



**Minutes of meeting held on 21st June 2023
in Uphall Community Centre**

In attendance : Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight. Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore

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

In attendance : Mr and Mrs Stewart

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

2 Matters arising

Defibrillator : still to be installed. There was a demonstration of the use of the defibrillator at the Community Centre AGM.

Donald Stavert from the Joint Forum responded to our letter outlining the rationale behind the Blueprint and outline of the consultation process. It was agreed to thank him for his response and ask for details of individual Community Councils engagement.

Swimming Pool : It was agreed to write to Fiona Hyslop and the Council to express our disappointment at the closure of the swimming pool and the loss of a leisure facility in the area.

It was noted there is a consultation currently on the placing of gym equipment in the local area.

Care Homes : these will remain open.

Uphall Estates : giving support to the Smile Centre

There was a good turnout at the Community Centre AGM.

3 Reports

Treasurer : Money to be paid to ICO.

Planning : Felling of tree in Middleton Avenue, changes to door in Scotmid. fence in house in Craigengar, change of use to property on Station Road A89 all noted. Concern was raised regarding

licensing of a house in Dargai to HMO. A letter will be written to licensing asking why there were no details in planning.

BUTCMG : No trees will be planted on Main Street.

Joint Forum

The Joint Forum held an online Scottish Conference of Community Councils on Saturday 10th June to discuss the future for Community Councils. The speakers included Dr Oliver Escobar, Paul Nelis from SCDC and Brian Davey from the Improvement Service. The detailed notes from the meeting will be sent out with the newsletter but the main take was an overwhelming support for creating a Scottish Forum of Community Councils. The Joint Forum will be spearheading this over the next few months.

The Joint Forum has also been meeting with Tara OLeary from SCRAN to coordinate setting up a West Lothian Climate Action Hub and bid for the £150k funding that is available to do so. It may require setting up a Community Interest Company as Community Councils are not incorporated bodies so would not be eligible to bid.

EANAB EAL are aiming to increase capacity by compressing the departure interval rather than by introducing a new SID Standard Instrument Departure Route. The new 90 second departure interval may be introduced a year before the new flight paths so that the air traffic controllers become used to it.

Aaron McKean is the new EAL Sustainability Manager and his remit includes Community Engagement. He has been visiting Community Councils with a priority for those under the flight path. As well as the Quarterly EAMAN Quarterly Noise Report supplied by EAL EAAB have produced a summary analysis of the report. We have the Noise Profiles around Edinburgh airport now available on the Community Map.

4 Ecclesmachan footpaths : survey on website and Facebook. Hedges on Ecclesmachan Road require cutting.

5 Garden area at foot of Ecclesmachan Road to be tidied up prior to the Purple Poppy Service.

6 There was discussion on action to combat excessive waste in gardens causing a nuisance for neighbours.

7 Nicola Gill to be invited to a future meeting to discuss transport.