

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of: Wednesday 21st April 2021.

Location: Web Video (TEAMS) link. *minute by: Colin Duncan*

Community Council Member Attendees:

Paul Bailey (Chair) George Duncan

Colin Duncan (Secretary) Garth Entwistle

Aberdeenshire Council Members:

Cllr Jim Gifford Cllr Cllr Paul Johnston

1. **Members of Public:** None.

Police report: -

- Please see full report for Ward 8 through link :- [Police Scotland Formartine Ward Reports - Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership \(ouraberdeenshire.org.uk\)](#)
- **NOTE:** *Please be advised that Sgt Loughhead is moving on from his position and that your new contact for Ward 8 is Sgt Diane Macdonald and her email address is diane.macdonald@scotland.pnn.police.uk*
- ***Operation Illustrious**
- *Takes the form of dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine area by Officers from the Formartine Local Policing Team, based at Ellon and Turriff, supported by Officers from North East Division's Roads Policing Unit.*
- *This operation is set to run for the whole of 2021 with regular deployment of dedicated Officers to carry out patrols and speed checks in response to concerns raised. This proactive approach is highlighted in our various Aberdeenshire North Police social media pages.*
- *During the course of the month colleagues from the Roads Policing have been carrying out speed checks in the ward. As a result 4 persons were reported for driving in excess of the speed limit.*
- **Month of March has seen 14 recorded crimes across the ward, this is a decrease of 4 compared to the same period in 2020, a significant number of these reports relate to crime of fraud. This is the second month in a row that we have seen such a trend.*
- Notice from Police Scotland regarding the correct contact details :-
- For non-emergencies and general enquiries, please contact the Police on 101 if the situation does not require an immediate Police response or 999 in case of an emergency.
- You can also contact Police Scotland via 'Contact Us' at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/> or via email on (select address which covers Community)

- EllonDistrictCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- MidFormartineCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- TurriffDistrictCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

2. **Apologies:** Jillian Wood, Matt Kaye, Claire Woodward, Cllr Andrew Hassan.
3. **Approval of previous minute:** March 17th 2021 meeting minute acceptance proposed by Paul Bailey seconded by George Duncan.
4. **Declaration of Member Interest:** None
5. **New Items.**
 - **Pitmedden School and Nursery Project** – Council member reminded of Pitmedden School Nurseries ambitious plans to completely renovate the current nursery garden space. The scale of the project requires significant funding. All UCC members, who were previously copied the project proposed details, indicated full support recognising the potential educational and social benefits of such a program. A letter of support being approved and submitted to the Early Learning Practitioner indicating the UCC full support. All UCC members were requested that knowledge of funding opportunities should be advised as soon as possible.
 - **Pitmedden Traffic Speeding:** Evening Express had contacted UCC secretary regarding planned article about Traffic Speed through Pitmedden. The subject having been picked up through social media comment. A request for comment made to secretary which was willingly provided. Photographer attended on 15th April, located at southerly entrance to Pitmedden where images were taken in support of the article. George Duncan advised he had a copy of the article as published in the Evening Express and would provide a copy to the secretary and chair. The subject of traffic control through the village shall be reviewed again, with particular consideration of proposed further development within the boundaries. (Secretary shall follow up in due course)

Update of Items discussed at Previous meeting

- **Defibrillators:** Paul Bailey confirmed that all 3 Defibrillators are now fully functional and subject to routine checks.
- Hattoncrook -George has kindly offered to provide the required connections and mountings at his residence in Hattoncrook. This being a requirement due to the proposed modelling at the original location at the Deli. George Duncan advised that the required work is now close to completion.

