

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: 17th August 2022. 7:30 pm.

Location: Virtual meeting (TEAMS)

Minute by: Colin Duncan

Community Council Member Attendees:

Paul Bailey (Chair)

Gary D. Bruce

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Mike MacDonald

George Duncan.

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Andrew Hassan

Minute:

1. **Police Report** - Report of Ward 8 - June 2022 circulated to UCC members. *Resolution on confirmation from Police Scotland that they are happy for them to be on a public facing website remains outstanding. Secretary shall request inclusion on Formartine CC Forum of 31st August.*
Police Scotland contact email address for our area
MIIdformartinecpt@scotland.police.uk (or call 101)
2. **Apologies:** . Claire Woodward; Cllr Derek Ritchie; Cllr Jenny Nichol, Matt Kaye. *Note - Due to difficulties accessing Teams Regina Hesdon-Noble had to excuse herself.*
3. **Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by Mike MacDonald.
4. **Declaration of Members' Interest:** Colin Duncan regarding APP/2022/1429 as resident of Croftland.
5. **New Items....**
 - **Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2022.**: *In reference to LDP 2027 communication from Piers Blaxter - members had been previously copied in communication regarding 'New engagement Hub'.*
Confirmation that the survey within the link provided by Piers had been completed within deadline. Question of 'Local Plan' as referenced in the 'new style' LDP engagement shall likely be covered by the

existing Imagine Udney Action Plan and Spatial report. Consideration of other Udney communities outside of Pitmedden shall require formal discussion and planning. Subject matter shall continue for inclusion on Agendas as and when required. It was noted that Formartine Area Committee had previously received a presentation from Aberdeenshire Planning officials regarding the 'New Style' LDP.

- **Community Led Vision Fund - now open:**

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=8601>

Grants of up to £50,000 available for local projects as Community Led Vision Fund open. September 11th Closing date. Proposal that the need for a Joint Udney Organisations / groups collective is required. Thus, allowing the identification of collective and shared needs. Benefits perceived as being in a stronger position in taking benefit of grant options.

Mike MacDonald volunteered to progress the contact with Udney organisations / groups.

- **Improvements to the Amenity of Towns and Villages for the benefit of all - 2022/23 Funding:** Members were advised of current award of £775 which is dependant upon submission of the planned activities within the parameters defined by 30th August 2022. With the increased sum available it was proposed that the procurement and locating of Benches along the commonly used walking paths around Pitmedden / Udney Green along with a one-off litter pick. This proposal shall be determined by the unit cost of the benches. Cllr Andrew Hassan offered to make initial contact with the respective department regarding cost and installation regulations. Urgency in reaching conclusion is critical due to restricted time to respond to Aberdeenshire Council.

6. Items discussed at Previous meeting. -

- **Udney Resilience organisation:** *With the proposed creation of Joint Udney Organisations / groups collective, it is thought best to defer further discussion pending the first meeting of the Collective group. Members were advised of potential availability of ex-military portable generators. Further information required regarding availability, ratings, cost etc. Mike MacDonald shall keep the UCC updated as required.*
- **Road Speed Pitmedden / Udney Green:**- *Situation regarding road speed through Pitmedden and Udney Green remains a concern. Review of 20mph*

zoning already in place around Scotland has suggested that signage alone does not deliver the desired improvements. A combination of Road Speed signage (zoned limiting) and Traffic Calming has provided a more positive result.

- *Suggestions for Pitmedden included:*

Desired features: Consideration given to the 2022 / 2027 LDP development sites which are all located to the south end of Pitmedden village, also the recently redefined Pitmedden / Milldale boundary.

