

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting
Held in Pitmedden Primary School
June 20th 2019

Present: Garth Entwistle (Chair)
 Colin Duncan (Secretary)
 Paul Bailey
 George Bruce
 Rob Henderson

Also Present: Amanda Roe, Aberdeenshire Council

Apologies: Cllr Gifford, Peter Mcallister Matt Kaye, George Duncan

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM for 2018 were approved by Garth Entwistle, seconded by Paul Bailey.

Annual Council Report

Garth Entwistle, (Outgoing)Chair, thanked all members for their continuing support over the past year and thanked elected members for taking time out to both attend our meetings and give support and advice. We have had a busy year with increased levels of activity across many sectors. It has been so good that we have had a very strong team with an active Chair, Vice-Chair who will be taking over Chairmanship at this meeting. We wish him all the very best and remind him “he can only do what he can do” we can’t do everything and we can’t do everything well. Mistakes will be made and that is OK as long as they are recognised as mistakes. We only have (1) CC position unfilled. We have a good, new Chair, a strong secretary, treasurer and web-site manager and a good supporting team – all good.

Highlights:

(1) Planning issues have regularly required the attention of the Council.

These issues have included:

- a. Bonnyton Farm Development and its use of Ingleside as one of its two points of access. The CC objected strongly to the Ingleside access and worked with the Pitmedden community to clearly show how strongly felt these objections were.
- b. Tillycorthie, currently (June 2019) commanding the attention of the Council and testing out its procedures to the full.
- c. Cairnfechel Farm, like Tillycorthie, currently (June 2019) testing out CC procedures.

These developments confirm the Council’s feeling that “we don’t mind houses or people, it is the roads and the traffic on these roads which most concerns the community”.

Developer Obligations continue to be difficult for the CC to influence. It is hoped Aberdeenshire Council can explain this issue at our August meeting.

(2) Road Safety concerns are a continuous problem for the community. One of the CC members continues to give this his attention and attempts to persuade the Council further road safety measures are required in the Parish.

Car parking and the road safety issues this can cause in and around the Green of Udney Green cause concern to local residents. This has led the CC to consult with all those using Udney Green in order to find a solution to these problems.

- (3) Imagine Udney, a project commissioned by the Udney Community Trust, supported by the CC, has involved the Pitmedden community in particularly, in finding new ways to develop Pitmedden and its surrounding areas. The CC will continue to work with the Trust to realise this project huge ambitions and make Pitmedden and its surrounding areas, a more complete place.
- (4) The UCC regularly engages with local organisations. This has become a little more formal with the start of a regular series of meetings arranged by the CC with Udney Community Trust (UCT), with Pitmedden amenities Trust (PAT) and PUT the Pitmedden, Udney & Tarves environmental project. These meetings will seek to co-ordinate and support each other as we all seek to support the development of the Udney Parish. In support of this, the UCC is in regular correspondence with neighbouring Community Councils and expect to start a discussion with them re: the future delivery of health services in the area by our GPs. Additional to this, we were pleased to be introduced to our new local police officer – PC Douglas Donald. We look forward to working with him to help resolve problems.

Beyond this, we have worked through the year with PAT (Pitmedden Amenities Trust) as it worked through its formative years. We have taken responsibility from the UCT for the defibrillators in and around our villages, looked in to the lighting of our roads following the introduction of LED lights and found a way to overcome the problems caused and supported “Fuel Efficient Driving” in the parish.

- (5) Community Council procedures are continually under review. We have participated in:
 - a. Light Touch Review of the Community Council’s Scheme of Establishment
 - b. Participation Request Workshop called to Design Outcome Improvement Processes
 - c. Aberdeenshire Council’s annual “CC Networking Event”
 - d. Review of CC Insurance & Public Liability
- (6) Our website www.udny.online continues to grow and support, for example, community consultations.

The Udney community Council is in good hands. It has been a pleasure, mostly, to act as Chair to this Council over the last 4-5 years. I wish Paul Bailey all the very best as he takes over.

Garth Entwistle, 17/06/19

Council members thanked Garth for his leadership and time dedicated to the Chair of UCC over the past years and welcome continuing to working with Garth over the coming years.

Annual Statement of Accounts:

Treasurer Rob Henderson, presented the statement of accounts, notifying that a single transaction actioned since taking over the UCC accounts from Matt Kaye, current balance of £3,290.28p.

The accounts are due to be audited shortly by Sheila Johnston. The accounts were verbally accepted pending Audit by the meeting. Aberdeenshire Council to be copied once audit finalised.

Report on Election 2019.

Meeting being advised that elections were not required as no nominations had been received with all current members retaining membership.

The following were elected by those present:

Chair: Paul Bailey

Treasurer: Rob Henderson

Secretary: Colin Duncan

Community Council members were recognised as: Garth Entwistle, Paul Bailey, Rob Henderson, Colin Duncan, George Duncan, George Bruce, Matt Kaye, Peter McAllister, Heather Black. A total of (9) members. Residents of Pitmedden would be invited by the Chair to attend future meetings of the Council to better understand the work of the Council and to allow consideration of membership.

Closure of meeting.

With no further business intimated the AGM meeting announced as closed.