

**UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Udney Green Hall.**

- Present:** Garth Entwistle, George Duncan, Peter McAllister, & Brian McDougall.
- Also Present:** Colin Duncan, Cllr P Johnston, Cllr Adam & Cllr A Hassan
- Apologies:** Cllr J Gifford, Rob Henderson Paul Baily, George Bruce & Matt Kaye.
- Chair:** Garth Entwistle
- Minutes:** The minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved by George Duncan and seconded by Garth Entwistle.
- Scottish Police Report** It was explained that there had been a change in focus in that it was no longer possible for the police to attend community council meetings as a regular event. Instead it was suggested that they could attend by invite maybe once or twice a year. It was also noted that there was now a new police inspector for Formartine.
- Declaration of Interest** No members of the meeting declared a personal interest in any of the items being discussed.
- Local Development Plan** In November '17, Alisa Anderson and Fiona Reid both from the Local Development Planning team gave a presentation on how the next development plan will affect our Parish. Although Ms Reid had promised to distribute notes of this presentation they have not been received. The secretary agreed to chase these up and hopefully have them available for the February meeting.
- New web Site** The new web site appeared to be working well and in the opinion of the members looks very professional. It was agreed that Garth would write a short article to be published in the Pitmedden news telling people about the new site and encouraging new members.
- Road Safety** The meeting was informed that Aberdeenshire Council no longer promote the use of permanent / static vehicle activated signs as they find that they become ineffective after some time. They prefer to use one that they can put up for 1-2 weeks which provides a visual display and also records data in both directions. If the data shows that there is a speeding issue then this information is passed on to police scotland. Bearing this in mind the meeting decided to identify locations where speeding is perceived to be an issue and ensure that there is a suitable pole available to house the temporary equipment If places are identified but no pole available then the CC will arrange to have a suitable pole provided. It was also said that Hatton Crook should have the same speed limit as Whiterashes. It was also reported at the last meeting that visibility at the exit of Bellhaven Road was compromised due to overgrown vegetation on Oldmeldrum Road, Cllr Hassan said he would pursue with Landscape services. In summary it was stated that Road safety issues remain a high priority with the community council.
- Udney Green Memorial Hall** The hall committee have said that they were about to commence a feasibility study in the community subject to funding being available.
- Paths Group** No new information this month.
- Fleeman Park** It was stated that the additional 12 houses had been given approval but requires a suitable traffic management plan. The application for 3 additional houses had been refused by Aberdeenshire Council but an appeal was lodged and it was now in the

hands of the reporter who would give his deliberations in due course.

**Community  
Turbine**

Garth informed the meeting that the turbine continued to do well and he fully expected that it would meet or exceed its output target this year. The only down side is that there would be some additional expenses for ground maintenance and the servicing charges had increased this year, but it remains as the prime funding stream for the community.

**Pitmedden Park**

It was stated that the application for a SCIO was now with OSCR for their approval and it was hoped that a decision would not take too long. When this approval is given it would allow the new amenity Trust to have the combined responsibility of the hall and park and dissolve the existing organisations.

**Planning  
applications**

A discussion took place over the proposed development near Bonnington Farm where proposals would be seen at a public consultation which has been arranged at the Linsmohr Hotel. It was stated that the community council would be given an opportunity to fully comment on the plans when they were submitted to the council. In the meantime each member would be able to give their personal views at the consultation. In general terms the main concerns were health and safety issues regarding the proposed opening up of "Ingleside" which joins the B999 adjacent to the Co-op and has been blocked up for many years. It was also stated that if approved, this development may be a major contributor to creating a village centre or other improvements.

**Other Items**

- Aberdeenshire Council's Winter Policy was discussed as there had been many complaints regarding the lack of salting/gritting in and around our parish which left many roads icebound and therefore very dangerous. It was stated that a presentation on the winter policy will be given by the roads department at the February meeting of the Community Council Forum which is held in Meldrum Academy. In addition the community trust/council will investigate the possibility of getting a "contractor " to grit/salt the roads in the parish in addition to the council but utilising their salt/grit. This would make our parish a safer place.
- There was a complaint stating that a lot of polystyrene packaging was littering the area around Milldale and it looked as if this waste material had come from the yard occupied by SMT. Garth said that he would investigate and hopefully come up with a solution.
- It was noted that the Pitmedden News was due to be published shortly and this would give the CC an ideal opportunity to highlight their new website. It would also let people know that we need new members to keep us up to full strength.
- The A96 dualling east of Huntly to Aberdeen was briefly discussed and it was suggested that one of the options may be to use part of the A947. It was suggested that a member of the community council attend the next project meeting to ascertain our involvement.
- End of minute

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 15th February 2018 at Pitmedden Primary School starting at 7:30pm