Rebecca updated the meeting advising she had engaged with UCA, where a program of tree planting being favoured. Challenges are related to available 'green' sites where the future of the trees may be secured. UCA are seeking suitable land for purchase, Matt Kaye suggested he may have a possible location, Matt shall update in due course. Posting of the UCA interest in procuring land on the various Community Facebook pages had been proposed.
- A further consideration related to converting Oil Tank energy sources to Underground Heat Pumps was discussed. This process may seem a bit daunting to some therefore it was suggested that an open Skype session be planned allowing people to drop in and ask questions; or for a blog/Facebook type post created to inform people.

### **Review of UCC meetings:**

- Due to duration of current meeting it was decided to defer this item until our January 2021 meeting. Same expectation, different day! *Open and honest discussion. Refer to 'charts' emailed to all on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for guidance. Also available in our TEAMS under General, file name 'Meeting Structure Good \_ Bad.docx'.*

### **AOCB. (Including any Udry settlement / trust updates, issues.)**

- Road accident of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Denend junction approx' 0.5Km south. Road works concluded on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> afternoon. There was what appeared to be an excessive amount of loose chippings on the road surface. No speed restriction notices in place, only Skid Risk roadside signage. While we have no first hand confirmation that the loose chippings contributed to the accident it was agreed that the matter should be raised with Roads department. Colin D advised that Councillor Paul Johnston had already made contact and has received a response from Ian Daniels. It is felt that, while the response addressed each point raised there is a need for UCC to make representation to Roads regarding whether national speed limit is suitable at this area; question the appropriate policy which permits loose chippings on road surfaces when known to increase risk of skid.
- *Colin D shall discuss situation with Councillor Paul Johnston. Also formulate the response to Aberdeenshire Roads.*

### **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7:30pm [WEB meet via TEAMS](#)**