

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: 19th October 2022. 7:30 pm.

Location: Dr Spence Hall. Udney Green.

Minute by: Colin Duncan

Community Council Member Attendees:

<u>Paul Bailey (Chair)</u>	Gary D. Bruce
<u>Colin Duncan (Secretary)</u>	Mike MacDonald
<u>Matt Kaye (Treasurer)</u>	George Duncan.
<u>Claire Woodward</u>	Regina Hesdon-Noble

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Paul Johnston; Cllr Jenny Nicol

Member of Public: Phil Coventry

Minute:

- 1. Police Report** - Combined Ward 7,8,& 9 report received and circulated to all members
Police Scotland contact email address for our area
MIIdformartinecpt@scotland.police.uk (or call 101)
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr Derek Ritchie; Cllr Andrew Hassan
- 3. Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by George Duncan, seconded by Claire Woodward.
- 4. Declaration of Members' Interest:** Colin Duncan declared as resident within area related to APP/2022/1469.
- 5. New Items....**
 - **Formartine Community Council Forum:** Scheduled for 9th November. Colin Duncan confirmed his intention to attend. Attendance offered to all members with no uptake. *Action: Secretary to provide UCC report.*
 - **Festive Lights Application - 2022** Confirmed that approval for Christmas Lighting throughout Pitmedden had been approved by Aberdeenshire Council. UCC were reminded of an exercise dated back to 2020 seeking options and costing for a Christmas light display at

Hattoncrook. It was acknowledged that this had been overlooked since the return of 'normal' activity. The project to be reactivated with outcome determined within a timeframe for inclusion in 2023 Christmas period. Action: Item to be included in November Agenda for further discussion / action.

- **Christmas Fayre -Medan Centre, Sunday 27th November.** Spaces available. Members agreed that UCC should reserve a space. Community Council Banner should be available from 'Shire Council. Members suggested that a Survey be created regarding Traffic speed / Driver behaviour, also Development plans for area (LDP maps). Four members indicated willingness to engage in 'manning the stand'. Action: Colin Duncan to confirm with The Medan reserving a 'spot' for the event. Aberdeenshire council for the banner. Survey to be developed.
- **UCC members contact numbers:** As a result of a request from a current member all members were asked if they were willing to provide a telephone contact number for use within Community Council membership. Noting this was not a constituted requirement, simply a personal choice. All willing members shall provide relevant number to the Secretary who shall record and administer the information exclusively to the council membership. Action: all members response.
- **Format of November meeting / 2023 meetings:** Consensus sought on mode of meetings; Live or On-Line. Conditions such as Weather conditions; environmental impact and cost were considered along with Live v. On-Line 'experience'. There was a majority in favour of the Live meeting format, the experience of face-to-face engagement being a positive factor. Members indicated there was a willingness to arrange multiple car occupancy to reduce environmental and cost impact. Agreed that where adverse weather conditions prevail meeting would revert back to an On-Line format. The possibility of conducting meetings as a Hybrid event was suggested. This option shall be pursued with research into suitable venues, costs and configuration. Action: Colin Duncan to pursue.

6. Items discussed at Previous meeting. -

- **FCPG - Formartine Community Planning Group.** Members were informed that meeting scheduled for 28th September had been cancelled due to the volume of apologies. To be rescheduled

- **Udny Resilience organisation:** Mike MacDonald / Phil Coventry updated members. Significant progress made regarding Equipment procurement; members; procedures etc well underway. It is heartening to hear that a number of the volunteers are of an age where agility, energy and enthusiasm are in abundance (a benefit of youth !). Mike MacDonald participated in the 'Community Resilience Workshop' indicating that the session was informative and valuable. Resilience planning addresses multiple events such as flooding, evacuation, communication as a few of the inclusive events.

- **Bonnyton Farm / Kirkwood homes:** APP/2022/1429, Date for Formartine Area Committee consideration being the meeting scheduled for November 8th 2022; Agenda shall be published one week previous. It should be noted that request for representation in person (video conf) may be submitted in advance.

- **Improvements to the Amenity of Towns and Villages for the benefit of all - 2022/23 Funding.** The adopted proposal for supply of 'public bench' has been intimated to our Local Paths Group seeking recommendation of siting. Recommendation received being located along the Bronie Burn Walk. Budget cost to be obtained for a Composite material bench. Remaining funds to be directed to direct activities within our residential areas. **Action: Colin Duncan seek unit costs of options inclusive of VAT.**

- **Road Speed Pitmedden / Udny Green Hattoncrook:-** Still awaiting response from Roads regarding proposal of conducting a joint collaborative meeting between Roads, Police and Community Councils. This being in response to an email received from a Senior Roads Management Engineer. The subject of Speed is included in the Formartine Joint CC Forum scheduled for 9th November. Subject notes from UCC have been forwarded to FCCF for inclusion.
 It was noted that regular speeding events along the A947 by Whiterashes / Hattoncrook continue where we believe there had been a road fatality recently. Residents of Pitmedden repeat concerns of speed and tailgating on approaches to and within the village boundaries. Note of particular concern was observation of vehicles attending the school area failing to conform to the 20MPH zone around the school.
 It was noted that reporting of incidents to the police was not favoured as the information did not have sufficient detail / evidence, plus consideration of police resource in addressing these matters.
 A suggestion that observed repeat offenders be videoed with video uploaded to a specific email address providing a library from which incidents may be collated and provided as evidence of repetitive offending.

Challenges in 'Traffic Calming' options being that Aberdeenshire Council appear to have executed a 'cut and paste' of the Scottish Government guidelines with no deviation requests submitted. Thus, limiting available features evident throughout many other regional areas within Scotland.
Action: consideration of security and management of email files.
Consideration of legitimacy in recording offenders. Consideration of practical application of evidential files.

7. Planning Applications

- Nothing to report.

8. Notable Items sent by e-mail.

- Members reminded of ----Aberdeenshire Council Consultation - Environment & Infrastructure Fees & Charges Review: email with link to survey posted on Pitmedden and Udney Green Facebook, also copied to UCC members on 7th October 2022. Survey closes Sunday November 6th

9. Finance report: Treasurer advised all receipts and expenditures accounted for. Reserved funds against balance shall provide a small surplus which may allow miscellaneous expense encountered.

10. Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce): Group members visited homes in Pitmedden with renewable and low carbon heating systems (heat pumps and biomass). Event to hear how they work, hear what they cost to run, discuss all the challenges of improving insulation held on 29th September.

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

- Members advised that Piers Blaxter communicated that the Local Development Plan 2022. *Reporter's recommendations and our conclusions were presented to Aberdeenshire Council on 21 September 2022. At the meeting on that date the Council agreed to accept all the recommendations made by the reporter. Proposed plan now submitted the modified proposed plan to Scottish Ministers and fully expect the decision of the Council that they are minded to adopt the plan to be supported. Scottish Ministers have 28 days to advise us if a different course of action is required, and so we anticipate adopting the new plan by 24 October 2022. It was noted that the proposed development site located behind Allathan Park, objected to by UCC, remains include in the plan.*

- UCC were advised of a 'nuisance' situation resulting in commercial floodlights presenting a level of light pollution. It is believed that the premises are owned by JKR. Action: Secretary requested confirmation of the exact location and those affected. With this information the secretary shall contact JKR regarding the matter.

Next meeting shall be Wednesday November 16th 2022; commencing at 7:30 am.

Location: Dr Spence Hall, Udney Green. / To Be Confirmed.