

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: Wednesday 20th October 2021.

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

Community Council Member Attendees:

Paul Bailey (Chair)

George Duncan

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Matt Kaye (Treasurer)

Gary D. Bruce

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr. Andrew Hassan

Cllr Jim Gifford

Members of Public: Lynsey Robertson. Jaqui Finnie. **SentralBark.** Presentation of current application for creation of a canine Sensory Park in the vicinity of Thistlyhill. Location borders both Foveran and Udney council boundaries. UCC members agreed that the proposed business would be of benefit to the community. It was questioned as to which Community Council Boundary (Foveran / Udney) the proposed business would fall under as the current boundary map presents challenges in defining the finite boundary line. Regardless of the CC responsible UCC indicated its support in the venture.

Police report: -

1. September Ward 8 report – Issue of Internet Fraud remains as an emerging crime trend across Formartine. Scam advise can be found at the end of the September report loaded to Udney.Online, also Pitmedden and Udney Green Facebook.
2. Note that Reports of theft thefts in the Oldmeldrum area including a Quad bike. An increase in Quad Bike thefts in the area has been noted. Advise and Prevention s-article included in the report.

Full Ward Police report for September can be found in 'Notices' section of Udney.online website

3. **Apologies:** Cllr Sheila Powel
4. **Approval of previous minute:** September 15th 2021 meeting minute acceptance proposed by Paul Bailey seconded by George Duncan.
5. **Declaration of Member Interest:** Gary Bruce re Sentral Bark presentation.
6. **New Items.**
 - **Tree Planting Location :** Suggestions that the £100 in lieu of the Village In Bloom be considered as contribution to Udney Climate Action group who have an

active tree planting program. Funding to this program enables additional volume of planting thus enabling expansion of carbon management priorities. Guidance notes for application of the £100 grant to be clarified prior to action- Action: Colin Duncan

- **Formartine Community Council Forum** : Members reminded of upcoming FCCF + meeting due to be held on Wednesday, 10 November 2021 via skype. Those interested in participating to notify the Secretary.
- **UCC Membership**: Proposal for a 'mail drop' along with Social Media postings still favoured. Creation of Mail Box Flyer design being 'work in progress'. Colin d. indicated he would work with Paul Bailey in design options.
- **UCC Membership: CC Induction Training events**: Participating members advised that the events participated in were generally useful. Question regarding format of sessions addressed confirming the presentations were PowerPoint format. Further sessions as yet unconfirmed,
- **Rainneshill / JKR Quarry Application**: Members advised that no movement to date, remains pending Area Committee review /decision.
- **Tidy Village Grant**: Members advised that the first litter pick executed and completed by Daviot and Oldmeldrum Explorer Scouts on October 10th. Thanks go to Matt Kaye in organising and co-ordinating the event. The pick was successful in collecting 17 bags of various litter types while comment was made that the Litter volumes were down on previous years. It was noted that a number of disposable face masks were found. It would be preferable that the Disposal of these masks be executed in a safe manner as opposed to littering the streets with potentially infected material.
- **Flood Risk Management Plans SEPA - Public Consultation**: Secretary has to date reviewed the Briefing files, researched the terminology best suited in formulating a response suggesting inclusion of the low lying land on the west side of B999 opposite the Quarry. Secretary to respond to consultation prior to Consultation closure on 31st October 2021.
- **Community Shelf/ UCC involvement**: No response to invite extended to Community Shelf member. No further action required.
- **UCC Defibrillator training**: requested by Hattoncrook. Paul Bailey and George Duncan to agree suitable date / time for one to one training session.
- **Road speed :-** Members advised of recent communication with Principal Roads Engineer regarding earlier discussions re Buffer zone at approach from the

south. It was noted that no response had been received to date. Comments from other members regarding traffic speed on the B999 and other tributaries remains a concern. *Question regarding the two-vehicle accident on 12th October 2021 at 11am resulting in attendance by Emergency services. It was reported that road closure in place from 11am through 1pm. recent accident at the B999 / A920 root cause; was speed a contributing factor?. The attendees had no information to share regarding cause.*

