



Minutes of the meeting of Uphall Community Council held on Wednesday 16th February 2024 in Uphall Community Centre

In attendance : Irene Bishop (Chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Diane Calder

Apologies : George Scott, Pippa Plevin, Cllr Janet Campbell

1. The minutes of the January meeting were agreed proposed by Jonathan Moore, seconded by David Flight.
2. Matters arising from previous minutes

Talking posts : Planning application has been submitted.

Vouchers still to be purchased for the Santa helpers.

Funding from councillors disbursement had been received.

Condition of pavement outside Oatridge Hotel still being followed up.

Webcam : Information received from Linlithgow. To be followed up through Stewart Ness.

3. Reports

Treasurer

Balance currently £2647.00.

Planning

The Community Council noted applications for extension to a house in Rosemount Drive and extension to a driveway in East Main Street.

BUTCMG

Bottle banks will be returned to Uphall Community Centre once changing rooms have been demolished.

Defibrillator and cabinet have been received by Uphall Community Centre. Other sites are being discussed. It is important that all the defibs in the area a registered and Community Councils could help with this.

Update was given on the progress of the museum working group. It was noted the group have applies for TCMG funding to alter the signage from Broxburn Museum to Broxburn and Uphall Community Museum.

Additional lights on the trees on Ecclesmachan Road have been added. Lights on trees on Clarkston Road have been completed.

Lights at Goschen : Had to return to quick quote process.

Discussion on trees and resin planters and problem of sustaining the watering of these.

Contract has been awarded for replacement solar power notice boards. Estimated completion time 4 to 6 weeks.

Joint Forum

A Scottish Forum Online Conference is being held to discuss the Democracy Matters2 consultation.

West Lothian Climate Action Network held a successful Climate Change Gathering on 29th January at Howden Park Centre with over 60 attending from 32 organisations. The ECO Development Fund had £100k of bids for the £26k of funds available. This has now been distributed to the 14 successful network members for a diverse range of Eco projects. There are now 50 organisations signed up to be members of WLCAN.

EANAB

A new look and logo has been finalised for the EANAB website and is now in the build stage to make it more user friendly. The Airspace Change Organisation Group have launched a public consultation exercise for the Airspace Change Masterplan in Scotland. Consultation closes on 10th March.

4. AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th April.

5. Correspondence

From Graham Whitelaw requesting update on project from Town Centre Management Funding. Response will be made to explain the delay in planning permission for the talking posts.

King Charles Portrait. An opportunity is available to apply for a portrait of King Charles. An application will be made to receive a portrait.

6. Democracy Matters Consultation

The Community Council discussed the aspects of the consultation and a response will be submitted. The Community Council feel no need for extra powers, and that powers which affect all communities are best served by the local council.

We also felt well supported by our local councillors and able to put forward ideas and suggestions. We had concerns on the sustainability of volunteers doing so much extra work with additional powers.