

## Udny Community Council Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Medan Centre, Pitmedden

### **Present:**

Gina Noble (GN) – Chair, Sue Hebenton (SH) – Vice chair, Matt Kaye (MK) – Treasurer, George Duncan, Gary Bruce, Cllr Andrew Hassan, Cllr Paul Johnston, Cllr Jenny Nicol (Online).

### **Non UCC Visitors:**

Vikki Janetta

### **Apologies**

Councillor Ritchie, Phil Coventry

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<p><b><u>Approval of previous minutes:</u></b> Approved – MK Seconded – GD</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> See above.</p> <p><b><u>Non UCC visitors:</u></b> See above.</p> <p><b><u>Police Report:</u></b> Non in attendance.</p> <p>SH asked to update us following on from her request during the last meeting that the police pop into the youth group she volunteers for: Last week they did attend as requested. They stayed for about ¾ of an hour, played pool and chatted with the youths. SH said it was a really good experience for the kids.</p> <p><b><u>Treasurers Report:</u></b> Current balance: £2,183 we've also submitted an expense claim to UCTC for £443 for the replacement Defib pads. We have received this year's Admin Grant of £713 from Aberdeenshire Council. Petty Cash hasn't been used in recent years, so this system has been retired and the £82.52 balance put into the bank account. The Ellon branch of Virgin Money will close on 27 Nov 2023, but this will have little or no impact on us as we manage our finances online. Nevertheless, the nearest branch will be Inverurie (26 West High Street), and we could also use the Post Office. The Glasdon bench seat is ready for pick-up at Aberdeenshire Council's Ellon depot - Steve Baguley has been advised of this. We have paid Aberdeenshire Council £585 to cover the net of VAT cost of this bench.</p>		

It was agreed that the September honorarium of £250 would be split between GN and CW for their hard efforts during the last six months. URG finances: two recent invoices from NewMech have been paid directly by UCTC. These were for £20,256 for a 3-phase generator, trailer, and peripherals, and £7,887 for installing and commissioning switch gear at Pitmedden and Whiterashes village halls. It is understood that purchased equipment is currently at NewMech's premises awaiting pick-up.

**Declaration of members' interest:**

None

**UCA Update:**

It's been a busy time with some of the focus being on reduce and reuse. UCA partnered with Threads and Yarns to run a fashion workshop in the school holidays to encourage the children to reuse and upcycle clothing from the Swap Shop and to model the clothing at the first fashion show in the Medan Centre. The Fashion show was a collaboration between Threads and Yarns, Fairtrade and Udney Climate Action and was a sellout – what a success. UCA are continuing working in the tree nursery with chippings being laid recently and are delighted to have a new member join in with this work. We are hosting a Tree Collection event at Haddo in October and will be looking to plant trees in the winter – help would greatly be appreciated. An event is being hosted to visit homes with renewable heating systems on 25<sup>th</sup> September, this is an opportunity for people to see renewable heating systems and to ask any questions. Volunteers and new members are welcome just get in touch [climate\\_action\\_admin@udny.org](mailto:climate_action_admin@udny.org)

**UCTC Update:**

We host regular events at The Medan Centre, every Monday (term time only), 1pm-3pm Baby and Toddlers, every Tuesday 10am is the Weekly Walk, every Tuesday, (term time only) 2pm-4:30pm is Open Doors. We host Monthly Walks too; the next walk is Friday 29 September leaving the Medan Centre at 10:30am. We are trialling the setup of a new ladies only group 'Stronger Together' the last Friday of each month at 7.30pm, the next meet up is 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Udney Community Shelf is now open daily and is going from strength to strength, lots of people using and helping to reduce waste within our community. Our next Grant Deadline is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October for small grants (up to £1000), we encourage all not-for-profit / voluntary organisations and community groups to apply. The Grant is there to benefit projects taking place within Udney, you just need to demonstrate how the project provides benefit to the community of Udney, we encourage all local community groups to apply, please get in touch with Vikki ([engagement@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:engagement@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)) if you'd like to apply for a small grant. Looking forward the next Swap Shop is 1 October. Halloween Workshop on 2 October. Craft Workshop – make your own dream catcher is 17 October. AGM is 8<sup>th</sup> November, and our Community Christmas Fayre is 25 November. If the Community Council would like a space at the Fayre just get in touch, other local community groups are also welcome to join us as well. We also have an on-line calendar through our website, we encourage all community groups to get in touch if they have meetings / events they would like to put on the on-line calendar. The on-line calendar