- **Dog Mess:** *Udny Climate Action responded with the following to UCC enquiry. Composting is a viable option Broader opportunity to explore being -- From stools to fuels: the street lamp that runs on dog do | Waste <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/01/stools-to-fuels-street-lamp-runs-on-dog-poo-bio-energy-waste-> . Should activity such as suggested the level of engagement required of owners to consistently use receptacles would be challenging. Implementation would require procurement of necessary 'hardware' and a program of volunteer 'collectors / processors'. 'SentralBark', should it receive approval, could be a regular 'supply' source. Subject to remain on agenda for further consideration. On a positive note, it was stated that Udny Green had seen a reduction in 'abandoned' dog poo along the local walking path network.*
- Notable Items sent by email:
 - *Posted on Udny.oline & Local Facebook :- **Free Tattie Holiday Programme:** Program of activities available through the holiday period. - **Aberdeenshire Council trade waste survey:***
 - **Annual Bedding Plant order:** *Members advised of Summer Bedding plant 2022, quantity allocation and variety notice provided. It was noted that quantities for Pitmedden had seen a reduction on previous years. has completed the order form completed by Bob Bamlett and returned to Landscape Services.*
 - **Improvement Service regarding a potential project for CC's - connectivity and communication with your community.** *Members agreed that the 'strand 2' would be worth pursuing. Strand 2 being :- 'The opportunity to develop the way that you communicate with your residents through enhanced social media approaches. This could be the use of video and audio clips to promote projects, to get people involved or to simply inform them of key decisions made at meetings instead of this simply being through minutes, or other ideas I haven't thought of. This could involve training and equipment as appropriate.'*
 - **UCC membership list** : *Members advised of completion and return of UCC Members listing to Formartine Area Office. This should have*

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- **Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2022 newsletter:** Members advised of Confirmation received that the Secretaries subscription to the newsletter has been renewed. LDP updates may be shared / requested from secretary.
- **After Dark Campaign - Police Scotland:** Members advised of that Housebreaking advise PDF document had been posted on Udney.online and both Pitmedden and Udney Green Facebook. The campaign focusses on domestic security as we go into the darker evenings. This period has historically proven to be a time when the number domestic housebreakings and attempted housebreakings rise.
- **Constable Stacy Morrison:** Members advised that UCC were contacted by Constable Morrison who has requested inclusion in UCC Teams meeting invites. Secretary has included in Agenda & Invite communication.

7 Planning Applications: - George Duncan advised that there was nothing new to report through Weekly Listings. Past few weeks has seen little Planning activity

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9 Finance report: Matt Kaye provided current financial position with available funds covering commitments of current financial year. Discussion on potential source of additional funds allowing scope for ad-hoc expenses such as Printing; consultations etc. Secretary agreed to follow-up on possible options.

10 Climate Action report: Members advised of an UCA 'Seed Collection' event at Haddo House scheduled for 30th October commencing at 1pm, meeting in the

main carpark. An opportunity for the youngsters of Udney to engage and learn of tree species, and propagation. Intention is the creation of a seed bank for community use.

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- Request for provision of a Commemoration Wreath for Udney Green. Purchase was not an option due to UCC financial position. It was suggested that Cllr Paul Johnston, who has been tasked with the presentation of the Aberdeenshire Council Wreath at both Pitmedden and Udney Green, be approached with an offer of Udney Green presenting the Wreath on his behalf.
- Question regarding Monthly Meeting format going forward. The majority of members were supportive of continuing with Virtual meetings via MS TEAMS, benefits being the reduction in Carbon Footprint, Virtual meetings has proven to attract higher attendance; TEAMS provisions the ability to 'SHARE' content where face to face meeting requires printed copy or alternate means for display. Consideration for Annual General Meeting being Face to Face, should restrictions permit agreed.
- A small number of members indicated that their personal experience in use of the TEAMS application can be challenging at times. Offer of one to one 'training' sessions suggested. It was agreed that this would be considered by the concerned parties.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th November 2021, 7:30pm [WEB meet via TEAMS](#)

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