

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on the 21st Sept 2017 in Pitmedden Primary School.

- Present:** Garth Entwistle, George Duncan, George Bruce & Brian McDougall.
- Also Present:** Cllr K Adam & Cllr A Hassan
- Apologies:** Cllr J Gifford, Cllr P Johnston, Paul Bailey, Rob Henderson, Peter McAllister & Matt Kaye.
- Chair:** Garth Entwistle
- Minutes:** The minutes from the June 2017 meeting were approved by George Duncan and seconded by Garth Entwistle.
- General** The chairman noted that the community council had been involved in many community consultations lately including the representations on behalf of the Udney Station doctors surgery, which pleasingly retained its dispensing ability. Unfortunately our representations to NHS for a pharmacy in Pitmedden did not result in a positive outcome as the application by the Chemist failed to win approval. It was noted that the community council will support an appeal if one is submitted by the applicant.
- Scottish Police Report** Unfortunately Police Scotland were 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.
- 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. The account, held in an Ellon Bank, was last updated 10 years ago where there was some £645 available. Not surprisingly all of the signatories are no longer with the community council and Garth suggested that we do what is necessary to get the account up and working. The meeting agreed that it would be best to have two signatories and suggested that it should be any two out of three signatories to make it a bit easier to manage. It was agreed that the three signatories will be P McAllister, G Entwistle and B McDougall and Garth would arrange for the necessary documentation to be signed. It was also noted that we would need to approve a board resolution to satisfy the requirement of the bank and it was agreed that this would be done.
- Road Safety Issues** Road safety issues are always a priority item on the agenda and it was agreed that we continue to look for improvements. One area of concern is the section of the B999 from the south entrance of the village to the B9000 turn off at Milldale. Although this section has a footpath along this length of road which is at the kerbside in places it has the National 60MPH limit which the meeting thinks is too fast. It was agreed that we will look at this situation with the aim to get a reduced speed limit. It was also agreed that we look at some speed detection devices to ascertain the most suitable to help us ensure drivers observe the appropriate speed limits.
- Local Development Plan** It was noted that the some of the Local development Planning team would be attending our November meeting so that they can obtain feedback on what our community require from the plan. It has since been established that the Planning team will use the results of our recent place standard survey to guide the direction of the discussion.

Udny Community Survey and Action Plan	The analysis of the place standard survey have now been completed and the results are being displayed at the Udny Community Trust Co. Ltd. AGM which was held last night in Pitmedden Hall where the attendees were asked to prioritise the identified areas of improvement.
Udny Green Memorial Hall	<p>Garth reported that the hall steering group are continuing to progress stage 2 proposals and are currently waiting for the output from the place standard survey. He also said that he had encouraged people to complete the priority identification.</p> <p>They are also still progressing the format of a SCIO for the hall and still awaiting contact from the “Robbs” Trust which may be able to give benefit by giving a regular income to the Hall.</p>
Paths Group	No new information this month.
Fleeman Park	A discussion took place regarding the 3 additional houses in Fleeman Park. It was explained to the meeting that the application was discussed at the Formartine area committee meeting but the outcome of the final decisions was unclear. Cllr Hassan agreed to clarify the situation by sending the appropriate link.
Community Turbine	Garth informed the meeting that the turbine’s output this past financial year was lower than last year due to an overall reduction in wind levels. In addition to this the current power purchase agreement is less advantageous and therefore there is an additional loss of income. Despite this the Turbine company has well supported the community trust and gift aided a substantial sum of money which supports many local projects as well as providing local employment for two staff. Garth also informed the meeting that the Turbine company were going to get a local firm to do a detailed inspection of the wind turbine blades using drone technology. If successful and acceptable to Enercon (the manufacturers of the turbine) it could pave the way to a lot of additional business for this local company.
Community Trust	Brian informed the meeting that the Annual General Meeting of the Udny Community Trust had taken place in Pitmedden Hall the previous evening. In addition to the AGM the results of the recent place standard survey were displayed and attendees were encouraged to prioritise the areas for improvement. Overall the Trust is doing very well and has a full board of directors (7) and two staff members. This year it has allocated over £62000 to fund local projects making a total of over £330,000 since the Trust was formed.
Pitmedden Park	As mentioned last month the work is continuing on building the case for providing a new skate park within Pitmedden Park and quotes have been received which helps the preparation of a grant application to Sports Scotland. (This is likely to be in excess of £100k) In addition work is progressing well with the provision of containers which will provide changing facilities next to the playing area. The next main task is to fully set up the amenity trust which will look after both the hall and the park.
Community Council website	To be discussed at the next meeting.
Planning Applications	There were 3 planning applications to discuss and it was agreed that there was no need for the community council to submit any comments.
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young people in Udny Green have indicated they would like a skate park and have started to raise funds to instigate this project. Developer obligation money could be a source of funding but after discussion it was very unclear

how much money is available from this funding. Need to get clarification for the developer obligation team. In ref to Udney Green, Cllr Hassan stated that a new head teacher for Udney Green School has been selected but as yet a start date has not been obtained as there is difficulty in releasing them from their current post. The meeting was disappointed that Aberdeenshire Council did not appear to have a policy in place to release candidates when they are selected for promotion.

- Cllr Hassan raised the issue of youths congregating in Pitmedden schools car park and asked if it was causing a problem. Garth followed up by asking if Aberdeenshire Council have any funding streams to develop youth activities etc. The councillors replied by saying there was no specific funds but applications could be made to the area committee.
- Various paths in the parish were discussed and it was thought the the area committee have allocated some funding for a path from Pitmedden village boundary up to the Formartine football club. If this is correct it would greatly improve the safety of the people who walk to the football ground.
- The phone box in Udney Green was discussed as it is owned by the community council and used to house a defibrillator but recently was invaded by wasps. The meeting agreed that the community council would pay for the removal of any infestations.
- Summer bedding plants – it was agreed that Peter McAllister would collate the info for Udney Green, George for Hatton Crook and Brian for Pitmedden.
- End of minute

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on 19th October 2017 at Udney Green village hall starting at 7:30pm