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Pitmedden Public Hall

Welcome123!

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Community Land Scotland Study Visit

6th November 2026

Welcome to Udny!

- Introduction
- Udny Community Wind Turbine
- Udny Community Trust & Cafe48
- Panel Discussion: Community Impact
- Open Discussion / Q&A
- Visit The Medan Centre

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Udny Community Wind Turbine



The Medan Centre



Cafe48

Study visit – key ideas

- How communities can build lasting wealth and create value for the people who live there
- The impact that can be achieved through community ownership
- *We'll tell you our story and what has worked for Udny!*

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Building the wealth

Udny Community Wind Turbine

Recipe for success

- Right idea, right time, right people
- Favourable legal & regulatory landscape
- Seeking and giving support!

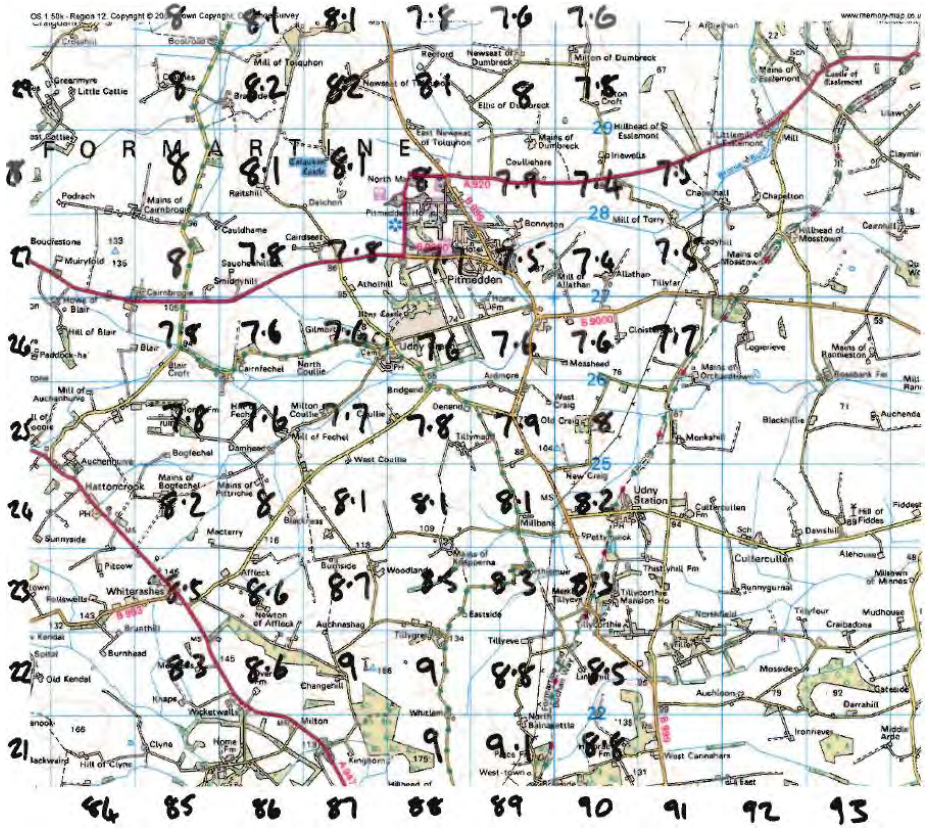
How it started



- Concept shared with Community Council 2006
- *“Community Wind Turbine Group”* formed:
- Investigate opportunity
- Group stabilised with (5) committed members
- Advice sought – various bodies
- Community Energy Scotland (HICEC)

Site selection criteria

- Grid connection costs – consultation with SSE
- Initial discussions with land owners
- Wind speed map of the parish
- Identification of sites with 500m separation



Location map (1:25,000 scale, OS) showing the 500m radius circles centred on nearest dwellings that define the location area (blue) of the wind turbine (Udny Community Wind Turbine Group, January 2008)

Community Consultations

First consultation Feb 2008 was with “Near Neighbours” which basically was with the people who lived nearest to the proposed turbine.

