

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. 7:30 pm.

Location: Pitmedden Hall

Minute by: Colin Duncan

## **Community Council Member Attendees:**

Paul Bailey (Chair)

Claire Woodward

Matt Kaye (Treasurer)

Gary D. Bruce

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Regina Hepson-Noble (new member)

Mike MacDonald (new member)

## **Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan; Cllr Paul Johnston; Cllr Jenny Nichol; Cllr Derek Ritchie

## **Minute:**

1. **Police Report** - *Report of Ward 8 - ward reports taken off of the website temporarily awaiting confirmation from Police Scotland that they are happy for them to be on a public facing website, given they are circulated to Community Councils & Councillors marked as confidential."* Awaiting response.  
*Police Scotland contact email address for our area*  
*MIIdformartinecpt@scotland.police.uk (or call 101)*
2. **Apologies:** . George Duncan.
3. **Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by Paul Baily, seconded by Matt Kaye.
4. **Declaration of Members' Interest:** Nil declared.
5. **New Items....**
  - **NEW UCC MEMBERS WELCOMED** : Election resulted in two new members to Udney Community Council. We welcome Regina Hesdon-Noble and Mike MacDonald to the council. UCC has one remaining position available. The position may be filled as a Co-Opted position pending 2023 election period. Members encouraged to '#spread the word'.

- **Udny Primary School**: Challenges in finding a time where all parties are available. A decision to postpone until the start of the new term agreed. Secretary to contact Head teacher late August 2022.
- **20 mph through villages in the Scottish Borders**: Secretary advised that a copy of the 'Sustrans Showcase', a 30minute presentation with analysis results etc. is available. Copy of the link shall be sent out to each UCC member. UCC were advised that many Scottish Regions have already adopted similar programmes. It is understood that Aberdeenshire Council are to review / consider implications in adopting a program for Aberdeenshire. UCC were advised this may occur in September 2022.  
UCC to finalise an agenda of items for discussion with Head of Roads and Environment prior to the planned September Council review.
- **Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2022 Newsletter**. Please follow the link below for access to our June 2022 newsletter. Note schedule and reference to 2027 LDP 'New Engagement Hub' <https://sway.office.com/ZiKjGuHtjgeXsjfU?ref=Link>  
The above 'New Engagement Hub' for 2027 LDP appears to be a positive action which should allow an increase in public input to development planning.  
While the finalisation of the Development plan has yet to occur, it was noted that the plan, as it stands, may still be subject to change. Previously Pitmedden were subject to the addition of a development site suitable for 64 homes by the Scottish Government Reporter.

## 6. **Items discussed at Previous meeting.** -

- **Udny Green Church** :- Unconfirmed report that the Church building has been acquired by a private party. At this time the future 'use' of the Church building is unknown.
- **Udny Resilience organisation**: Purchase cost of a broad range of Generators indicated, this leading to a broader discussion of resilience resource with a clear indication that multiple facilities may best suit. Consideration of required 'services' were briefly discussed with mention that a combination of Environmental energy sources be considered with battery storage facility be considered. Mike Macdonald offered his assistance on this matter.  
Jenny Nicol advised she was engaged in the Resilience Webinar. UCC secretary indicated that UCC may call upon Jenny for advice as we move forward.

Further discussion required on this as a separate activity. 'Special meeting' to be arranged. Action UCC secretary.

- **Road Speed:- refer to 20mph through ... in section 5.** **Also**

- Outstanding action: Secretary to prepare Agenda. In addition, the matter of Speed Activated signs was raised. It had been confirmed that the removal of those previously in place at entrance points to Pitmedden was due to the maintenance challenges faced by Aberdeenshire roads department. Previous proposal for a rotation of signs at key locations had been postponed.

It is understood that this matter is now also a subject of review.

Questions regarding current locations raised as to suitability. Existing 'poles' being serviced with electrical connection are favoured. It was intimated that the option of Solar / Battery exists while it was acknowledged that cost implication and durability were unknown.

A long-standing proposal for the introduction of a 40mph restriction be established from Denend (B9000) junction, to the southern entrance to Pitmedden which to date been declined on numerous occasions. Due to the remapping of the Pitmedden/ Milldale boundary it was thought prudent to include this request in the Agenda of the proposed meeting with Aberdeenshire Roads.

