



**Minutes of meeting held on 17th August 2022  
held in Uphall Community Centre and via Zoom**

In attendance : Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore

Apologies : Pippa Plevin, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson, Cllr Ann Davidson

1 Minutes of the June meeting were agreed, proposed by George Scott, seconded by Jonathan Moore.

2 Roisin McLaren from West Lothian Council spoke on the Climate Change Plan. Roisin outlined the Councils aim to reduce emissions. Examples of how to get involved include the Community Action Hub and Zero Waste Town.

Save Money Help the Planet event will take place in the Civic Centre on 1st October 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Home Energy Scotland, the Advice Shop, West Lothian Food network, Kids Eco among those attending.

3 Matters from previous minutes

South Middleton House extension objection ; plans have been altered but still wish to retain objection. Lynne to respond to Planning.

Purple Poppy Wreath has been purchased. A short service will take place at 7.00pm on 23rd August.

No progress on removal of graffiti from boxes.

Map of dropped kerbs in process.

Tom Garry Memorial service is on 15th September at Uphall Cemetery followed by refreshments in Uphall Community Centre.

4 Reports

Treasurer : Digital Banking has been set up. Balance at present £2068.30. Grant of £ 396.00 has been received, also £750.00 from Town Centre Management Group for silhouette. Lorraine McGrorty to clarify receipt of accounts 21/22

Planning : Houstoun House conservatory extension, Certificate of Lawfulness for house in South Middleton. Change to windows to house in Burnside. Shed alterations at Stables. Office at Uphall Business Park. All noted.

Notice was given for a pre-planning application for an extension to the telecom mast situated behind Strathbrock Church Hall, Lynne to notify the company of our objection reasons being the height and proximity to houses

BUTCMG

Site visit to Linlithgow Museum. Saugh Tree Plaque to be unveiled by Mrs Jean Reid. Town Centre Funding to be received for solar posts.

EANAB

The ACP Commission outcome is due at the end of August, which will see if the new Gateway has been approved. If approved it will then proceed to public consultation. Currently 6 of 7 UK airports submissions have been rejected by the CAA but EAL has been able to learn for theirs from other airports on why they had their proposals rejected, EAL is proposing a new Eastern route along the Forth for traffic going to Europe (Baltic and Denmark) and potentially to the Middle East . It cuts off a large corner of current flight paths and therefore offers potential for massive fuel savings.

Noise complaints are still lower than pre-covid levels. The latest Q2 2022 Noise Report has now been made available.

Joint Forum

A meeting is being held with the WLC Chief Executive on Wed 17th August. Topics to be discussed include Community Wealth Building, Place Based Investment Strategy, Community Engagement initiative Plan, Community Ownership Fund and the Leveling Up fund. See the West Lothian CLSS Report for the Community Wealth building advice.

The Joint Forum refreshed the reps that are sent to the new Council PDSPs which have now restarted. after the summer break. Reports can be accessed when available.

WLC has now started to use Confero for meetings in the Chamber which will include PDSPs and some LACs. If you attend any of these you will be sent a link to set up your Confero registration. Instead of an invite to the meeting it will appear in your Confero dashboard. It works very well with the hardware in the Chamber which integrates cameras and audio in each seat. For full audio visual of meetings held in the Chamber see the WLC YouTube channel when they are made available.

The last JF Executive was held on 21st July, with the next meeting on 17th August.

## 5 Local Place Plan

A separate meeting to be arranged to discuss this.

## 6 Correspondence

From Gerald Paisey indicating his intention to withdraw from the Community Council. Much appreciation was expressed of Gerald's work and commitment to the Community Council over many years. It was agreed a card and voucher gift be sent to Gerald

Invitation to Kirkin of the Council at Kirk of Calder on 29 August. Lynne and Irene to attend

## 7 Other business

Survey Software; free survey available

Remembrance wreaths to be purchased

Speed of traffic on Ecclesmachan Road, to be discussed at next meeting

Camera on lamppost on Ecclesmachan Road still causing concern.

Bottle Banks to be moved from beside Community Centre. Problem in deciding on a suitable alternative

Dirt bikes causing problems on paths