Conclusion

Well attended but, fair to say, local residents were less than enthusiastic.



Planning for Real May 2008

- Well attended 2 day event (300-400 people)
- Diverse views
- Environmental issues
- Support for wind turbine







Keeping the community informed

Community Ballot

- Ballot papers hand delivered to households in the Parish of Udny.
  - **853 households balloted**
  - **460 responses = 54% response**
  - **91% in support**

Community consultations

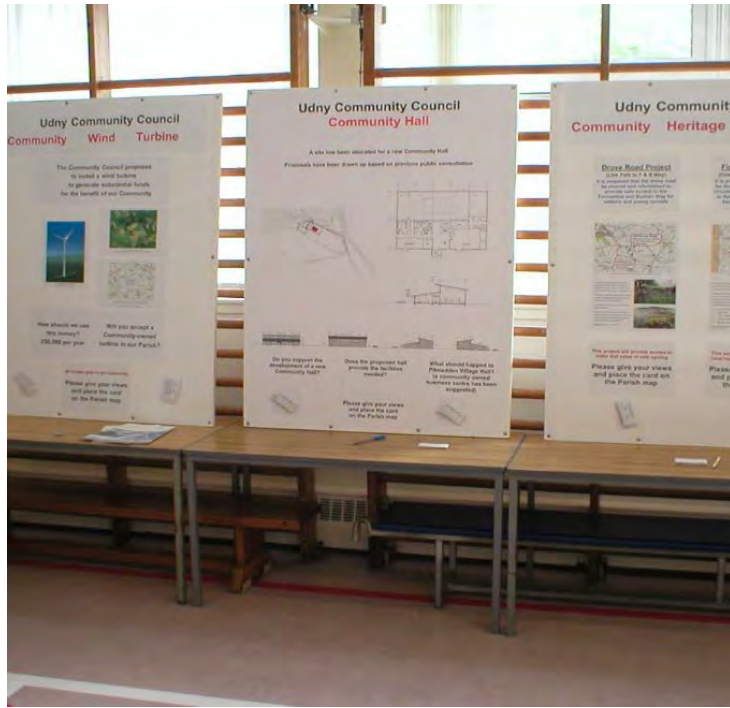
Planning for Real	2008
Planning consultation	2009
Making it Real	2011
Making it Happen	2012
Imagine Udny	2018
Imagine Udny - rerun	2024











Ongoing engagement with schools

- Matt & Brian visited schools on a regular basis
- Explained about electricity
- Explained the workings of wind turbines
- Built working models of turbines
- Competition to establish which model generated the most electricity.



