

Udny Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Present: Paul Bailey (Chair) Garth Entwistle (Acting Secretary)
Matt Kaye George Duncan
Clr. Jim Gifford Clr. Andrew Hasan

Apologies: Colin Duncan Linda Hendry – Area Projects Officer
Rebecca Heindenreich

Approval of Minutes: Garth Entwistle & Paul Bailey

Minutes:

1. **Visitors:** Linda Hendry, Area Projects Officer – Formartine, Aberdeenshire Council – apologies for her absence
2. **Police report** – noted with no big issues arising
3. **Declaration of Members Interests** – noted Clr. Jim Gifford interest in Rainnieshill Quarry
4. **New Items:**
 - a. Rainnieshill Quarry – noted the Council’s response had been submitted by Colin Duncan objecting to the development
 - b. Kirkwood B999/Ingleside Traffic Regulation Order – noted the submission of the Council’s repose indicating our Objection and the submission of new evidence by Colin Duncan of road safety issues. Emphasised this new evidence to the Councillors present. Noted that Ingleside residents had discussed this case directly with the Reporter who indicated he was given no evidence of road safety issues. That is apart from, we presume, the concerns of the Community Council. Colin was congratulated on his persistence in looking for this old evidence which clearly showed the Ingleside road was closed on road-safety grounds.
 - c. Pitmedden News – noted the call for submissions was May 26th. Noted Pitmedden News would now again be circulated as a printed copy.
 - d. Village Floral displays – noted that the Community Council had engaged with PUT to support their efforts to keep Pitmedden beautiful
 - e. Abuse of private property. Noted the concerns of Udny Green residents re: the regular, noisy use of ground to the rear of Fleemans Park by motorcycles. The Chair will discuss this with the Fleemans Park resident involved which also attracts motor bikes from Pitmedden. We hope this will stop the practice of using the area by these bikes..
5. **Update on UCC Elections**
 - a. The Chair noted that all (9) vacancies were up for election. Nominations are required to be lodged by 26th May.
 - b. Garth Entwistle indicated his intention not to stand again for UCC membership. He indicated he had been on the Council for 16 years since joining in 2005 and now wanted to stand aside. He had enjoyed his time with UCC and appreciated the commitment of UCC members. Highlights included the construction of the Udny Wind Turbine, the fight to halt the re-opening of Ingleside (which still goes on), the creation of the Pitmedden Amenities Trust and the attempts to improve parking in Udny Green (which also still goes on).

Members thanked Garth for his time and commitment to the Council and his sound advice on many matters. He was told he would be sorely missed. Elected Members seconded this and wished him well.

6. Other Matters

- a. Community Asset Transfer. Noted no further action to-date
- b. Village Orderly Grant Commitments. Noted the recent litter pick by Explorer Scouts with Matt Kaye ending up in the Bronie Burn. Who was responsible? Noted the grant payment had been settled.
- c. UCC Facebook page – nothing to report
- d. Christmas Lights – nothing to report

7. **Planning Applications** – George D reported nothing of concern had arisen

8. Notable Items:

- a. Noted: Local Place Plans – something to watch in future
- b. Reporting on your local Council – noted Audit Scotland activities
- c. Community Impact Assessment – Webinar scheduled for 24th May. Paul B invited to join.
- d. Methlick CC – enquiry received as to progress with BMX park. Colin D responded & indicated no progress to report.

9. **Finance Report** – A full report to be presented at forthcoming AGM.

10. **Climate Action Report** – noted the publication and circulation of a very fine report on action taken to reduce our carbon footprint. UCC congratulated the Udney Climate Action Group.

11. AOCB –

- a. Jim Gifford, as a private individual, thanked UCC for their involvement in the Rainnishill Quarry application.
- b. Paul B raised his concerns re: footballs landing in his garden and bouncing off his walls from the school playground. Paul is discussing this with the Head Teacher.

12. **Next Meeting:** AGM 16th June @ 7.00 followed by the monthly TEAMS meeting at 7.30