- Place a new village 'Gateway' signage at (near to) B9000/ B999 junction indicating Pitmedden – Milldale. Perceived benefit being a raised driver awareness of present / upcoming residential area.
- Move the current 30mph zone (south side of Pitmedden village) a considerable distance further south on approach. (considering significant increase of traffic into and out of Pitmedden due to residence expansion through LDP 2022/2027 OP2 site).
- Implement a 40mph limit from B9000 toward the 'new' 30 MPH zone start position. Current experiences for pedestrians / cyclists using the footpath from Milldale to Pitmedden have been described as 'Frightening' due to the rapid acceleration of vehicles departing Pitmedden to the south.
- Interactive Speed warning units reinstalled at all three entry points (consider if current positions provide the most effective delivery). Ensure 'line of sight' remains clear of foliage / branches and other such obstructions.
- Replace / implement 'Rumble strips' preceding 30MPH zone at all village entry points. Resurfacing activity during summer of 2022 has obliterated the original markings in some areas, to date have not been reinstated.
- Installation of Traffic Calming 'Speed Cushions' at critical locations for effective speed management. *There is an awareness of restrictions for implementation along the B999 due to its classification as a critical route with Emergency and bus traffic travel. It is understood that within policy there is an opportunity for the use of Cushions on such a route, cost of maintenance of such Cushions may be prohibitive as would implementation of 'textured' surface treatments. An option for the implementation of 'Rubber Cushions', as seen in a significant number of locations around Scotland, is one that a request for application and maintenance costs shall be sought.*
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7. Planning Applications

Udny Planning applications where UCC lodged objection:

- **Bonnyton Farm / Kirkwood homes**: APP/2022/1429, on ` 10th August no change in procedure noted. Statutory Determination Deadline shown as 27th October 2022.
- **Woodlands Farmhouse** - APP/2021/2372: Application refused on July 4th 2022. Further document lodged on 7th July 2022 headed Councillor Consultation Results contains the following
- **Little Woodlands** - APP/2021/ 2856 : Application withdrawn on 8th August 2022.

8. Notable Items sent by e-mail.

- **Pitmedden Hall AGM** : Scheduled for 24th August 2022, 7:30pm. Members noted unavailability to attend.
- **UCC website and Facebook links**: Members advised that WEBSite and Facebook links provided to Aberdeenshire Council as requested for inclusion in Council website.

9. Finance report: Treasurer previous to the meeting advised that UCC account remains unchanged from that presented at the June 15th meeting.

10. Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce): Climate action advised of ongoing discussion about tree planting on pockets of Council owned land in Pitmedden and Hattoncrook associated with current Aberdeenshire Councils 'Growing Living Greenspace' Initiative. Plans for further SwapShop events in progress after success for early event. Donation of Kids Toys appreciated.

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

- Members advised of Aberdeenshire Scheme of Governance now released.

Following agreement at Aberdeenshire Full Council in April 2022 and subsequent approval by the Scottish Government the updated Scheme of Governance can now be accessed via the following link <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/scheme-of-governance/>

The Planning Delegations can be accessed via the following link:

<http://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/dataset/c8044f6f-e327-499f-bbc7-94ae9d699559/resource/bec02db6-5b80-4ccc-b9a2-d82eb95297fb/download/list-of-planning-delegations-v2.pdf>

- **Udny.Online Error**: members advised of current error on UDNY.ONLINE where ERROR 403 on any attempt to open an attached document. This error has been reported to the developer.

Community Council Connectivity and Engagement Pilot Project: UCC advised that iPads had been procured and a training session arranged for November 7th, location Woodhill House. Equipment ownership shall transfer to the UCC, insurance and maintenance being the CC responsibility. Two iPads are available to UCC with two places available at the training session.

Agenda

AM.

We'll start with an introduction to the current social landscape. Do you know your Twitter from your TikTok? We'll bring you up to speed quickly explaining everything from Algorithms to hashtags, showing you how to embrace social media helping achieve more effective community engagement. We'll include some friendly reminders about what 'not' to do, and give some examples of where it can all go wrong with the aim of keeping you out of trouble!

PM

Having had the theory, it's time to get hands-on and show-off your creativity! You'll be shown how to get the most out of your Apple iPad, with advice and tuition on how to use popular apps such as iMovie (for creating engaging videos), and Canva (for eye-catching graphics). Our trainers will be on hand for any questions, practical tips, and you'll leave with a new found confidence in your creative abilities!

Members name required for signature on receipt and registration of the iPad.

- Mike MacDonald advised us of an issue experienced by a resident of Saddlers Rise related to misdirected uninvited 'visitors'. A request for a new street sign indicating both Saddlers Rise and Saddlers View be installed (similar to that at Croftland which includes Edmondside and Breckview). Cllr Andrew Hassan advised he would pass this request on to the relevant department.

The next UCC meeting shall be Wednesday September 21st commencing at 7.30pm Meetings held as 'Virtual' through Microsoft TEAMS.

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

