

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: Wednesday 15th September 2021.

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>Matt Kaye</u> (Treasurer)
<u>Claire Woodward</u>	

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

<u>Cllr. Andrew Hassan</u>	<u>Cllr Jim Gifford</u>
<u>Cllr Sheila Powell</u>	

Members of Public: N/A

Police report: -

1. Report was not available prior to the 16th September hence no discussion. Subsequent availability in Link to report now copied as follows: -

[Ward-8-August-2021.pdf \(ouraberdeenshire.org.uk\)](#)

(to access source files for all Formartine Wards use the following link: [Police Scotland Formartine Ward Reports – Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership \(ouraberdeenshire.org.uk\)](#))

Main extracts: “This month we have the pleasure of welcoming PC Stacy Morrison back to Formartine as our newly appointed Community Beat Officer. PC Morrison will be engaging with communities throughout Formartine and plans to host mobile community surgeries all across the beat, including dates at Oldmeldrum, Rothienorman, Turriff, Fyvie, Ellon and Balmedie. The dates and locations for these surgeries will be posted on social media as well as advertised in local shops and notice boards. I would encourage you to come say hello to PC Morrison and voice any concerns you have in your community “ –

“increasing trend of cyber enabled crime, especially in terms of Fraud incidents in the local community continued to have a big impact.” – “During August, there were no reported thefts or attempted thefts.” -

“There have been incidents relating to Possession of Controlled Drugs in the area with Cannabis, Diazepam, Cocaine and Diamorphine (Heroin) being seized. These seizures were through a proactive road stop and a proactive Policing operation. Should any resident of the area have information relating to controlled drugs please contact the Local Policing Team on 101 or provide the information anonymously through Crimestoppers.” -

“Despite the further relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions and the opening up of the hospitality sector, it can be positively noted that the number of incidents linked to licensed premises has not been adversely affected. We are continuing to carryout high visibility patrols where possible in an attempt to keep this low.” –

“Special Constables If you are interested in finding out more about what Police officers do in your community, have an interest in joining the regular service and would like to build some

experience before hand or would just like to help keep your local community safe, then why not consider applying to be a Special Constable within Police Scotland. For further information about becoming a Special Constable, what they do and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/recruitment/special-constables> -

2. **Apologies:** Gary D. Bruce
3. **Approval of previous minute:** August 18th 2021 meeting minute acceptance proposed by George Duncan seconded by Paul Bailey.
4. **Declaration of Member Interest:** None declared.
5. **New Items.**
 - **UCC membership Training sessions: 2021:-** Members reminded of sessions offered (29th Sept & 6th Oct' 2021, commencing 7pm via Teams) and need for those interested to forward their details with note of interest to the secretary. Four members have noted interest with Secretary to forward details to Jan McRobbie. **Action: Colin Duncan**
 - **Community Shelf/ UCC involvement:** Further to presentation of 18th August project was raised at Joint Forum where Area manager indicated contact with Samantha Rawlings who is lead on a broader project. Contact made with Samantha with her overall objective and proposed actions discussed. Secretary indicated he would forward invite to Caroline Brown for discussion of how co-ordination of such projects may be supported. Caroline emailed by Secretary with invite.
 - **Rainnieshill / JKR Quarry Application:** As stated in the agenda - Notification sent to Councillors regarding the Planning Application. Secretary sought detailed information regarding the application status / progress as application appeared unchanged. Response received, quote -
 - "The application is still undergoing assessment at this time and, as with many Major Applications, it looks unlikely that the determination date will be met. However, an agreed (rolling) timeframe for its assessment and determination has been agreed with the Agent. The application will be referred to Formartine Area Committee and Garioch Area Committee ahead of its determination. There are no firm dates set for referral to said meetings at this time, however, if you wish to keep an eye on progress, you will be able to see the upcoming meeting agendas online at: [Aberdeenshire Council - Committees and Meetings](#)"*

The information provided being verified. Secretary advised that residents out with Udney Boundary had been advised to ensure that their area councillors were kept up to date and fully aware of the residents opinions and concerns.

