

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of : 17th November 2021.

Location: TEAMS Virtual meeting

Minute by: Colin Duncan

Community Council Member Attendees:

George Duncan

Matt Kaye (Treasurer)

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Gary Bruce

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Sheila Powell

Cllr James Gifford

Cllr Andrew Hassan

Cllr Paul Johnston

Minute:

1. **Non UCC visit** - None.

2. **Police Report** – Report of Ward 8 October 2021. Link: [Police Scotland Formartine Ward Reports – Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership \(ouraberdeenshire.org.uk\)](#) It was noted that *a male was arrested and charged with a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to the previously reported thefts of quad bikes across the ward area.* Attention drawn to the Police report which contains ‘Advise and Prevention’ articles for the benefit of all residents.

3. **Apologies:** Paul Bailey; Claire Woodward.

4. **Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by George Duncan, seconded by Gary Bruce

5. **Declaration of Members' Interest;** Cllr Jim Gifford in regard to Rainnieshill Quarry application.

6. **New Items....**
 - **Pitmedden News.** Members advised that UCC article has been sent to Pitmedden News. Copies had been sent to members for comment prior to posting. Publication expected Early December.

 - **Formartine Community Council Forum**– Meeting advised of Secretaries attendance at Forum of Wednesday, 10 November 2021 via skype. Inspector Mark Young, Police Scotland, gave a talk on

Policing Issues and policing reports. With the shorter days generally brings an increase in housebreaking; Cyber crime remains an issue while in general crime figures are low. Encouraged all to read through the Advise and Prevention articles attached to the Formartine Police reports. UCC report available on request – shall be attached to Forum minutes when published.

- **Hill of Fiddes Community Fund Meeting:** Secretary advised of conflict of meetings therefore missed the HOFCE meeting. Anything of interest from minutes shall be forwarded to UCC members.
- **PAT – PUT – UCA – UCTC – UCC** :- Brief outline of each groups areas of responsibility / function / associated groups. It was accepted that benefit may be achieved from a joint meeting of all groups to enable a full understanding and identify areas where co-operation between may benefit the community. **Action:** *Secretary agreed to arrange a joint meeting for early 2022.*

7. Items discussed at Previous meeting. -

- **UCC Membership:** Support for a 'Mail Drop' remains. **Action:** *Secretary shall make enquiries re Printer and costs.*
- **Village In Bloom:** Attendees were informed that the £500 grant from UCTC toward the purchase of essentials for maintaining the displays has been claimed. It was also noted that due to reduction in quantity and variety sourced through Aberdeenshire Landscaping the cost of maintaining the current levels of display shall require increased funding. Should suitable funding not be available then the result would be a reduction in displays. **Action:** Secretary indicated he would review additional / alternative source of funding.
- **Rainnieshill / JKR Quarry Application:** Planning Department currently determining the classification of the application, awaiting further information from applicant. Resulting determination shall dictate the procedure to Area Committee review.
- **Flood Risk Management Plans SEPA – It was noted that the 'Plans' do not include Pitmedden. It was recommended that communication with Infrastructure Services regarding potential flood mitigation for Pitmedden be made. Action: Secretary to compile communication.**
- **Defibrillator training:** requested by Hattoncrook to be arranged between George Duncan and Paul Bailey at earliest opportunity- **Pending mutually agreeable date.**

- **Road speed** :- Principal Roads Engineer replied indicating they were awaiting reports from the Survey team. Subject to be retained on future Agenda.
- **Dog Mess:** Brief discussion regarding future potential for truning dog waste into something useful, ie. Compost and ultimately powering lighting. Acknowledged any such project would require multiple organisation support, finance and ongoing management. Potential for Aberdeenshire Council to consider / engage in such a project to be considered. Subject to remain on agenda for further consideration.
- **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. Nothing further to report at 17th November 2020.
- **Request for provision of a Commemoration Wreath for Udney Green:** Wreath delivered to Udney Green Church with service performed immediately after the morning service.

8. Planning Applications

To be discussed at meeting	Site Address	
APP/2021/2372	Steading At Woodlands Farmhouse Udney Ellon	6 dwelling houses

- **Weekly Planning List update:** (George Duncan)
It was agreed that the application, should planning be granted, would be an improvement over the current and familiar sight of dilapidated farm steadings and sheds etc.

9. Notable Items sent by e-mail.

- **Meetings - Statement for Community Councils:** Statement received referenced the position regarding meetings. Benefits such as reduction in travel/ carbon costs; accessibility available through Virtual meeting. Aberdeenshire council agreed to transition to 'Choice Based' model of Hybrid and fully virtual meetings. Hybrid being a mix of in-person along with virtual attendance via digital means. UCC majority agree that the benefits experienced through virtual meeting were beneficial, also cost effective due to no cash outlay for hire of suitable premises. It was agreed that AGM meetings would be in-person (restrictions permitting)

as would exceptions where the subject matter was perceived as benefitting from an in-person format.

- **Ranger Service Survey**: No feedback !

- **Boundary Commission for Scotland consulting with Community Councils**: Brief discussion indicated that the exercise was common place with suggestion that in past experience the proposal to be reviewed shall likely progress as determined. It was agreed that a review of the document was beneficial and should any individual care to respond then should do so. The consultation runs until Wednesday 8 December 2021. Comments on the Commission's proposals can be submitted here www.bcs2023review.com. Further information is also available on the Commission's website <https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/reviews/2023-review-uk-parliament-constituencies> Copied to all UCC members 8/11/21. Review / comment!

- **Winter Preparation: Received from Formartine Area office** -For information, please find attached our Winter Plan – Message and links posted on UDN.Y.ONLINE and Facebook. Previous years seen a few local volunteers receive 'snow clearing' training, link below contains relevant information.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roads/winter-maintenance/snow-wardens/>

Link to the general plan is here, snow clearing routes etc.

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No further action for UCC.

10. **Finance report: (Treasurer)** Current balance and monies due are suffice to meet committed sums for current year, no surplus available.

11. **Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce)**: Web site Updates and archived data can be found on <https://climate.action.udny.org/welcome>. We encourage all to access and view activities.

12. **AOCB. . (Including any Udney settlement / trust updates, issues.)**

- **Queens Platinum Jubilee: 2nd June 2022**: There was no immediate proposals from UCC. General consensus was to communicate with all local groups and organisations and review proposals at our January 2022 meeting.
- **Village Christmas trees**: Over the past 20 years trees for Pitmedden and Udney Green had been provided by George Bruce @ Logiereive. Unfortunately, the source of suitable trees has expired. As such we are seeking an alternative source. Gary Bruce volunteered to speak with a potential provider. Shall advise in due course.
- **The Bungalow / Maplebank Udney**: A matter of concern regarding approved planning consent for extension to the Maplebank property potentially impeding the access to The Bungalow. 'Neighbour notification' regarding the planning application had been given but the owner had not received the communication. The meeting was advised that with Planning consent granted the matter would then be a Civil Matter with advice that the owner of The Bungalow seeks legal advice. At this time UCC would not be involved while noting that any further situation arising would be considered by UCC if presented.

**MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY
NEW YEAR.**

- **The next meeting shall be on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.30pm.** Agenda shall be posted in UDNV.ONLINE around the 12th January 2022.