



Minutes of the meeting of Uphall Community Council held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 in Uphall Community Centre

In attendance : Irene Bishop (Chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, Pippa Plevin, George Scott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Dianne Calder, Cllr Angela Doran Timson

Apologies : Cllr Janet Campbell.

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

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

There was further discussion on transport issues in West Lothian.

3. Reports

Treasurer

Grant of 396 has been received. £38.40 expenditure on Wreath. Balance currently £2530.52

Planning

Jonathan to write re clarification of planning for work being done on A89 and South Middleton

BUTCMG

No report

Joint Forum

A Transport Forum is to be held on Thursday 2nd November @ 7pm in-person at the Bathgate Partnership Centre Room 14/15 and Online by Webex. Keith Muirhead WLC Passenger Transport will be attending and will answer questions at the event, and we will collect questions on transport infrastructure for Gordon Brown, WLC Transport Services Manager, to answer ahead of time. West Lothian Council agreed to a complete review of its transport policy as part of its budget decisions earlier this year. The two-part strategy involved a tendering exercise for subsidised bus routes followed by a review of the policy, which was to be considered by December 2024. The Joint Forum Transport Forum

was briefed on this approach at its last meeting in August and was invited to contribute to the "radical rethink of public transport in West Lothian".

Since then, several events have occurred:

A REPORT was made to Council on the tendering exercise for local buses.

A REPORT was made to Council on the tendering exercise for Winchburgh bus service.

McGills Bus Company, operating as Eastern Scottish, announced it was withdrawing its West Lothian services LINK.

The Council Executive considered a REPORT on the withdrawal of McGills services. Lothian Country has announced new routes to partially make up for the loss of the McGills routes from 3rd Dec LINK. The impact of these events will likely push the strategy review into next year. Nevertheless, we have been invited to contribute to a rethink of public transport, and now is the time to come up with ideas and blue-sky thinking on the subject. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to us even if you can't attend. To register to attend the Transport Forum on November 2nd, either online or in person use the [FORM HERE](#).

### *Planning*

The Joint Forum partnered with Bathgate Community Council to host a PAS training session on NPF4 and Local Place Plans, led by David Wood and including Steve Lovell from the WLC Planning Department. The PRESENTATION is now available to download.

### *West Lothian Climate Action Network Hub*

We have a further meeting with the Scottish Government to clarify some aspects of the Application on Wed 18th Oct. The Diagram shows what it will look like and the report on Members shows the 24 community groups that have already signed up to be members of WLCAN. Uphall CC can still Register as a WLCAN Member, be a part of the Network and bid from the ECO Development Fund for a project to tackle Climate Change.

### *West Lothian Leisure*

The Joint Forum issued a Statement regarding the WLL Closures, swimming pool usage and the Howden Park Centre.

### *Scottish Forum of Community Councils*

The first Scottish Forum Newsletter was sent out to those that expressed an interest. If you would like to receive this newsletter in your inbox, please use the Subscribe function at the bottom of this newsletter to do so. Requests have been made to the Scottish Government and COSLA for support and funding.

### *Minutes*

The MINUTES for the last JF Exec meeting held on the 21st Sep are available for download.

## EANAB

### Community Engagement and Sustainability

A generic presentation is being prepared by EANAB to be used when Aaron McKean the EAL Sustainability Manager attends CC meetings. The airport received 27 applications for Community Fund money which comes from drop off charges. The Charity Partner of the Year applications are also now open. The current EAL partner for the second year is the Larder.

Fixed electrical ground power plug ins are being installed airside for aircraft to be plugged into and to reduce emissions. as this will draw power from the solar farm which is being installed to the west of the airport.

### ACP

The ACP is progressing with flight paths still being worked out with NATs. The public consultation is now likely to be nearer the end of 2024 after the Noise Action Plan consultation is complete which will be in the summer.

### Minutes

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

#### 4. Remembrance

Parade will leave from Uphall at 2.00pm for service at 2.30

#### 5. Christmas

Cards to be purchased and sent to local businesses. Arrangements discussed for 18th December.

#### 6. Correspondence

Consultation on catchment for St Margarets and St Kentigerns

Voting available on Celebrating Equality Choices Fund

Local Place Plans : Online support

Schools jackets fund : Donations can be made for jackets

#### 7. Other business

Community Police to be contacted to attend a future meeting.