



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 in Uphall Community Centre

In attendance: Irene Bishop (Chair), David Flight, George Scott, Pippa Plevin, Jonathan Moore, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

Apologies: Lynne McEwen

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th March 2023, were read as a correct record. Proposed by George Scott and seconded by David Flight.
2. Matters arising

Cllr Angela Doran-Timson queried accessing the Community Council via zoom. Irene Bishop noted that the previous meeting had decided to bring the regular hybrid video conferencing to an end but stressed that should an individual have an emergency or medical reason for not being able to attend a meeting in person, that in those circumstances zoom can be set-up. David Flight noted the technical issues experienced recently with the community centre wi-fi.

Irene Bishop stated that the solar-powered audio post is on order and we await delivery. She noted that we should consider what audio streams (maximum of six over approx. fifteen minutes) should be and who can be involved – for example, local school children, etc. George Scott suggested involving Emma Peattie, Heritage Manager at WLC Museums Service. An article in the forthcoming newsletter will ask the community to come forward with suggestions and content.

Gordon Allan has recently retired from serving the wider community via BUTA, Ecclesmachan Community Council, and the Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group. The last Community Council meeting agreed to send Gordon a card and Irene confirmed that a card thanking him for his sterling service over many years has been sent.

Interactive Kiosk for the museum at Strathbrock – no update on progress.

3. Reports

a. TREASURER

The accounts for the year to the end of March 2023 were distributed by George Scott, and approved, at the AGM prior to this evening's meeting. However, a resume of the accounts is:

Balance b/f from previous year	£1193.21
Income	£3872.31
Expenditure	£2049.78
Closing Balance	£3015.74

b. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Jonathan Moore gave details of two Planning Applications lodged since the last Community Council meeting:

- 0299/PO/23: Application for the discharge of Section 75 agreement relating to planning application 0216/FUL/07 (occupancy restriction) - 16 Houstoun Mains Holdings
- 0274/TCA/23: Crown lifting of 6 trees and selective branch removal of 1 tree - 60 East Main Street

No comments are to be lodged with WLC Planning on these applications.

c. BUTCMG

Irene Bishop was unable to attend the last Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group. Cllr Angela Doran-Timson gave an overview of the meeting and its outcomes:

- Defibs: the Defib to be cited at Waz' shop has been paid, however awaiting a response from Scotmid in regard to the Defibs to be cited at Scotmid's
- Museum: letters of support for the community led part of the museum have been lodged with Emma Peattie. In addition, two computers will be removed from the left-hand side of the museum area to make way for the community display cabinet and interactive kiosk
- Trees & Lights: BUD will be responsible for the tree lights at Goschen. The quick quote process has closed for the additional lights on Ecclesmachan Road
- Solar powered noticeboards: there will be an update on the noticeboards at the BUTCMG meeting on Friday 21st April

d. EANAB

EANAB meetings are now taking place as hybrid in the Hampton by Hilton at EDI airport and with Webex. Uphall CC can send a representative.

EAL pickup/drop off area is being revamped with new technology completion in July. They are installing a solar panel farm, wind turbines to make use of aircraft vortexes and a heat exchange system to follow their sustainability plan.

The ACP public consultation will take place this time next year and the plan is for new flight paths to be implemented Nov 2025 or early 2026. Detailed simulations are being run to evaluate climb rate and turns so that anything that looks difficult can be resolved before the consultation.

The strategy for public consultation will be: virtual for people to log into, visualisation software to show people flying along flight paths, community meetings, drop-in sessions and an accessible document will be produced in the run up to the consultation.

The Joint Forum is looking at getting KML or DZL data from EAL to add a custom layer to the Community Maps Scotland mapping software for noise profiles around the airport.

All Minutes for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website.

e. JOINT FORUM

The Joint Forum AGM took place as a hybrid in the Civic Centre and with Webex on Saturday 1st April. The notes (via their website) give further info on what was discussed and the composition of the new JF Executive Committee.

Jim Jack and Gordon Brown answered questions on the Car Parking Strategy report which will be going to Council Exec on 25th April for approval.

Ralph Bell gave a presentation on Warm Welcome Places and how the Council has responded to the Cost of Living crisis.

The JF is trying to arrange a Transport Forum/ Focus Group meeting with Nicola Gill regarding the situation with McGills bus service reduction. Will invite all CCs when details are known.

Bathgate CC is organising an LPP training workshop with PAS that will be open to all CCs. The JF is also trying to arrange a meeting with Craig McCorriston on NPF4 and other Planning matters pertaining to West Lothian.

The minutes for the last JF Exec meeting held on the 16th March are available for download (via their website).

Pippa Plevin also noted that UCC should consider filling in the SCDC survey on Participation Requests so that the UCC view on process improvement can be taken into account. Closing date 30th April.

4. Correspondence

Received an invitation to attend, on the 4th May, the West Lothian Council Celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla at Kirk of Calder. Meeting agreed that Irene Bishop will attend on behalf of Uphall Community Council.

An email received from Liz Scobie regarding Edinburgh Airport – content previously highlighted within the EANAB report.

5. Other Business

Pippa Plevin noted that a Climate Action Hub will be held on Tuesday 25th April at Beechbrae from 12.30pm.

David Flight noted that the number of now obsolete satellite dishes on properties locally. Meeting agreed to feature this issue in the forthcoming Uphall Village Newsletter.

Jonathan Moore noted that the annual Purple Poppy Day will be held on Wednesday 23 August 2023 and asked if we wished to purchase a Wreath to lay. Proposed by Irene Bishop and seconded by George Scott. Jonathan asked to progress an order of a Purple Poppy Wreath.

6. The next Uphall Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm.