

## Udny Community Council Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Venue – The Medan Centre, Pitmedden

### **Present:**

Sue Hebenton (SH) – Vice chair (SH chaired meeting), Matt Kaye (MK) – Treasurer, George Duncan, Gary Bruce, Gina Noble (GN) – Chair (Online), Cllr Andrew Hassan (online).

### **Non UCC Visitors:**

Vikki Jannetta UCT, Tracy Gibb UCT, Phil Coventry – Lead for UCC Subgroup URG.

### **Apologies**

None.

MINUTES	ACTION	DUE/STATUS
<p><b><u>Approval of previous minutes:</u></b> Approved SH Seconded GB</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Non UCC visitors:</u></b> See Above</p> <p><b><u>Police Report:</u></b> No one in attendance.</p> <p><b><u>Treasurers Report:</u></b> No specific changes to the report from last report.</p> <p>Invoice for £440 from Norton received – this is a scam. Latest statement shows £2,626 in the bank. Received £713 from Aberdeenshire Council for admin grant. Trust Company reimbursed defib pads £443, The Petty Cash of £82 was banked and the Petty Cash box closed for good.</p>		

<p>Gary advised that John Lind from Tarves is happy to donate compost for free, Gary to pass on number to Matt.</p>	<p>GB/MK</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b><u>Declaration of members' interest:</u></b> None.</p>		
<p><b><u>Urgent Business:</u></b> Defibs – GD has sorted the actual unit. MK has spoken to Ray Still and has for the user instructions – he will provide copies. MK to set up a group meeting for folk who are managing Defibs and demonstrate instructions.</p>	<p>MK</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>URG – Storm Babet: With the amber weather warning set from 6am to 6pm, Inverurie and Ellon community councils have their resilience groups issuing sandbags. Early last week Aberdeenshire Council stocked the container in Pitmedden South car park with 300 filled sandbags. There are 950 unfilled sandbags and enough sand to fill 500. It was quired where the key was for the container. PC explained it has a combination lock and he will share this with the community council members. Sandbags in the container are in good condition and ready to be distributed.</p>	<p>PC</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>URG proposal: 6/7 volunteers from Udney Green and 1 from Pitmedden, have made themselves available for next 48 hours. PC has taken two days off work to coordinate and work with the Volunteers to distribute sandbags within the local community. Volunteers also have access to their own vehicles and are happy to distribute sandbags from Pitmedden South Car Park. There are 7 time slots to pick up sandbags on Friday and 5 slots scheduled for Saturday. Volunteers will be at the car park to issue sandbags and keep a note of where sandbags are going. The community will be notified via URG Facebook regarding this. MK to upload the information to UCC website and VJ to share on the Trust Facebook page.</p>	<p>MK/VJ</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>A general discussion took place regarding the Bronnie Burn. SH advised that a new grid had been put in place (opposite Keithleigh Gardens) and it is often blocked with debris so this is something that possibly needs addressed in the future, could this fall under the remit / strategy of the URG? SH has reported the issue to the council. A future discussion is needed as to whether URG can take on this type of pre-emptive action.</p>	<p>All UCC members</p>	

<p>GB advised things should be kept as simple as possible now especially as insurance issues are ongoing. MK advised to keep a sensible perspective on risk elements and do as much as URG can in writing. GN advised URG can only officially offer a collection point for sandbags, people requiring them would need to come to the pickup point. We do not have confirmation of volunteers being insured if they are traveling round during adverse weather, carrying out tasks for URG. GB suggested URG create a Specification for the support URG envisages carrying out for the community so that the CC can ensure all the activities are within the remit of Aberdeenshire councils resilience project and all members are covered by appropriate Insurance. PC advised that a document had previously been sent to the secretary email. GN to find document. All members to look over and discuss ASAP. PC queried if the URG proposal for the distribution of sandbags was acceptable? All UCC members agreed to lift the pause on URG for this incident. PC to complete and send risk assessment to UCC. PC will also carry out a full volunteer briefing. PC will send draft Facebook post to Chair for approval and then it can be distributed. TG advised there are spare sandbags in The Trust garage that can be used by URG. MK requested that a thank you is sent to the Volunteers for all their hard work through Storm Babet. Tracy advised that Volunteers are welcome to pop into the Medan Centre for a cuppa. PC to send Volunteer names to UCC. MK advised that the CC are very enthusiastic that Phil has agreed to stay on the URG project, and all members are happy to support.</p> <p><b><u>UCA Update:</u></b>  Swap Shop took place on 1 October. Massive success, busiest yet, with a lot of items being donated and swapped. Great opportunity to share items, reduce waste and save things ending up in landfill. The next Swap Shop is 25<sup>th</sup> of November.  2<sup>nd</sup> of October saw a joint workshop with Threads and Yarns, the theme was Halloween and children were challenged to reuse items from the Swap Shop to make Halloween costumes and decorations. With over 30 people there it was a great success and hoping to repeat the workshops after every Swap Shop.</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Before weather event occurs.</p> <p>Before weather event.</p>
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Seed collection event took place at Haddo on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. 14 different types of seed were collected. These will now be planted in pots.