- **Local Flooding (22nd October 2020)** - Confirmation received that local resident, Matthew Howland, has been registered for inclusion in the Flood Risk Pitmedden Water Level Gauge Flood Alarm Notifications system. Our thanks go to Matthew for volunteering.
- Paul Bailey advised that residents of Udney Green who have been subject to flooding on previous occasions are interested and willing to store individual needs of Sand Bags within their own properties. It was noted that awareness of the normal deterioration of the sand bags be emphasised. The possibility of providing 'small' pallets to keep the bags off the ground be considered. Paul Bailey shall follow up.
- **Community Asset Transfer** - Confirmation that the grassed area at Keithleigh Garden is owned by Aberdeenshire Council (Housing account). It was suggested that there has been / existing proposals for this 'plot'. UCC agreed to approach our local groups to assess possible options which clearly provide social and environment benefit to the community. Secretary shall make initial contact with relevant groups.
- **Bonnyton / Ingleside** - Notification of Traffic Regulation order received the afternoon of Wednesday 17th April ref planning application APP/2019/0753 , UCC members agreed to a follow-up meeting to assess situation and required response. Meeting scheduled for 6th May 2021.. Colin D shall setup meeting invite to UCC members.
- **Village Orderly Grant.** With the relaxation of Covid rules a date for the final Litter Pick contact shall be made with the Explorer Scout group in establishing a suitable date. Completion of the Tree planting achieved through the kind assistance of Udney Climate Action group in planting the 27 saplings purchased through the council grant. Our thanks to UCA for their support. Distribution of Grant outstanding for works completed to be addressed. Secretary shall follow-up on outstanding matters.
- **UCC Facebook page** - Actions pending review by members. (review May 2021)
- **Christmas Lights** - Hattoncrook Proposal for erection of Christmas Decorative Lighting mounted on the local lamp standards requires points of action.
- Ross MacKay kindly clarified and provided budget details for consideration.
- It was noted that the project required budget estimate was circa £7,000 - £8,000.
Contact to be made with Aberdeenshire Lighting department regarding Connectors costing required to each individually numbered lamp standards, along with timetable of application.

Clarification of Approvals for mounting Decorative illuminations at the edge of a major carriageway to be obtained.

Consideration of Grant application to be finalised once timing and costing established.

Udny Green has been granted permission to install Battery / Solar lighting strings wrapped around the trees at the Green.

Colin D.; Paul B & George D. to arrange further action once Hattoncrook lighting matters concluded.

- **UCC LoGo:** - Project to be reviewed with Jillian ...action Colin D.
- **Udny.Online website:** Members were advised that previous requests by other groups to interact with the website were now 'shelved'. Members were asked if there were additional feature proposals, no proposals received.

7 Planning Applications: - George Duncan advised that there was nothing new to report through Weekly Listings.

- Further detailed images and indication of quantity of units proposed has been received from A2Bcontainers subsequently reviewed by UCC members. No concerns regarding the information provided noted. *No further action required.*

8 Notable Items sent by e-mail.

- Change of address received regarding Formartine Area Office. The Formartine Area Office at 29-31 Bridge Street, Ellon has now closed and will not be reopening. If you require to post anything in hard copy, could you please use the following postal address:

Formartine Area Office

C/o 45 Bridge Street

Ellon

AB41 9AA

- Elections **AGM Elections and AGM confirmation:** UCC AGM shall be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021. Schedule of events :-

Vacancies	9
Nominations open	5 May 2021
Nominations close	26 May 2021

Date of Ballot (if required) 10 June 2021 (*Udny Green Hall provisionally booked*)

Date of AGM

16 June 2021 at 7pm

Nomination forms shall be sent to Secretary. Notice of Election to be posted on Undy.online; Udney Green Facebook, Pitmedden Facebook; Pitmedden News, Pitmedden, Udney Green and Hattoncrook notice boards

- **Scottish Labour candidate Graeme Downie**:- No further contact made since UCC communication indicating that UCC meeting are open to the public but shall not invite individual nor collective political candidates.

9 Finance report: Treasurer reported that current balance remains sufficient to cover current remaining expenditure.

10 Climate Action report: UCC members continue to attend and participate in UCA meetings in support of the UCA activities and agenda. Report pending. Advised that UCA leaflet is progressing in readiness for distribution.

11 AOCB.

- Members were advised that Claire Young, our committee officer at Formatine council shall commence maternity leave as of Friday 23rd April. We wish to thank Claire for her support and commitment to Formatine Community Councils and wish her all the best for the future.
- Jan McRobbie shall be assuming the role and responsibilities in Claire's absence, commencing 4th May 2021. Jan's contact detail being.
Jan.mcrobbie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
- Date for delivering recognition in person to George Bruce in thanks for his many years' service to the UCC. *Secretary shall seek agreement on suitable date for group visit.*

Next Meeting

Wednesday 19th May 2021, 7:30pm [WEB meet via TEAMS](#)