

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - 2020.

**Location:** Web Video (TEAMS) link 7:30pm\_

*Minute by: Colin Duncan*

## **Community Council Member Attendees:**

Paul Bailey (Chair)

George Duncan

Colin Duncan (Secretary)

Garth Entwistle

Matt Kaye (Treasurer)

Rebecca Heidenreich

## **Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan

Cllr Paul Johnston

Cllr Jim Gifford

Members of the Public: Graham Stott, Claire Woodward (Allathan Park residents), Caroline Brown (Co-Op member pioneer)

## **Item 1. Pre meeting presentation by Allathan Park residents re Proposed LDP 2020**

Presentation of resident concerns over Proposed LDP 2020 OP3 site (south of Allathan Park) by Claire Woodward and Graham Stott. A comprehensive report of points of concern presented to UCC, some of which were:

- a) Proposed site had previously been rejected.
- b) Potential Density of Housing (previously 30 homes, now proposed for 68 homes).
- c) Biodiversity / wild life habitat. d) Topical / Geographical, sections of OP3 known to be prone to flooding.
- d) Potential for Residences being approximately 16 meters above existing Allathan Park homes.
- e) Concern over the 'condition' of a link road between current Bonnyton Farm site and proposed OP3 site. It was noted that 'Conditions' were not deliverable if the land required is not owned by the developer.

UCC indicated that the current LDP proposal remains open for public response until the end of July 2020 and encouraged those who have objections to respond through the Council Development Plan Response web page.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/pldp-2020/how-to-respond/>

It was also confirmed that the current proposed LDP applies to the LDP plan 2022 through 2032, a 10 year plan (changed to 10 years by Scottish government), with a planned review after 5 years.

A request by UCC for a copy of the points of concern be provided to the UCC (*secretary could not record all points raised hence request*) . **Action: Clair Woodward / Graham Stott.**

UCC shall form a Sub Committee to review Allathan Park resident's comments / concerns, formulating a UCC response. **Action: Colin Duncan**

UCC chairman, Paul Bailey shall arrange a suitable time with Graham Stott to 'walk' the site providing an understanding of the geography and relationship to Allathan Park. **Action: Paul Bailey**

### **Introduction to Co-Op member Pioneer. Caroline Brown.**

Caroline informed the UCC of the Member Pioneer Co-ordinators objective of working together with Co-op colleagues and local causes to make a difference in their communities.

Advising all that any local causes that we are involved in or have been informed about may be communicated to Caroline who can put you in touch with like-minded people, offer practical advice, advise on possible funding.

**Police report:** No report provided by Formartine Division.

**Apologies:** Heather Black

**Approval of previous minute:** May 20th 2020 meeting minute acceptance proposed by George Duncan, seconded by Garth Entwistle.

**Declaration of Member Interest:** None declared.

1. **Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 (2021). Review proposed sites.** OP1, OP2 OP3 and OP4. Deferred to formation of Sub Committee for consideration. **Action : Paul Bailey**
2. **Pursuit of Ingleside closure records. Update on progress.** Colin Duncan advised that required files had been identified and request for retrieval submitted. Feedback was that due to Covid restrictions action may take some time. Contact again enquiring after progress. **Action: Colin Duncan**
3. **Traffic Calming.** Frequent reports of speeding traffic into and through our villages, with report of 'near misses' has prompted a revisit to Speed control signage (interactive) for our villages. Previously reviewed with Aberdeenshire Council who indicated a willingness to position 'Posts' for mounting speed control units which would circulate around the various locations. The original UCC submission had been declined in each instance. There was general agreement that Interactive Speed indicator Signage had a positive effect. Options to be discussed at next meeting (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020). **Action: George Duncan shall take the lead on this project.**

Further comment was from Colin Duncan who advised that an email in April 2020 to Aberdeenshire Roads requesting consideration of a Speed Limit reduction be applied from the South on B999 and on the entry to Pitmedden along the B9000 (Old Meldrum Road). As of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 no response had been received. Cllr Paul Johnston advised that he had made approaches regarding the same matter to

Aberdeenshire council Roads recently. Cllr Paul Johnston shall provide updates as available.

4. **Community Council Records retention.** Colin Duncan advised that Agenda and Minute for 2000 through 2005 now on file. Confirmed that Aberdeenshire Council had no other electronic records available. Paper copies (printed copies) may exist; a request for retrieval shall be placed once offices reopen post Covid restriction.  
**Action : Colin Duncan.**
5. **Tidy Village scheme 2020 – 2021.** It had been agreed that the £500 grant be applied for with proposal for a £250 towards and Pitmedden Litter Pick with balance of £250 toward the volunteer work of the Paths Group. Additional, one time only award of £100 being in lieu of the Village in Bloom funding be applied to the replacing of Beech trees along the Drove Road path. Application to be forwarded by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at latest. **Action : Colin Duncan.**
6. **Kirkwood Homes / Bonnyton application.** Engineering reports received from Kirkwood (Allan Rae) and copied out to all UCC members. Members to review in consideration of possible inclusion of Bonnyton Road in traffic planning. **Action : ALL**
7. **Contact with our MSP** in updating situation regarding Bonnyton Farm development was agreed to be dropped. Shall monitor progress and future outcomes as they occur.

**Notable Items received by email.**

8. **Apparent Increase in dog fouling.** Seeking options in raising awareness and conscience of the responsibilities of Dog Owners. Suggestions were of provision of 'Poo Bag' stations at common dog walk entrance points. Caroline Brown indicated that she had a group who were available to engage in creating suitable Poo Bag holders. Garth Entwistle also intimated an interest in engaging in the project. **Action: Garth and Caroline to communicate and develop a suitable plan.**
9. **UCC informed that Formartine Area Office** had requested information on Community council management during Lockdown: Scheduling, Managing; Platform used for Web meetings; Decision making; Maximum membership number and listing of Elected / Co-opted membership. **Colin Duncan advised that requested information had been provided.**

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10. Normally July would be excluded from the UCC meeting calendar. It was agreed that due to current circumstances plus volume of 'live' issues the UCC would arrange a July meeting, scheduled for the third Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
11. Claire Woodward expressed an interest in joining the UCC. Claire would be welcomed and a Co-Option proposal shall be included in our July agenda.
12. Opinion on possible benefit of using Web based meetings (TEAMS) encouraging a broader engagement from the public. It was suggested that it may encourage those who have limited time normally discouraging physically attending a UCC meeting. Engaging in an online meet considerably reduces the required time and effort on many fronts.
13. An enquiry to our youngest member, Rebecca on how she feels regarding engagement / involvement. Discussion led to an understanding that the UCC need to

include Rebecca to a greater extent in the varied activities allowing growth in experience and knowledge of the many facets of the Aberdeenshire Council responsibilities and our local community groups. Colin Duncan advised of an e-learning tool for Community Councils, ALDO. Access can be requested through the area office, requires approval and provision of a User name and Password. Colin to review his existing access and advise on possible modules that may be of interest.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Time: 7:30pm

Location: ***(TEAMS) Web Video Call***