A new member has joined UCA, delighted to have Jamie Cole on board. The next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in The Quarry Room at 7.30pm all welcome.

**UCTC Update:**

Vikki advised that the Trust are continuing to run all their regular events – every Monday Baby and Toddler Stay and Play from 1pm-3pm, every Tuesday Weekly Health Walk at 10am, every Tuesday Open Doors from 2-4.30pm, every Thursday Waist Watchers from 9.15am. In addition to this the Trust have assisted to host the October Swap Shop, a Halloween Craft Workshop, attended Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards and hosted a Guided Walk to Udney Green MacMillian Coffee Morning. The small grant deadline is fast approaching – Friday 13 October so staff are also working on the grants that have been submitted to date.

Looking forward into next month, in addition to the regular events there will be the Trust AGM on 8 November and a Conversation Café on 8 November, Stronger Together (ladies only group) is 13 November and the Community Christmas Fayre on 25 November.

Vikki queried if the CC would like a stand at the Community Christmas Fayre (25/11 1pm-4.30pm). A discussion took place, and everyone agreed the CC would need a presence at the event and it would be useful if a special focus could be on URG.

Tracy advised that during storm Babet if it is safe for The Medan Centre to be open and if the Medan Centre has power, then people would be welcome to come in and use the space. Communication would go out over Facebook.

**Planning:**

3 houses at Cothiemuire currently going through planning. Old agriculture buildings that have been flattened and building new.

**Matters Arising:**

**Claymore Home – Update.**

The Lead Architect has been in touch again. GN not had any questions sent to her via email. She advised she will wait till the beginning of next week and if no questions received from members, she would let Lead architect know.

GN

<p><u>Udny Green Parking poster project – Update.</u>  GN has contacted Udny Green school with an update regarding planning permission within the conservation area.  GN will contact planning to seek advise re: posters being attached to the school railings to advertise the car park.</p> <p>PC advised that at the Community Conservation event, a few questions came up from residents of Udny Green, querying that the posters do not suggest it is advertising a school car park, rather than a public car park. This is a good point, but GN explained the idea is that the banner will be using pictures designed by the school children, but the main advert will clearly be for the village car park.</p> <p>PC advised that a few people had mentioned that it was a conservation area, and the banner would need to be in keeping with the status of the area. GN queried if planning is permitted would it be worthwhile liaising with the people living in the conservation area regarding the proposals? PC advised there are only 25 houses in conservation area and suggested perhaps a letter through the door. This point is to be discussed further.</p> <p><u>Co-opted member (VJ) – Vote.</u>  Vote was unanimous for VJ to become a co-opted member of UCC.</p> <p><u>URG.</u>  A meeting is still needed between all UCC member and PC to discuss the subgroup URG and plans moving forward. GN to organise ASAP, all members need to respond to her with dates that suit them.</p> <p><u>Plant order – Update (MK).</u>  MK coordinated the ordering of the plant order for our area. He advised – 1000 in total have been ordered through the Aberdeenshire Council scheme; 500 for Pitmedden, and 500 for Udny Green. Bob Bamlett is the contact for Pitmedden, and Carol Orar for Udny Green.</p> <p><b><u>New Items:</u></b>  <u>Email re: Friends of Udny Cemetery (Forwarded to SH).</u>  VJ advised she had been contacted by Colin Anderson, Formartine Community Planning Officer regarding hosting</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>All UCC members</p> <p>GN/All UCC members/PC</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>ASAP</p>
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should be the Lights Committee taking on the paperwork?  
MK agreed to investigate and report back.

**Notable Items sent by email:**

Covered in above points.

**Points for discussion at next meeting:**

- Bronie Bridge, at Cairnseat, needs fixed. Cllr Hassen suggested a council officer is invited to a meeting virtually specifically to help with issues like this. Let Cllr Hassen know what subject we would like help with. Also suggested Roads possibly attend.
- Speeding, Buses (Cllr Johnson), Developer Obligations – it was requested that these items are raised under 'Matters Arising' at the next meeting.

**Meeting Closed pm**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 –  
7.30pm.**

**Venue: The Quarry Room; Medan Centre, 14 Old  
Meldrum Road. Pitmeddan.**