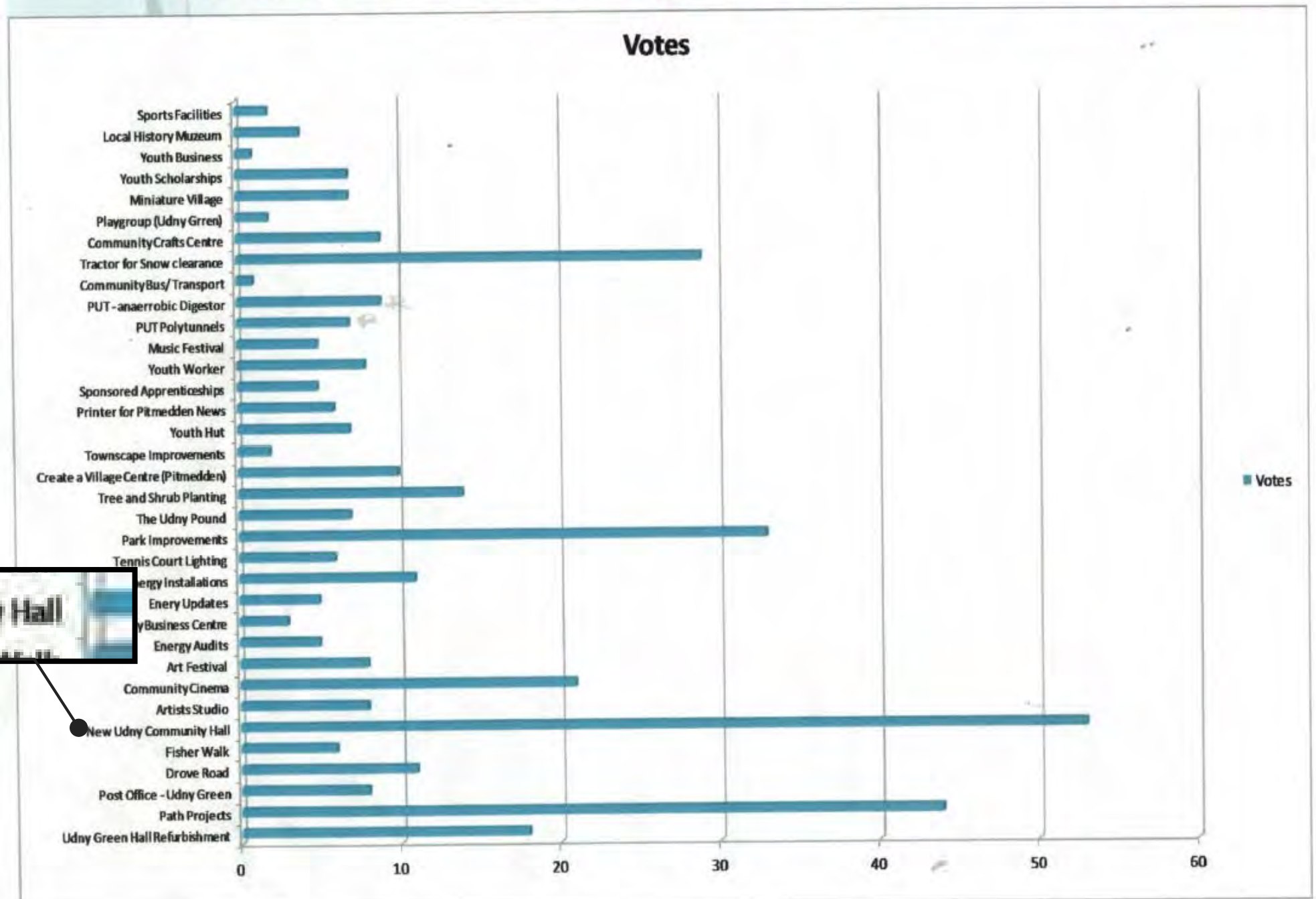






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OUTPUT From Making it REAL Event March 2011