<p>was something that many community groups requested we host so people can see quickly and easily what is happening in the community and also a central point to check dates to make sure events don't clash. Any entries to be added to the calendar, including the Community Council meeting dates can be sent to Jill (<a href="mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk">admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk</a>). You will find information regarding all Trust activities on Facebook and the Website.</p>		
<p><b><u>Items carried over from last meeting:</u></b></p>		
<p>a) Claymore Homes meeting update – Following the last meeting GN enquired what exactly the meeting was for. The following response was received:</p>		
<p><i>As part of the planning application process, we are advised to meet with the community council and discuss the scheme with them and any concerns or suggestions they may have for the future development; the previous Udney community council provided feedback on the scheme and the meeting was purely to answer any other questions / discuss the areas raised if required.</i></p>		
<p>Unfortunately, as everyone is so busy, it's been hard getting a suitable date for all parties to meet. The lead architect has suggested we could email in any questions we have? GN suggested all UCC members look over the original proposal and think about any queries they may wish to raise. These should then be passed onto GN and she will pull an email together to Claymore Homes with any questions raised.</p>	All UCC members.	ASAP
<p>GN will put a post out on FB asking members of the community if they have any questions as well.</p>	GN	ASAP
<p>b) Udney Green Parking Poster Project: Following discussion with the Cllrs attending the meeting, it seems we could not put a banner advertising the car park on the railings surrounding the school. GN look into planning permission for this project and email the school with an update.</p>	GN	ASAP
<p>c) UCC recruitment: FB post advertising recruitment, GN to attend a UCT walk in group. Stall at Christmas fayre, recruitment poster (Junior members also) to be created.</p>	GN	ASAP
<p>d) Approaching local youth groups for junior members: GN to create an advert with VJ (UCT). We also need to consider timings for the junior members. It was suggested the junior members could attend half an hour before full meeting, then leave and the full meeting can commence.</p>	GN and VJ	ASAP
<p>We could contact Community Learning and Development regarding communication with the local academy for junior members?</p>	GN	ASAP
<p>e) Secretary role: It was discussed again and suggested this role be kept fluid so no one person took on too much. It was agreed GN would continue to type up</p>	GN	On Going

<p>minutes, and take minutes with everyone's support, until a suitable scribe is found.</p> <p>f) URG: Went over previous discussions and ideas from the special meeting. Discussed the idea of the informal meeting again. GN to email everyone and get dates together for a relaxed meeting to talk things over with PC.</p>	<p>All UCC members and PC</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b><u>New Items:</u></b></p>		
<p>a) Scams bulletin from Aberdeenshire Council's trading standard department. GN showed the group the document emailed through regarding SCAMS. Can this be shared from 'their' FB page to ours? If not, can a PDF be obtained? It would be useful if we could highlight the latest information with our community in support of our more vulnerable community members.</p>		
<p>b) Plant order – changed system. Unfortunately, due to a change in the ordering system, Bob was unable to order the flowers for this year's flower order. When he phoned to place the order, he was told that it had to be a member of the community council who did the ordering. The suggested order was sent to UCC but unfortunately it was after the deadline for ordering. MK has confirmation that we can still order the plants.</p>	<p>MK</p>	<p>Current</p>
<p>Cllr Johnston pointed out that we could appoint Bob as our representative for ordering the flowers. GN will email Bob and let hi know, if he accepts this, moving forward he will be ordering for UCC. MK will co-ordinate with members of community who usually handle the flower ordering/planting for their area.</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>MK</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>c) New Points for the Agenda. 'Matters arising', which used to be on the agenda, will replace 'Items carried over from last meeting'.  'Urgent business' will also be added to the agenda as a fixed point. This should be placed high on the agenda.</p>		
<p><b><u>Notable Items sent by email:</u></b></p>		
<p>a) Update for CCLO's – community councils: Scottish Parliament Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee. b) Udney Green Conservation Area Review. GN advised group of both emails which had come through to the secretary email and will forward on to everyone to read through at their leisure.</p>	<p>GN</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b><u>Points for discussion at the next meeting:</u></b></p>		
<p>This was raised as an urgent matter by GD – 2 pads received for Hatton Crooke this week, but when taken to it, there was only one set currently in the unit – Do both sets go in?</p>		

<p>When the community took on responsibility for the De Fibs, they were told that a 'hands on' maintenance session would be run, but this has never happened.</p> <p>It was requested if Ray Still (First responder) could be approached and asked if he could have a look at the units. There is a red light on, and no one seems to know how to sort it out. Both the Hattoncrook and the Pitmedden Units were removed last week but didn't get used. Red light came on after that on both.</p> <p>Batteries in all units should last till next year.</p> <p>Can the community council request the first responders take over maintenance, or better still could a training session for volunteers monitoring the units, be organised?</p> <p>There also seems to be some confusion over who the public contact if they have had to remove the defib unit, did not need to use it, and put it back then something seems a miss (e.g. red light).</p> <p>GD advised the Hattoncrook unit currently must be reported as 'unavailable' on the Scottish Ambulance Server Site.</p> <p>MK will contact Ray Still and discuss.</p> <p>What happens if the pads are removed?</p> <p>Add following points to next agenda: Buses, Speeding, Bronnie Bridge and Developer Obligations.</p> <p><b>Meeting Closed 10pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting – 7.30PM, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</b> <b>The Medan Centre, Quarry room, Pitmedden.</b></p>	<p>MK</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
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