



**Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
in Uphall Community Centre**

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

Apologies : Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Angela Doran Timson

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

2 Matters arising

Defibrillator : still to be installed.

Leisure facilities. Responses had been received from Fiona Hyslop outlining the steps she had taken with regard to the proposed closure and from West Lothian Council notifying us of their intention to develop school pools.

Care homes: decision deferred on residential home behind Muirs buildings.

No response was received from licensing over HMO application for house in Dargai. There are still concerns over this.

Ecclesmachan Road. Some work has been carried out but still overhanging branches onto pavement. NETS to be contacted.

Nicola Gill will attend September meeting to discuss general transport issues.

Garden at foot of Ecclesmachan Road. To be cleared on Friday night.

3 Reports

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported recent issues with online banking which will be resolved shortly. Balance currently £1486.00. An invoice for £750.00 to go to Stewart Ness.

## Planning

Reduction of 3 trees in Ecclesmachan Road - noted. Extension to house in Alexander Street - Jonathan to write re concerns on traffic at that area. Installation of telecommunications post at Wyndford - noted. Extension at Houstoun Mains holdings - Jonathan to respond re traffic coming out onto the road. Audioposts apparently not included when planning application put forward for silhouette.

## BUTCMG

Lights to go in front of war memorial. Uplighters for silhouette had been agreed some time ago. Broxburn Community Council would like to progress working together with Uphall. £5000 to each Uphall and Broxburn for lights.

## Joint Forum

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements : There is a Public Consultation just launched by the City of Edinburgh Council about improving travel along the A89. It is part of the WETIP project that intends to encourage mode shift to sustainable forms of travel by making journeys by bus, walking, cycling and wheeling more attractive relative to the car, on the A8/A89 corridor between Broxburn and Maybury. In particular it hopes to reduce bus journey times and enhance the quality and safety of the cycling infrastructure. We should consider responding both as a Community Council and individuals, it closes on 5th Sep.

WLCAN HUB : The Joint Forum is taking the lead in working with SCCAN and other community groups that have become Members to put in a bid to the Scottish Government to form a West Lothian Climate Action Network Hub.

The WLCAN Hub would:

- Ensure that community groups form, connect, and engage with each other.
- Empower community groups to develop and implement local solutions to create a low carbon resilient place to live.
- Build awareness of the climate and nature emergency across all regions.
- Increase community resilience and knowledge of how to respond to climate change.
- Stimulate community level climate action.
- Encourage community groups to collaborate at regional level.
- Work in partnership with key local stakeholders.
- Allow an approach to be developed within each region that reflects its circumstances and priorities.
- We would welcome Uphall CC becoming a member you can join [HERE](#).

Transport Forum : The Joint Forum held a hybrid Transport Forum with Nicola Gill Passenger Transport Manager at WLC in the Civic Centre on the 3rd Aug. The detailed NOTES have what was discussed and the Q&A. Nicola gave a PRESENTATION on the WLC plans going forward that will consist of 2 Workstreams, short term and long term. The Transport Forum has been invited to contribute to this radical rethink of public transport to develop a vision for an effective and efficient

transport network in West Lothian. Further meetings to do this will begin in September with a final report going to Council in December. The recommendations for bus contract awards will go to Council Exec on the 15th Aug in the LBS Tender Outcome Report. If agreed the contracts will commence on the 16th Oct.

Scottish Forum of Community Councils : The detailed NOTES for the Scottish Conference of Community Councils held on 10th June are now available. A Working Group has been formed to take forward the creation of a Scottish Forum of Community Councils. At their first meeting held on 25th July a Terms of Reference was agreed.

Democracy Matters : The Joint Forum have been invited to the Scottish Government relaunch of Democracy Matters at an event at Linlithgow CDT on 28th August. The event will be attended by Ministers Joe Fitzpatrick and Tom Arthur, as well as the COSLA presidential team. Webinars will also be held so that others can take part over the next 6 months.

Planning Training : Training has been scheduled with PAS on the 14th Sep @7pm hybrid in the Bathgate Partnership Centre. Although organised by Bathgate CC all are welcome to join. The session will be divided between NPF4 implications and Local Place Plans. If anyone wants an invite let me know.

Minutes : The MINUTES for the last JF Exec meeting held on the 15th June are available for download. There was a summer break so no meeting took place in July.

## EANAB

Chair appointment : Blake Cushnie has been appointed as the new Chair of EANAB replacing Lindsay Cole who held the position for 6 years. He is a consultant with an extensive background in aviation and previously worked with Toronto airport. He lives in Northern Ireland so the logistics have still to be worked out on how he can chair remotely.

Noise report : The Q2 2023 Noise Complaints Report is now available.

ACP : The ACP is progressing with flight paths still being worked out with NATs and run through the flight simulator so they are workable.

Aaron McKeen the EAL Sustainability Manager is continuing to visit Community Councils with a priority for those under the flight path. If you wish for him to attend a meeting let me know so it can be arranged he will be visiting Broxburn CC at the end of the month.

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

## 4 Other business

Private road sign at Beecraigs. Pippa to follow up.

Parking in Uphall : Police to be invited to a future meeting to discuss parking in Uphall and traffic on Ecclesmachan Road.

Bollard outside Scotmid : Request to Graham Hope that this be replaced by a metal one to prevent unsafe parking.

Aaron McKean to be invited to a future meeting re airport.