

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 16th November 2017 in Pitmedden Primary School.

- Present:** Garth Entwistle, George Duncan, Paul Baily, Matt Kaye, Peter McAllister, Rob Henderson & Brian McDougall.
- Also Present:** Alisa Anderson, Fiona Reid, Debra Campbell & Cllr A Hassan
- Apologies:** Cllr J Gifford, Cllr P Johnston, Cllr Adam, George Bruce & Matt Kaye.
- Chair:** Garth Entwistle
- Minutes:** The minutes from the Sept 2017 meeting were approved by George Duncan and seconded by Garth Entwistle.
- Scottish Police Report** Unfortunately Police Scotland was unable to attend this meeting but following the meeting a report was received and distributed to members. It was also agreed that we need feedback from the Police on issues raised at their last attendance. These were speed checks on the part of the B999 which has a 50MPH limit and look at the drink and drugs issue in Pitmedden (behind the Village Hall).
- Declaration of Interest** No members of the meeting declared a personal interest in any of the items being discussed.
- Local Development Plan** 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. This included detailed discussion on Pitmedden and Milldale, Udney Green and Hatton Crook. Fiona said that she will provide notes of the discussion and distribute them later.
- New web Site** It was reported that the new Udney Community Council website is now up and running and it was agreed by the community councillors that this site looks very good and is a credit to Rob Henderson whose company developed and built the site at no cost to the community council. After discussion it was agreed by all that Rob's company will continue host the web site with the community council paying the hosting charges. Formal thanks was given to Rob for all the hard work he and his company had put into this initiative and the resultant high quality website.
- Udney Green planting** At a previous meeting it was decided to fund planting activities in Udney Green to enhance its appearance and since this award it has been established that some money has been laid aside some 30 years ago to cater for this type of funding. After a lot of organisational work by Garth this account has finally been updated with Peter McAllister looking after the finances.
- Festive Lighting** Cllr Hassan informed the meeting that the recent documentation all community councils had received from the Roads Department relating to Festive Lighting was being withdrawn due to the consternation it had caused in all community councils. The Formartine Area manager, Elaine Brown is in the process of setting up a working group from some of the community councils so that a more pragmatic approach could be made to the documentation required for Festive events.
- Smithy Site** It was noted that work took place at the Smithy site in Udney Green at a very inappropriate time. 3:30am. A report has been submitted to the council and they are dealing but in the meantime an apology from the builder to the local residents would be expected.
Concern was also noted that when these properties are occupied they may complain about noise from the adjacent public hall when functions are held.
- Road Safety Issues** It was proposed that a subcommittee meeting would be arranged to discuss road safety issues especially the intended provision of Road speed indicator signs which the

community council would fund.(This meeting was arranged for 22 November 2017). It had been reported to the community council that there are many instances of bad parking outside the co-op in Pitmedden but one incident recently was extremely bad as the offender not only parked at night with his headlights blinding oncoming traffic but actually parked on the Pelican crossing blocking access to anyone who may have wanted to cross. Photographs were taken of this incident and passed to the police for further action.

It was also reported 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.

**Udny Green
Memorial Hall**

OSCR has accepted the application from the hall committee to form a SCIO and there will be a meeting on 30th November to progress. Garth also said that tenders are going out to further scope what will be needed from funders so that fresh applications can be made to further develop the hall.

Paths Group

No new information this month.

Fleeman Park

A discussion took place regarding the access requirements to build 3 houses. It was agreed by all that it would not be sensible to use the existing roadway as it would pose a health and safety issue for existing residents especially those with young children. Currently there is no resolution to this problem.

Other Items

- The meeting was informed that an event was being organised in Udny Green in support of the charity “Anchor” and the star guest will be Susan Boyle. Craig Wilson of Eat on the Green is organising the event which will take place on the green itself, the church and the hall for refreshments. This is planned to happen on Sunday 3rd December.
- Developer obligation amounts in the parish were discussed and it was noted that most of the funds were already allocated to projects.
- It was noted from the roads department that improvement work will be carried out in Wheatlands and Rylands consisting of lighting and footway improvements. This is scheduled to be completed before Xmas.
- At the Aberdeenshire recognition awards Cllr Hassan nominated both Jenny Craig and Andrew McCartney for awards.
- At the November community council forum it was noted that Andrew McCartney was retiring from the deputy chair post which he currently holds. Cllr Hassan asked to be notified of any volunteers?
- End of minute

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on 18th January 2017 at Udny Green village hall starting at 7:30pm