



**Minutes of meeting held on 18th January 2023  
held in Uphall Community Centre and via Zoom**

In attendance : Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Angela Doran Timson

Apologies : Pippa Plevin, George Scott, Cllr Janet Campbell

1 The minutes of the November meeting were agreed noting apologies from Angela Doran Timson. Minutes proposed by Jonathan Moore seconded by Irene Bishop.

2 Matters from previous minutes

Bottlebanks : situated behind old cemetery. Council to look at bottle return scheme.

Saugh Tree : plaque was unveiled at the beginning of December.

Christmas cards were delivered with some going to the prizewinners family.

Santa made a successful visit to Uphall on 19th December. Thanks to Julie Devaney for the use of her car.

Uplighters and tree lights still to be installed.

Defibrillators to be installed outside the Community Centre.

King Georges Park : Lynne to write to the Council expressing our dissatisfaction that monies were spent on maintenance and none left to improve play facilities.

3 Resurfacing outside the Oatridge Hotel

There have been several communications with the council regarding the proposed tar resurfacing outside the Oatridge Hotel. Ronnie Fisher West Lothian Council to be invited to attend the next meeting.

4 Reports

Treasurer : Balance currently £1750.70

The Treasurer has to get back the £150.00 paid for silhouette installation.

Planning : felling of Ash tree in Forkneuk Road.  
Dormer window installed in house in Main Street.

## EANAB

There was no EANAB meeting held in January. At the December meeting Jessica Briggs who is the new EAL head of sustainability attended the meeting to give a presentation on the sustainability work at the Airport. EAL is hoping to submit Stage 3 ACP on January 27th and is having a meeting with CAA in advance to ensure prior to submission that they have everything they want to progress.

## Joint Forum

There have been a number of awards given out as part of the RCLLD Grants scheme mostly to the Food Network and Warm Hubs around West Lothian. The 21k that still has to be allocated will be administered by the voluntary sector.

The Joint Forum had an online meeting with Oliver Escobar to discuss the Lothian Policy Innovation funding bid and have agreed to partnering with them. It is to encourage greater connection with Universities and communities. It would allow communities to tap into the Universitys research capabilities to produce more informed funding bids. If granted a Design workshop will be held to discuss projects. The Joint Forum has also been in touch with Community Maps Scotland to be able to set up a West Lothian wide map instead of for individual community councils. Suggestions for what could be included would be wanted but looking at adding walks like the Shale Trail and planning applications that will show the extent of developments in West Lothian.

Special PDSPs are being held in January to discuss the WLC budget and how the survey affects suggestions for savings. The Joint Forum will be sending representatives and you can see proceedings live on the WLC Committees You Tube channel.

The next meeting of the JF Exec is 19th January.

## 5 Correspondence

Town Centre Funding notification and form received.

## 6 Other business

Broxburn Academy attended the recent Education Quality Assurance Committee. Steps are being taken to support the school in its progress

Roads : Gritting required on Scott Road which is on a bus route. Grit bins require to be filled.

Chinese New Year: Irene and Lynne attended an event in Howden Park Centre organised by the Chinese Community Hub to mark Chinese New Year.