UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

***Meeting Minute of*** : 20th February 2020.

***Location:***Pitmedden Primary School *Minute by: Colin Duncan*

***Attendees***:

Paul Bailey (Chair), Colin Duncan (Secretary), Matt Kaye (Treasurer), Garth Entwistle, George Duncan, George Bruce, Cllr Paul Johnston. Cllr Andrew Hassan, Cllr Jim Gifford.

Rebecca Heidenreich

***Apologies:***  Heather Black

***Chair:*** Paul Bailey

***Minute:*** Colin Duncan

*New Member:*

Rebecca Heidenreich was introduced to UCC indicating an interest in Joining the UCC. After a brief summary of UCC responsibilities and introduction of Office Bearers and brief discussion with Rebecca, Rebecca confirmed her interest in joining the UCC.

Co-Opt of Rebecca was proposed by the Chair (Paul Bailey) and put to the vote of all members present (6 of 7 members attending), no objections tendered therefore Co-option confirmed.

It is recognised that our Constitution rules were not fully upheld as there was no notice of propose Co-Option, nor was Area manager notified (required at least 10 days prior). While acknowledging this, the Membership agreed that there was not benefit in delaying the Co-option and that notification to Area Manager would be addressed with haste by the secretary.

* **Police report**: No Police report (had been previously confirmed that any report would be copied to Chair & Secretary).
* **Previous Minutes** acceptance proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by Matt Kaye. Copy to be mailed to Area Manager and posted on Udny website within the required 10 days.
* **Declaration of Interest:** No declaration of interest noted.

**New Items:**

* + Community Engagement session, Pitmedden Hall, held Friday 31st in Pitmedden Village Hall. It was noted that public interest / attendance was very low. The question of advance publicity was raised to which we were advised of a varied response by other communities involved with equivalent publicity provided. There was a broad opinion that the low attendance at Pitmedden may be due to the community sharing an overall contentment at present. Future engagement sessions shall proceed.
  + Formartine Joint Forum update was provided, sharing the slide deck presentation delivered by Anne Overton (Senior Solicitor) addressing the Scheme of Establishment. *Web link to Minutes of Special meeting referred to by Anne Overton had been attached to the Agenda circulated to all UCC members.*
  + A proposal for a Joint meeting of neighbouring CC’s to be convened (Methick, Tarves & Udny). This had been raised by a Tarves CC member after Joint Forum of 6th February. There was agreement in principal with some concern noted over the number of meetings currently active over and above the regular CC meetings. It was accepted that such joint meetings may be best served by a ‘Twice Yearly’ schedule, which would not require full CC membership attendance. Benefits being in the creation of collective CC relationships encouraging and supporting matters of shared interest / concern. *Chair and Secretary to follow up on actions required.*
* ***Updates on previous meeting items.***
  + ***VE day events*** : Paul Bailey advised of the status and scope of events arranged for the event to be held in Udny Green on Friday 8th May 2020. When advised on the costs involved in arranging the planned events the UCC agreed to provide £1000.00p toward the event costs. It was noted that any profit generated at the event would be deposited into the UCC account. There was agreement that the programme of events and the efforts expended by those organising were commendable.
  + ***Bonnyton Farm Public meeting / New Planning application APP/2020/0171.*** It was noted that the New Application has been lodged with proposal of single point of entry being Croftland.

In recognition of comment made by residents in attendance at the Public meeting of 14th January it was noted that there existed strong objection to the increased volume of traffic anticipated from the proposed 64 homes. Also a particularly strong objection to the access via Croftland of any Construction traffic. It was agreed that a UCC Subcommittee be formed to review and assess the actions required of UCC. First meeting shall be Tuesday 25th February 2020 in the Trust office. Action by Paul Bailey and Garth Entwisle.

* + ***Bonnyton Farm Appeal (PPA-110/2384.*** It was noted that the Reported assigned has conclude that an unaccompanied site visit was appropriate. A request for response for clarification had been communicated with respective parties and replies had been submitted within the required timeframe. As yet there is no knowledge of a planned site visit date.
  + ***Tillycorthie mansion house LRB*** 475 has been reported as original grounds for refusal to change of use had been upheld. No further action is anticipated.
  + ***Litter Pick 2.*** Arrangements for Litter Pick on March 15th has been confirmed, pick provided by Daviot Explorer Scouts supervised by UCC members.

We have subsequently been advised that Climate Action Group has an open day event also running on 15th March in Pitmedden hall***.*** It has been agreed that the Litter pick can feedback to the Climate event reporting the number of bags containing the general waste such as Plastic bottles, food contains, waste papers etc. publishing the result at the event.

* + ***Formartine Community Council Training sessions of 12th February 2002.*** The event was divided into three sets of slides addressing Community Council Officers responsibilities; Planning and Developer Obligations. Each section supported by a member from each subject matter department of Formartine council. The event was successful in delivering a broader understanding of requirements and obstacles encountered. Comment on the sound level within the hall at Meldrum academy was short of suitable for all level of hearing ability. Consideration for use of amplified sound system should be considered.
* **Planning Applications***. APP/2020/0171.*Bonnyton Farm, new application proposing Croftland as single point of entry. Discussed earlier in Minute.
* **Noteable Items received by email.**
* **Community Safety Group.** UCC members did not indicate an interest in participation.
* **Democracy Matters—Conversations with communities on future of local decision making.** Websites referred to in communication are:
* <https://www.gov.scot/policies/improving-public-services/local-governance-review/>
* <http://www.communityscot.org.uk/>
* You can sign up for Local Governance Review updates through the link below.
* <https://mailchi.mp/a5980fbfa24d/localgovernancereview>
* CC member are encouraged to review and follow these communications’ as the subject matter relate to the devolution of more power to local levels, into Scotland’s diverse communities and different places to have greater control and influence over decisions that affect them most.
* Contact made by MB&D CC enquiring of Udny Orchards as Meldrum are starting the process and would like to meet up with PUT and view current sites. Bob Bamlett has extended an invitation to MB&D CC.

-LDP update. Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021 Newsletter. Please follow the link below for access to our February 2020 newsletter. The Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan will be presented to Full

**LDP:** The Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan will be presented to Full council on 5 March 2020.

Anyone wishing to submit a request to speak at Full Council must contact [**Ann.Riddell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk**](mailto:ann.riddell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) by 12 noon on Monday, 2 March 2020 stating clearly:-

1. The subject matter of the Request to Speak;

b. For which Meeting the Request to Speak is sought; and

c. The action, if any, that is proposed that the Council take.

* **AOCB:**
* Aberdeenshire Budget 2020 continues to present complications due to the ongoing delay by Westminster government’s provision of a General budget. Aberdeenshire planned completion for March 18th of a final budget shall be impacted should further delay by Westminster government occur.
* Udny Greens application for Developer Obligation funds has been granted, allowing modification to Dr Spencer Hall creating new and improved storage space.
* Speed Activated Signs …. CC was advised of communication from Aberdeenshire Council regarding Speed Activated Signs. To Date UCC have not been in receipt of such communication. Cllr Paul Johnston shall seek clarification.
* Udny Community Council accounts has been under review by the newly appointed Treasurer who has advised of a few adjustments which impact the accounts submitted at AGM of June 2019. It was agreed that Formartine area manager be advised of adjustments and AGM minute updated accordingly subject to review prior to proposal of acceptance at AGM of June 2020.

**Next Meeting:** **19*th March 2020***

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Udny Green *Primary School***