

# UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Meeting Minute of:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. 7:30 pm.

**Location:** Dr Spence Hall. Udney Green.

**Minute by:** Colin Duncan

## **Community Council Member Attendees:**

<u>Paul Bailey (Chair)</u>	Gary D. Bruce
<u>Colin Duncan (Secretary)</u>	Mike MacDonald
<u>Matt Kaye (Treasurer)</u>	George Duncan.
<u>Claire Woodward</u>	

## **Aberdeenshire Council Members:**

Cllr Andrew Hassan

**Member of Public:** *Phil Coventry*

## **Minute:**

1. **Apologies from Hill of Fiddes chair.** Intention being for attendance at our October meeting.
2. **Police Report** - Noted that last report received being that of Ward 8 - June 2022. Subject being raised at Formartine CC Forum of 31<sup>st</sup> August. Intention being that Aberdeenshire Council shall communicate with respective Police Scotland personnel regarding the situation.

*Police Scotland contact email address for our area*  
*MIIdformartinecpt@scotland.police.uk (or call 101)*

3. **Apologies:** . Cllr Derek Ritchie; Cllr Jenny Nichol, *Regina Hesdon-Noble*
4. **Approval of previous minutes:** Proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by Gary Bruce.
5. **Declaration of Members' Interest:** Nil.
6. **New Items...**
  - **FCPG - Formartine Community Planning Group.** Members were informed that Colin Duncan shall be the UCC member attending / participating in the Group activity. ( *Terms of reference circulated to all members13/09/22 @ 21:30 hours. Extract -To work with statutory partners and local*

community groups to co-ordinate and produce the Formartine Community Plan and provide local governance arrangements with appropriate endorsements. First meeting 9:30 - 11:00 am of 28th September 2022.

- **Community Council Connectivity and Engagement Pilot Project:** Members advised that two iPad tablets are available for collection / delivery to the respective UCC members participating. Colin Duncan advised members that due to overcommitting his engagement he was seeking a volunteer to assume the engagement with the Pilot project. A prospective volunteer intimated interest while informing that the schedule full day training scheduled for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November would be an obstacle. Colin Duncan committed to contacting the Aberdeen Council enquiring if a copy / online personal training program would be available. Colin Duncan shall communicate with all regarding feedback from 'shire.

## **7. Items discussed at Previous meeting. -**

- **Udny Resilience organisation:** Mike MacDonald updated members regarding his work in determining suitable equipment; required connection criteria, costing etc. for three portable generators capable of providing power in provision of community 'welfare' requirements should large scale power outs occur again within any or all of Udny villages. Grant applications have been completed and submitted thanks to the determination and hard work provided by Mike and his resilience team. Our thanks and gratitude extended to Mike on the evening. Further to the Generator project Mike had also put together a justification in support of a grant application for Sand / Sand Bags and other necessary equipment required in flood management.
- **Bonnyton Farm / Kirkwood homes:** APP/2022/1429, no change in procedure noted. Statutory Determination Deadline shown as 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Copy of Supplement include in the Pitmedden news regarding the current application which indicated that should the application be refused, the developer shall have the right to appeal to the Scottish Government. It was suggested that there is a perception that applications presented on appeal have a tendency to resolve in favour of the developer. No date has been set as yet for the Formartine Area Committee review of the application.
- **Improvements to the Amenity of Towns and Villages for the benefit of all - 2022/23 Funding.** Proposal for supply of 'public bench' had been submitted and majority approved. Budget cost obtained for a Composite material bench. Suggested location being along the 'Fishers Walk' public right of way, replacing the previous bench which had been rendered

unusable. Colin Duncan to identify where and who to seek permission from.

- **Road Speed Pitmedden / Udney Green Hattoncrook**: - Contact made with Head of Roads and Infrastructure indicating the long running concerns regarding traffic management. Invite to meet with members at a mutually agreeable date remains open. Comment made regarding the results from the Borders program of reduced limit zones. While some had been reversed the general feedback was varied with those supporting and those objecting. An important figure provided by one of the Edinburgh Universities had determined that an overall speed reduction of 3 - 5 MPH had been determined. While this is not a large reduction it should be considered significant as the difference between injury and serious injury falls within this range.
- Members advised of a Fatality on the A947 this past week.

## 8. Planning Applications

- **Nothing to report.**

## 9. **Notable Items sent by e-mail.**

- **Planning Democracy**: An independent group working toward strengthening the voice and influence of the public in the planning and development of Scotland; Colin Duncan briefed the members on the structure and Objective; seeking Equality - Fairness - Accountability - Transparency.
- *Planning Democracy is a community-led organisation campaigning to strengthen the voice and influence of the public in the planning and development of Scotland's land. Deepen democratic control and promote environmental justice. If interested in further information contact Colin Duncan. uccsecretary@gmail.com*

10. **Finance report**: Treasurer advised that notice had been received regarding **Amenity of Towns and Villages deposit**. Noted that Council annual Grant has yet to be transferred. Financial arrangements regarding Resilience funding have been processed and acknowledged as to due process required in provision of transactions accountability.

11. **Climate Action Report (represented by Gary Bruce)**: SwapShop event arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> September at Udney Green Hall.

RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON HEATING SYSTEMS? Still room for a couple more people to join the group visiting homes in Pitmedden with renewable and low carbon heating systems (heat pumps and biomass).

Date- Thursday 29th September starting at 7-15pm.

See how they work, hear what they cost to run, discuss all the challenges of improving insulation.

Interested?- just email [climate\\_action\\_admin@udny.org](mailto:climate_action_admin@udny.org)

12. AOCB. *(Including any Udney settlement / trust updates, issues.)*

- Nothing reported.

**Next meeting shall be Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2022; commencing at 7:30 am.**

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