



Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19th April 2023 in Uphall Community Centre

In attendance: Irene Bishop (Chair), David Flight, George Scott, Pippa Plevin, Jonathan Moore, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

Apologies: Lynne McEwen

1. Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 17th June 2022, were read as a correct record. Proposed by Jonathan Moore and seconded by George Scott.
2. There were no matters arising from the previous minute.
3. Chairpersons Report

Although the Community Council is made up of a small number of residents we continue to work hard for the people of Uphall and I thank the Community Councillors for their commitment. I would also like to thank our local Councillors for their continued support.

It is so nice to finally have everyone in one room. Since the lockdown we have used either zoom or hybrid for our meetings until this evening. It was agreed that we would like to get back to our previous way of working by holding all future meetings in person.

Sadly, last year, we received a letter of resignation from Gerald as he felt he was not able to contribute as he would have liked. He did express how much he had enjoyed his time as a member. We thank him for his contribution over his years as a Community Councillor.

Last year we mentioned that we had used Facebook to ascertain what our residents would like to incorporate into the village when funding became available. We were awaiting the decision of our application for an outdoor gym and a talking solar post. The application for the outdoor gym equipment was rejected but the solar talking post was agreed. We have now ordered this and await delivery.

We continue to support our neighbours in Dechmont in their objection to a planning application. We also objected to a local planning application but unfortunately this was overturned.

Throughout the year I have represented the Community Council at the Local Area Committee and Broxburn & Uphall Town Centre Management Group. In August Lynne, Jonathan and I laid a Wreath at the Purple Poppy Memorial Service. Jonathan and I attended a Service in Uphall Cemetery to mark the

grave of Tom Garry, who had been awarded the Military Medal. The Community Council supplied tea/coffee and biscuits after the event. Jonathan and I also represented the Community Council and laid a Wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial. I attended the Memorial Service for HRH the late Queen Elizabeth organised by West Lothian Council at Kirk O Calder, and Lynne and I represented the Community Council at the Kirking of the Council, also at Kirk O Calder.

We had the winning Christmas card design printed and distributed to all local businesses, schools, local councillors and key contacts. We also gave some cards to the designer so that he could send them to family and friends.

Following the success of the previous year's Santa Tour we repeated it. Many thanks to Julie Devaney who once again drove Santa on his journey by Mrs Claus and the Elf on the Shelf, thank you Paul Wandless.

We have started to pull together a map of the dropped kerbs in Uphall and are currently working on the next edition of Uphall Village Newsletter. Once again I would like to thank you for your help and support.

4. Treasurers Report

George Scott, Treasurer, presented the accounts for the year to 31 March 2023. Key highlights include income for our forthcoming newsletter from Cllr Tony Boyle (£226.31), the Annual Grant payment (£396.00), Town Centre Funding for the silhouettes (£750.00) and funding for the solar audio post (£2500.00). Expenditure includes payment of the solar audio post, curries print for our newsletters, data protection renewal, Queens Canopy event costs, website and Wreaths that Community Council members have laid. The audited accounts were agreed and will be forwarded to West Lothian Council.

Balance b/f from previous year	£1193.21
Income	£3872.31
Expenditure	£2049.78
Closing Balance	£3015.74

5. Election of Office Bearers

Cllr Tony Boyle chaired the Election of Office Bearers:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Irene Bishop	Jonathan Moore	David Flight
Vice Chair	Jonathan Moore	George Scott	David Flight
Secretary	Lynne McEwen	Irene Bishop	George Scott
Treasurer	George Scott	Irene Bishop	David Flight
Planning Secretary	Jonathan Moore	David Flight	George Scott

With there being no other nominations, the above individuals were elected.

6. Any Other Competent Business

There being no other business the meeting was concluded.