- **Tidy Village Grant:** Attendees were advised that deposit of £500 to UCC account had been completed permitting the organisation of the Litter Pick program as conducted in previous years. A further £100 deposit had been made in lieu of the previous Village in Bloom competitions. Community Councillors present unanimously agreed that the purchase of Tree saplings be actioned as in previous year. Udney Climate Action group to be contacted for advice on accessible areas within Udney for the planting. Action: Colin Duncan.
- **Flood Risk Management Plans SEPA - Public Consultation:** Secretary informed of current activity / plans for Flood Risk Management, PDF documents provided. Pitmedden has not been included as a Target Area. Discussion regarding potential 'Flood Water Containment' area be considered with suggestion that the low-lying area opposite Milldale development, to the west side of the B999 may be a suitable site. With extensive works underway / completed in flood management within the Inverurie Old Meldrum Road / River Urie flood area valuable information may be available. Also detailed information regarding past Pitmedden Flood instances to be sought. Consultation closes 31st October 2021. Action : Colin Duncan

Update of Items discussed at Previous meeting

- **UCC Membership:** UCC remain 3 members short while, as per constitution, allows for 2 further members by Co-Opt procedure. Concerted effort required to publicise across UDNY. Methods discussed included Social Media posts across the many sites available. A 'Post Box Drop' was a favoured option. Suitable 'Pamphlet and script' required. Recruitment of 'delivery persons' required. To which Matt Kaye suggested that Scout Groups may be an option for delivery while Paul Bailey assumed the responsibility for creation of Flier creation.

7 Planning Applications: - George Duncan advised that there was nothing new to report through Weekly Listings. It was noted that Mid-Formartine / Udney boundary has been particularly quiet over past months.

8 Notable Items sent by e-mail.

- **Pitmedden Christmas lights** : Members notified that approval for the installation of Christmas lights has been received. Date for 'switch on' has been set BUT the scope of activities shall be subject to Covid 19 situations close to the planned event.

Paul Bailey advised that he had contact within a Local Helicopter company who may be able to offer Simulator sessions. It was noted that this may provide scope for a fund raising Raffle.

Questions raised regarding Hattoncrook Christmas lights project. It was advised that currently there was a lack of funding to support the program which entails the installation of 'connectors' to the lighting standards in Hattoncrook (this being Council controlled activity with application and funds required by end of June) along with

identification, purchase and certification of suitable Motifs. Project to be considered at later date regarding possible funding opportunities.

- **Adopted red telephone boxes.** Request from a Susan Rhodes who, for her dissertation, is researching 'Red Telephone Boxes, Creative Communication.' A visit to Udney Green's Red Telephone Box prompted a request "could let me know which specific community group adopted and is responsible for this telephone box? " Also a request to complete a questionnaire attached to the communication. Paul Bailey advised that he had made contact and shared his knowledge with Susan. Paul also advised those present that the existence of 39 Red Boxes exist at current count.

9 Finance report: Matt Kaye provided current financial position with available funds covering commitments of current financial year while excess balance being minimal.

10 Climate Action report: With Gary Bruce being unavailable there was a brief discussion regarding Pitmedden in general. The subject of 'Dog Mess' raised once more with certain locations being more evident than others. Access to community bins raised to which members were advised that there are possibly bins available for supply through Aberdeenshire Council. Cllr Hassan assisted UCC by contacting the responsible parties with request to furnish to locations at Hattoncrook and at the Garage / Surgery carpark entrance area in Pitmedden.

Suggestions of 'Do Not Foul' notices be placed in specific locations also general notices for display and inclusion in social media pages. A further point regarding the disposal of Dog waste, concerns regarding toxins (extracted from Web Search. *Whipworms, hookworms, tapeworms, roundworms, and even earthworms, dog poop has got them all. And it gets better; E. coli, salmonella and Campylobacteriosis all of which are no fun, and can be transmitted to humans.*)

Proposal to contact Udney Climate Action seeking advise on possible 'Safe' treatment / disposal of dog waste. Action: Colin Duncan.

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- Defibrillator training requested at Hattoncrook to be arranged between George Duncan and Paul Bailey at earliest opportunity.
- George Duncan enquired after possible Induction Training sessions in the future. George was advised that secretary shall make enquiries with organiser and update George once confirmed.
- Road speed - a frequent and recurring subject. Traffic speed at the entry and exit to the southern end of Pitmedden remains a concern. A parent of young

children remarked that the even the children remark on vehicle speed around the Allathan Park / Milldale view area. Statement taken from Police report reads -

The main issues identified by members of the public are speeding in the local communities and parking issues mainly regarding vehicles obstructing pavements. Where speeding is concerned, we are continuing to train more Officers on the utilisation of speed detection equipment to allow regular checks where possible within the local community.

As a follow-up to dialogue in December 2020 between UCC secretary and the Principal Roads Engineer regarding establishing a reduced speed 'Buffer Zone' on the approach to Pitmedden from the south, the secretary shall re-engage seeking progress on the requested actions.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th October 2021, 7:30pm [WEB meet via TEAMS](#)

Any pressing matters may be addressed to colinuccsecretary@gmail.com