



**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 in
Uphall Community Centre**

In attendance : Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, George Scott, Cllr Tony Boyle

Apologies : Pippa Plevin, George Scott, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

1 The minutes of the April meeting were agreed proposed by David Flight seconded by Jonathan Moore.

2 Matters arising

Talking posts have been delivered. Suggestions for involvement include schools, Smile Centre, Ancre Somme.

Awaiting delivery of Defibrillator.

Still awaiting update on notice boards.

Irene attended a Coronation service in Kirk of Calder.

A purple poppy wreath has been delivered for tribute on 23 August.

3 Reports

Treasurer : 750.00 still awaited from BUTCMG

Zurich Insurance : to confirm adequate cover

Planning : Nothing to report

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Joint Forum

The Joint Forum is holding an online Scotland wide conference on 10 June. This is to discuss Democracy Matters and the Blueprint for Community Councils that was derived from a JF conference held before the pandemic.

The WLC announcing the closure of Howden Park and swimming pools in Broxburn Armadale and Livingston has been met by communities with petitions to protest. There has been a march in support of Howden Park Centre and there is a meeting about Broxburn Swimming Pool on 18th May.

Before the Council Executive meeting on 9 May a JF statement was sent to all elected members. There was a WLC statement issued afterwards and there has since been a call to Register Interest for any organisation that may wish to take them over by 26th May.

There was a public meeting in West Calder on the IJBs Care Home Proposals to privatise care There are further meetings in Broxburn and Bathgate on 29th and 24th May.

EANAB

Simon Rhodes gave EANAB a presentation on how the ACP is progressing and the flightpaths that are being considered.

The three main drivers behind the proposals are modernisation, capacity and environmental concerns including areas of tranquility and Social and scientific interest.

Design principles such as population density, location of schools and hospitals etc are being put into the simulation software and layered on to the maps to produce the pathways to determine the best flyable path. The public consultation is on track to begin this time next year. The EANAB Quarterly Noise report 2023 is now available. We have the noise profiles around Edinburgh Airport now available on the community map.

All minutes of the EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website.

There was discussion on the JF Blueprint and the Community Council had some reservations about the content, especially some of the areas that were suggested eg employment of staff, responsibilities we felt lay outside the scope of community councils. It was agreed a letter would be sent to the Joint Forum expressing these concerns.

4 Leisure facilities

There is great concern about the closure of leisure facilities. There are several petitions against this move. It was felt that more money from central government would help Councils.

5 Donation from Uphall Estates

As there is no Uphall Gala Day, it was proposed that a donation from Uphall Estates would benefit a local charity, such as the Smile Centre.

6 Signs outside Ecclesmachan have two different speed restrictions.

7 Community Centre AGM on Monday 29th May.