

UDNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Meeting Minute of : 21st November 2019.

Location: Pitmedden Village Hall

Minute by: Colin Duncan

Attendees:

Paul Bailey (Chair), George Duncan, George Bruce, Colin Duncan (Secretary), Matt Kaye, Cllr Paul Johnston. Guest- Brian McDougall

Apologies: , Heather Black, Jim Gifford

Chair: Paul Bailey

Minute:

- Meeting was opened with presentations to previous officers of the UCC. First was to Brian McDougall in recognition of his contributions as UCC secretary over many years. Next was a presentation to Garth Entwistle in recognition of his contributions as previous UCC Chairman.
- **Police report:** No police report provided.
- **Previous Minutes** acceptance proposed by Paul Bailey, seconded by Matt Kaye (subject to spelling corrections.)
- **Declaration of Interest:** No declaration of interest noted.

New Items:

- **Members resignation / constitution guide.**
 - It was confirmed that regretfully Rob Henderson had resigned from UCC with effect as of the 18th of October. As Rob held the position of Treasurer the UCC secretary (Colin Duncan) assumed temporary ownership pending November council meeting. The position of UCC treasurer was opened to the membership present seeking volunteers resulting in Matt Kaye (previous treasurer) offering his services. This was put to the council members for vote with unanimous acceptance return. Banking details to be amended to reflect this change.
 - Colin Duncan tabled a motion for disqualification of a council member on the grounds of persistent failure to attend UCC meetings. Constitution section 3.7-b was presented to those UCC members present clarifying the legitimacy of the action. It was agreed that Disqualification of the council member should be actioned. Colin Duncan indicated he would prepare a

letter of dismissal, at earliest opportunity, for approval by UCC Chairperson prior to delivery to the member in question.

- **PUT / Udney Climate Action.** Documents provided by Udney Climate Action (UCA) referencing two projects. First being the introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging points listing the relative Key Points. A request for *1) UCC views of the general principal of charging point installation*. There was unanimous support to the general principal for installation. *2) UCC endorsement of UCA liaising further with Aberdeenshire Council*. UCC fully endorse UCA liaising with Aberdeenshire council. UCC being open for engagement with UCA as required. *3) UCC views on possible demand*. Discussion to this point was inconclusive with general expectation that demand may be small with commuter traffic passing through and long distance travel more likely to use 'A' class routes. Probability of use would likely be from longer stay such as teaching staff, those locally employed and Community group attendee's etc. *4) UCC suggestions regarding locations*. Identification of accessible council properties was limited to the small council owned carpark below the Medical group parking lot. Parking area beside the School would require submission to Pitmedden Amenities Trust seeking approval. Pitmedden gardens and Formartine grounds being excluded due to seasonal aspect of patronage. The second subject matter - Udney Climate Action is interested in opportunities for increased tree cover throughout the Parish both from the carbon sequestration aspect and for the visual attractiveness and amenity improvement Udney Climate Action will continue to look at opportunities for small and larger scale planting throughout the Parish. If funding does not allow all the tree planting options to go forward, the Council will advise on the suitability of its land for tree planting and will support community initiatives to acquire and plant trees.

In respect of trees, the focus would be on native Scottish species of medium height, planted in clusters. The Council tries to ensure that trees do not overshadow properties and relevant household are consulted on plans. Some options are likely to be on land not owned by the Council and will require funding, probably from charitable or similar sources. To support such applications, it would be very helpful if Udney Community Council could provide UCA with a statement saying that it supports tree planting through the Parish. *UCC agreed to provide a document to UCA supporting the initiative.*

Formal response to UCA shall follow. Action Colin Duncan.

- **Meeting with Aberdeenshire council re Playparks in Pitmedden:**

Met with UCTC and Council representatives on 7th of November to establish ownership and potential for improvement to council playparks.

After a discussion indicating scope of permissible works by Council a walk through the council owned play areas was conducted.

Officers indicated that the council currently has a moratorium on complete play area refurbishments and the best they are currently able to offer is replacement of individual items that have reached the end of their useful lives, on a like for like basis.

Proposal was made for Community to raise the necessary funding to purchase and install new equipment that would then be maintained by the Council.

Council indicated that any equipment proposed would have to come from a list of approved suppliers and meet the latest safety and quality standards but that they would be happy to work with the community to make sure proposals were accepted.

Target location for first improvement would likely be the Play area between the rear of the Village Hall and Cowieson Crescent.

A realistic estimate for refurbishment costs for this site is around £30k to remove all existing kit and old wooden fencing and to replace with new to the standard demanded by current legislation.

Sourcing of suitable equipment and Funding is to be pursued.