New Udny Community Hall

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Nov 2018

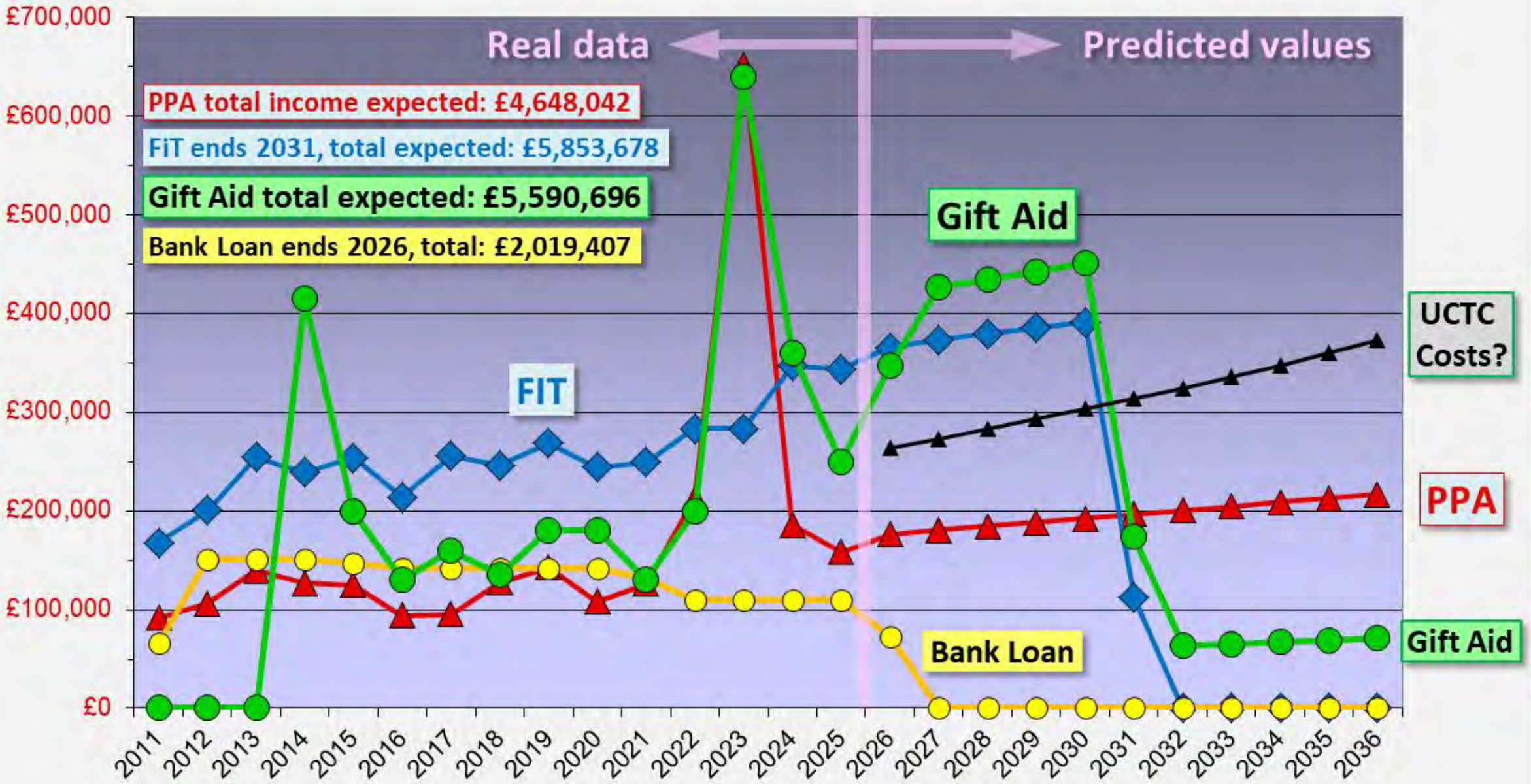
Community Action Plan & Spatial Plan (Jan 2019)





Imagine Udny

UCWTC Ltd, Predicting Future Income and the Challenges Ahead



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Developing the community

Development Trust

Udny Community Trust is a place-based development Trust and member of the Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS).

As a development trust we must:

- Support a defined local area
- Encourage **community membership**
- **Be run by local people (Board)**
- Get **community input** into decision-making
- Be independent: no personal, political or external influences
- Listen to local people
- **Work on a range of local issues**
- **Earn income and reinvest** back into the community
- **Keep the community informed** about our work
- **Work with partners** for better outcomes

Development Trusts Association Scotland

A Thriving Community-led Network

300 members

Investing in our community

Investment

- **~£382,000** capital investment (to date) in The Medan Centre
- **£740,000+** in grant funding







Protecting and enriching our community





Plus...

