



Minutes of the meeting of Uphall Community Council held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 in Uphall Community Centre

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

Apologies : Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Janet Campbell

1. The minutes of the March meeting were agreed proposed by David Flight, seconded by George Scott.
2. Matters arising from previous minutes

King Charles portrait still awaiting delivery.

3. Uphall Estates

David Howell and Jane were welcomed from Uphall Estates. They spoke of the improvement in the appearance of the site and the success of attracting businesses. The site is surrounded by security fencing and sustainability is important to future development. It is felt that the site benefits the economy of the community.

Questions were asked on the issue of volume of traffic and there was discussion on possible safety measures e.g. widening entrance road. Uphall Estates said traffic was a consideration when new tenants were applying for space.

4. Reports

Treasurer

Audited accounts were presented and approved at the AGM.

Planning

Planning application for extension to house in Ecclesmachan Road noted.

BUTCMG

Defibrillators : awareness posters have been produced.

Tree lights at Goschen to be erected.

Planters : look at possibilities of a self-watering system.

Solar notice boards to be erected.

Houstoun House Doocot: Stewart Ness looking at this.

Joint Forum

The Joint Forum is holding its AGM on 11th May at 11.00 am in the Civic Centre and hybrid on Webex. All Community Councillors are welcome to attend.

The closing date for nominations for office bearers and the executive is 28th April. The theme of the meeting will be Climate Change.

West Lothian Climate Action Hub has been awarded £160,000 funding for the financial year 2024.25 This includes an extra £10,000 for Eco Fund projects.

April newsletter has been sent out to Network members covering the work done so far and examples of the Final Eco Fund awards that were given out to 17 organisations.

The next meeting is on 18th April by Google meet.

EANAB

EAL gave a presentation on night flights at the last EAAB meeting. A new look EANAB website will go live next month. EAL continues to produce consultation documents for the ACP which should be completed by August.

5. Correspondence

From OPAL intimating Community Concert and meeting on Lost Villages

Consultation on slight changes of catchment areas for local primary schools

Meeting on Community Centre review on 8 May

Licensing consultation which will run from 5 April to 5 June

6. Other business

Broxburn Community Council are holding a volunteers event which we will be interested in participating.

Purple Poppy Wreath to be ordered for event in August.

Following discussion the Community Council agreed that Jonathan would write to Lorraine McGrorty stating that we feel as the Statutory body that Community Councils should be consulted in the first instance. This was following a minute from the Joint Forum which said they were being consulted on behalf of Community Councils.

Community Payback Team will work on area at foot of Ecclesmachan Road.