- **Increased engagement with PAT:** It was agreed that UCC should engage with PAT in planning delivery of improvements to the Park and Hall. It was intimated that PAT currently has a reorganisation under way. Further UCC discussion on approach to be determined prior to UCC contact with PAT.
- **Bonnyton Farm Development:** It was noted that to date no Appeal had been submitted. Kirkwood employee Aaron Macaskill had contacted UCC requesting a meeting to present an outline proposal considered for submission of a new Planning application for the Bonnyton Farm site. Summary of proposal being the dropping of Ingleside access request. All traffic to be routed through Croftland with two points of entry to the new development being at existing access points located at the East end of Ingleside and the lower portion of Breckview. Consideration of Traffic calming measures at suitable locations being proposed for inclusion in the new application. It was noted that due to Aberdeenshire Roads / Traffic policy Traffic Calming measures acceptance may be challenging. Full Community Council / Community support may be required to achieve desired calming measures. UCC has created a sub committee to review the proposal as is, consider preferred locations for traffic calming and agree timing and content of notification to residents. Meeting arranged for Thursday 28th November at the Trust office, 7pm. A request to Kirkwood to delay any contact with residents until the UCC committee had provided feedback. Colin Duncan to action.
- **Proposed date for end of season litter pick:** With the recent and current weather conditions it was agreed to postpone the second phase litter pick until around mid March 2020. It was noted that the activity must be completed by

March 31st 2020 to retain inclusion for 2020 grant. Matt Kaye shall liaise with Explorer Scouts Leader.

- **Pitmedden Tennis Club:** Plans and justification for Tennis club new Club House submitted to UCC with a request that the project be submitted to Developer Obligation representative for retention awaiting consideration with next Planning Request within Pitmedden boundary. Paul Bailey to action at earliest opportunity. UCTC development officer to be advised.
- **Village Entry Speed limit signs:** 30MPH signage has extensive covering of Algae obscuring visibility and adversely affecting the reflective properties. Signage on B9000 (Old Meldrum Road) entry particularly bad. Secretary also indicated the desire to revisit possibility of introduction of interactive speed signs, likely to be Community funded. Cleaning of Signs request – action Colin Duncan. Revisit introduction to be entered into January 2020 Agenda.
- **Proposal for recognition** of work carried out by current Park Warden, for his excellent execution in clearing litter and other offending articles from the park and surrounding pathways. Council agreed to recognition in way of procuring a Christmas hamper for presentation.
- **Pitmedden News article:** Input from Council members requested for inclusion in next issue (February 2020).
- **UCC presence at Pitmedden Christmas Fair.** UCC to have a small concession at the upcoming Christmas Fair, 3:30 pm to 4:30pm, 1st December 2019, presenting the face of UCC to the public. Incitement of free sweets planned, objective of getting the children engaged and the parents shall follow. Colin Duncan to purchase sweets and collect Community Council Banner from Aberdeenshire Ellon Council office.
- **Crown Estates Scotland:** Review of scope indicated that project was intended for coastal communities placing Udney outwith the scope. Item closed.
- **Formartine Community Council Forum update.** 1) Road Closure notifications requested to address a wider scale preventing potential of diversion overlap / conflict. 2) Cancellation of Annual meeting due to lack of interest has been reviewed with consideration to transform into a 'Local' event format. 3) Bus Form scheduled for 4th December. 4) Traffic calming requested by Balmedie had been advised that Council finance restriction impacts decision. - Next Forum meeting scheduled for 5th February 2020.

- **Rainneshill Quarry:** Further information has been provided by a resident of the area. Information consisted mostly of the data provided by JKR. No further action for UCC pending application submission. It was questioned if UCC should have been included in consultation with the site being within the UCC Boundary.
- **Updates on running settlement issues:**
 - **VE Day 75** – There was agreement that this item shall remain of the agenda pending communication with other communities and organisations.
- **Planning applications:**
 - No relevant applications.
- **Noteable Items received by email.**
 - Snow Warden Poster loaded to website Udney.online and posted on UCC Notice Board
 - LDP 2021 outcome of Government review now expected by end of March 2021. Aberdeen Council review has not been include in current Government review due to timing. There shall be time after end of March to make submission of change should there be a requirement.
- **AOCB:**
 - Aberdeenshire Budget consultation Full Council report available on website.
Link :

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/24836/appx-2-budget-engagement-summary-report-final-1.pdf>
 - Two occasions of failure to provide access to Pitmedden School on dates agreed with Council letting team to be followed up on. Colin Duncan to contact appropriate Council member.
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Next Meeting: *16th January 2020*

Time: *7:30pm*

Location: *Udney Green Primary School*