- First Responders
- Defibrillators
- Grit bins
- Christmas lights

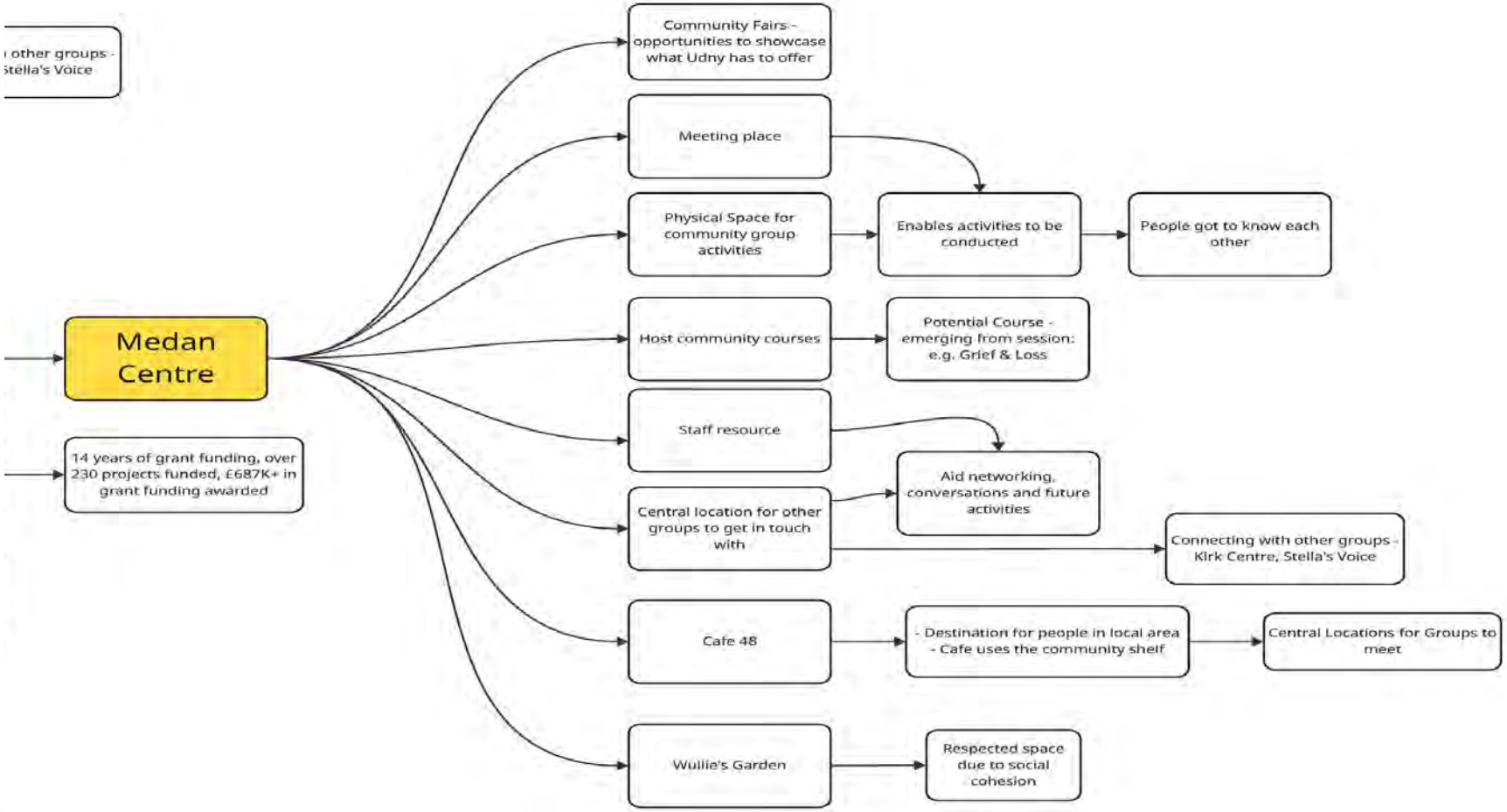
Creating opportunities

Jobs & volunteering

- **UCT** employs two full-time staff members
- **Cafe48** employs 13 staff members
- **80 volunteers**



Community-led



Working together



Improving lives













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Community Impact

Panel discussion



The story of Friends of Udny Green Cemeteries: Room to Bloom

06 November 2026



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Support solar at The Medan Centre:

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SCAN TO VOTE

From outside Aberdeenshire? You're allowed to use our postcode: **AB41 7AG**

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Please keep in touch!

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