

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** Wednesday 17<sup>h</sup> March 2021.

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

## **Community Council Member Attendees:**

Paul Bailey (Chair) George Duncan

Colin Duncan (Secretary) Jillian Wood

Rebecca Heidenreich Garth Entwistle

## **Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan Cllr Jim Gifford Cllr

Cllr Paul Johnston

1. **Members of Public:** *Jim Urquhart*

### **Police report:**

- *Based on the Community Policing Priorities for the Ward 8 area, the month of February has seen 13 recorded crimes across the ward (this is not the number of calls the Police received to report incidents but is merely the number of crimes that have resulted in some form of investigation). This is an increase of 2 compared to the same period in 2020.*
- *The majority of these reports relate to crimes of dishonesties such as shoplifting or fraud. Fraud is a crime in which some kind of deception is used for personal gain. As technology advances, fraudsters have become increasingly sophisticated and many types of fraud exist.*
- *In the 'Keep Safe' section of the Police Scotland website you will find information on different types of fraud and advice on how you can avoid becoming a victim.*
- *The pleasing downward trend in the misuse of drugs across the ward has continued this month.*
- *During the course of the month Officers dealt with 3 men connected with a spate of hare coursing that was occurring in the Oldmeldrum and Udney areas. With the help of local residents, the 3 were caught in the act, arrested and a report has been submitted for the Procurator Fiscal.*
- Cllr Paul Johnston reminded all that should you witness Hare Coursing you SHOULD NOT approach those involved. Contact the police with details and location.
- *The **Keep Safe** section of the Police Scotland web page provides a range of advice on a variety of topics. For further information, please visit [www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe)*

2. **Apologies:** Garth Entwistle, Claire Woodward.
3. **Approval of previous minute:** February 17th 2021 meeting minute acceptance proposed by George Duncan seconded by Matt Kaye.
4. **Declaration of Member Interest:** Cllr Jim Gifford declared interest as resident in the Area related to Rainneshill Quarry.
5. **New Items.**
  - **Joint CC meeting re Rainneshill.** Invited extended to Belhelvie CC & Newmachar CC enquiring as to a joint public meeting to hear resident's comments regarding Rainneshill Quarry proposal. Belhelvie and Newmachar CC indicated a preference to postpone Joint meeting until Planning Application has been submitted. Copies of Communication between JKR and UCC's exchanged. Colin D shall monitor.
  - **Public meeting etiquette:** Members reminded that UCC members attending / hosting a public meeting shall introduce themselves and state their position within the council. Comments made by a CC member during a public meeting shall be prefixed stating whether the address is on behalf of the council or as a personal comment. No further action.
  - **Defibrillators:** Replacement Batteries and conductive Pads replaced for each unit. Structured control procedures to be created along with an updated Monthly maintenance record. Ensure each designated 'responsible persons' to be advised of procedures. Funding of Battery and Pads purchase through Grant from UCTC. Suggested that Paul B, George D and Ray Still meet to establish the correct procedures and actions for compliance. Colin D. to provide Ray Still contact details to Matt K. Follow-up by Matt Kaye.  
Location of the Hattoncrook unit has to be finalised. Previous site at the Deli has been determined as no longer available. George Duncan has indicated that the unit may be sited at his property in the Hattoncrook development. Follow-up with George required. Action Matt, Paul & Colin

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

- **Liability Insurance.** Communication confirming past procedure applies to current renewal procedure. New policy valid from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.
- **The Circular Economy & the Planning System - Community Councils**  
**PASTraining** Point of interest "*Circular systems employ reuse, sharing, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing and recycling to create a closed-loop system, minimising the use of resource inputs and the creation of waste, pollution and carbon emissions*". Subject of Plastic recycling raised noting the 'challenges', suggested that viewing of 'Plastic Wars' articles online illustrate the situation and challenges. Members were advised of current 'reuse' activities within Udney. Wood Recyclability

being one. 'Edinburgh Remakery' brought to members attention. Information can be found on following link About – The Edinburgh Remakery.  
Colin D. shall follow-up with a request for further information on existing groups / activities.

- **Udny Parish Boundary change.** Noted that change considered at FAC meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Change agreed to suggested revision and copy of the updates mapping to be provided to each community Council. Colin D. shall copy Matt Kaye once revised Community Council Boundary Map received.
- **Community Asset Transfer** - Confirmation that the grassed area at Keithleigh Garden is owned by Aberdeenshire Council (Housing account). Suggested that there has been / existing proposals for this 'plot'. Consideration of UCC ownership interest to be included at April meeting. Secretary to include in April Agenda
- **Local Flooding (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020)** –Paul Bailey has contacted Aberdeenshire Roads Department who advised that they can provision Sand and Sand Bags to the community. It was also advised that Sand Bags have a short lifespan and require specific conditions for storage to retain usable life. There was a suggestion that 'Shrink Wrapping for storage may be an option. Paul shall contact Udny Green residents regarding individual's ability to store and protect. It was noted that a number of Old Meldrum Road residents have an Expandable type barrier (water filled) which has been applied. Further action required for provision of names of those wishing to be registered for 'Flood Alert' communication. Copy details to UCC Secretary, names and e-mail address required. Mike McDonald identified as a source of information regarding supply and storage of Sand and Sand Bags (UCTC) Requires follow-up
- **The Aberdeenshire Town Centre Toolkit / Community Development –**  
Members encouraged to access and review following links:  
<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/support-and-advice/communities/town-centres/town-centre-tool-kit/>  
The toolkit also offers advice on funding and showcases supporting partners and agencies.
- **Bonnyton / Ingleside** -\_95/0798/01, initial review has indicated a number of occasions where the term 'Dangerous' has been applied in reference to an unspecified road. A further search required to establish the actual road referenced in the documents. Colin D shall continue with the review as time permits.
- **Udny Green APP/2020/2555** – 3 dwellings / Fleeman Park. Notice of Withdrawal logged 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- **Village Orderly Grant.** Deadline to fulfil agreed activities remains as March 31<sup>st</sup>. Explorer Scouts (Litter Pick candidates) have now reconvened albeit on a split schedule basis. Contact has been made to establish if a Litter Pick can be organised by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Secretary shall contact Formartine Council enquiring if current 31<sup>st</sup> March remains for completion of activities.
- **Website accessibility** – Gov legislation. Advised that as UCC shall be exempt as being a Voluntary Organisation.