**7. Planning Applications**

To be discussed at meeting	Site Address	
APP/2021/2372	Steading At Woodlands Farmhouse Udny Ellon	UCC Objection submitted
APP/2021/2856	Little Woodlands	UCC Objection submitted

- **Weekly Planning List update:** ( )

APP/2021/2372 - No change

APP/2021/2856 - No change

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

**Passivhaus Bill Consultation Launched:** From Alex Rowley MSP

- "A proposal has been brought forward for consultation that would introduce new minimum energy efficiency standards for all new house building in Scotland and to ask specifically if you have any views on this

proposal. This is why I am introducing a proposal for The Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill in the Scottish Parliament for consultation.

My Private Member's Bill would see all new housing built to the internationally recognised Passivhaus standard or a Scottish equivalent in order to improve energy efficiency and thermal performance.

My Bill would mean that every new home, whether they be built by councils, housing associations or the private sector, would have to be built to verifiable high energy efficiency standards. This would dramatically cut fuel bills and reduce emissions whilst ensuring that there is no need for expensive retrofitting in future.

The cheapest energy is always the energy we don't use in the first place, and this is why it is crucial we take steps to cut household fuel consumption.

We must, of course, ensure all homes are properly insulated and energy efficient but we must break the retrofitting cycle otherwise we will be dealing with the backlog of existing homes requiring retrofitting forevermore. My Bill will ensure the homes of tomorrow do not get added to the ever-growing list of inefficient homes requiring government investment.

The consultation on this proposed Bill has now launched, and I would be extremely grateful for you to take part in sharing your views. I would also appreciate you could share this consultation with any interested parties you know of.

To take part in the consultation please complete the survey which can be found at:

[Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards \(Scotland\) Bill \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

For full details of the proposal please visit: [www.parliament.scot/passivhaus-bill](http://www.parliament.scot/passivhaus-bill)

- **NHS SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register** : SHARE - The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank, is a register of people aged 11 years and over, who are interested in helping health research and being contacted by SHARE if a health project relevant to you becomes available.

The need for health research is essential so new treatments can be developed for conditions such as asthma, cancer, dementia, heart failure and mental health issues. We would like to improve the prevention and treatment of disease, which is why we are asking for your help. Please sign

up to SHARE today at [www.registerforshare.org](http://www.registerforshare.org). If you prefer to speak with someone, please contact us on tel: 01382 383471.

**There is no obligation for anyone who registers to take part in any projects.** Signing up to SHARE allows us to keep you informed of what research is available in Scotland.

- **TOUR OF BRITAIN SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022:** The Tour of Britain is an 8-day professional cycle race that attracts worldwide attention. Some of the world's best riders compete in teams to win a number of competitions within the race including the overall race winner. Aberdeenshire Council are jointly hosting the first stage of the race with Aberdeen City Council. This year, the race will start in Aberdeen City centre and will finish at the Glenshee Ski Centre. The race will pass through many communities and this is a chance for visitors and residents to experience a world class sporting event for free as it winds its way through Aberdeenshire. Details of the timings are not available yet but will be published on the website, which will be updated with all of the information about the race as it become available <https://www.visitabdn.com/tour-of-britain> .

**9. Finance report:** As noted in AGM Minute the Independently Examined Statement of Account were presented, seconded and approved. At this time UCC account remains in credit. Awaiting notice of award sum of the Aberdeenshire Council Grant.

**10. Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce):** Advised that Woodland Trust has once again donated 400 tree saplings to Udney Climate Action.

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

- Continuing 'nuisance' from youths gathering at Woodlands Farmhouse Turbine access track. To date no known damage other than litter and noise pollution. Police have not as yet been engaged.
- Issue over noise emanating and 'stray ball' situations arising from activity at the football area behind Udney Green Primary school and adjacent to Fleeman Park residential area. Direct request to minimise disruption has failed to make a lasting change.
- Ryden Residential Investment and Development have recently advertised the '*bringing to the market a 2.38 acre site which benefits from two separate planning consents permitting the development of 15 houses*'...

This site being the grounds south of the existing Fleeman Park development. Planning applications APP/2016/1901 & APP/2017/1057 apply. Development of 12 homes under APP/2016/1901 approved by Aberdeenshire Council in 2017. The other being for 3 homes which were approved under appeal by the Scottish Government Reporter.

*Please note that the UCC does not conduct a meeting during the month of July.*  
Contact may be made through email to [Colinuccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:Colinuccsecretary@gmail.com)

**The next UCC meeting shall be Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.30pm**

Agendas shall be posted in UDN.Y.ONLINE in advance. As always meeting open to the public.