- **UCC Facebook page** - Actions pending review by members.
  
- **Christmas Lights** – Hattoncrook Proposal for erection of Christmas Decorative Lighting mounted on the local lamp standards requires points of action.
  - 1) Installation of Electrical connections on the Lamp Standards – requires application to Road Services Lighting Department. Requires provision of the Lamp Standard serial numbers (indicated on each Lamp Standard). Must be ordered before end of June.
  - 2) Selection and costing of Decorative Illuminations.
  - 3) Dialogue with Ross MacKay regarding mounting / dismantling requirements.
  - 4) Costing for all activities above.
  - 5) Grant application for total cost.

Colin D.; Paul B & George D. to arrange meeting and assign actions.

Udny Green – Solar / Battery options to be reviewed. Contact with Udny Castle regarding approval for such activity. Again Costings to be formulated should permission be granted. Paul B. to action.
  
- **UCC LoGo:** - Sub Group to be established, create options for presentation to members. Voting on options to be setup by Colin D. at a time to be determined. Jillain Wood shall be lead on this project.
  
- **Phase 2 of Aberdeenshire Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.** Colin Duncan attended the session. Related documents loaded to UCC Teams files (General - Community Council Scheme Consultation). Brief summary *UCC Constitution based on Scheme of Establishment of 2018 (was reviewed last in 2017). Current review was instructed in November 2019.*
  - *Single election date / 3years*
  - *AGM May or June*
  - *Code of Conduct / Disruptive behaviour*
  - *Preview of Questions link -*
  - [Preview of Questions.pdf cceef56e72dc1af7685d2a2181cf1b7e \(amazonaws.com\)](#)
  - **Council invited to RESPOND BY 14TH APRIL 2021 Link ---**
  - [Consultation on Scheme for The Establishment of Community Councils | Engage Aberdeenshire](#)
  
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- 7 Planning Applications:** - George Duncan advised that there was nothing new to report through Weekly Listings.

Pre-application notice received by email from A2Bcontainers regarding Self-Storage @ North Mains. Pictorial representation provided and copied to members on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Link to Picture PDF. [..\..\7 Planning Listings\North Mains Container storage March 2021\North Mains.pdf](#)

*"I am looking to collaborate with Charles Black at North Mains, Pitmedden (Udny Caravan Storage) to add a small self-storage facility.*

*The facility would be based around using 20ft, one trip shipping containers all of a uniform dark green colour, actual number as yet undecided but likely between 30 and 40.*

*The plot we are considering is a small area bounded on three sides by either mature woodland or well established bund planting, currently open to the North. We are mindful of the sensitivities to any development in the area due to the significance of Pitmedden House and Gardens (DL). We have approached NTS for their input.”*

*Actual location clarified for members unfamiliar to the location.*

*UCC action- Colin D. shall request a further pictorial image best reflecting the area required for 30 – 40 containers.*

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

- Elections and AGM confirmation: Formartine Council request for AGM date plus confirmation of member numbers for Election planning. Responded advising that UCC AGM shall be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with elections being exercised in the preceding weeks.
- Scottish Community Council winter newsletter... Free training online Open University ! ( Document in TEAMS). Link to online Training list. [Free Training Courses for Community Councils | Community Council](#)  
[Skills Support for Community Councils - OpenLearn - Open University](#)
- *Digital Skills / Business / Finance & Fundraising / Community & Society*

## **9 Finance report:** Treasurer. Balance at £186.39 (pending Defib Grant deposit)

**10 Climate Action report:** UCC members continue to attend and participate in UCA meetings in support of the UCA activities and agenda. Rebecca advised of a potential project in engaging a number of households embracing ‘Zero Carbon’ practices. Lessons learned for the challenges in attaining the objective.

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## **12 AOCB.**

- Scottish Labour candidate Graeme Downie made contact / introduction with UCC. Enquiring if there were any issues we felt he should be aware of. Also welcoming an opportunity to attend a meeting.
- Members discussed the matter regarding the position of a political party candidate’s attendance. It was agreed that the participation of elected council members in UCC meetings was a welcome and mutually beneficial action. Whereby an invite to a political party candidate would not be appropriate unless invitation was extended to

all Political Party candidates. There was unanimous agreement that UCC did not wish to engage in any political Husting type activity.

- It was acknowledged that as UCC meetings are open to the public it would be acceptable to advise Graeme that, as a member of the public, he may apply to attend a UCC meeting. Secretary shall reply to Graeme indicating the 'Open to Public' option, also confirm that attendance would be as observer only. Should he wish to address the council an advance notice shall be required indicating the subject matter proposed. The matter would then be considered by the Secretary and Chairman for approval or rejection.
- Cllr Andrew Hassan advised that he may be late in joining the April UCC meeting due to an earlier engagement.

**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, 7:30pm [WEB meet via TEAMS](#)**