

UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 20th August 2025

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, Reece Sinnott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Mike Carlin, Colin Graham, Kevin Hughes

Apologies: Pippa Plevin, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

1. The minutes of the June meeting were agreed. Minutes were approved by David Flight seconded by Jonathan Moore.

2. Matters arising

Open Day with Ancre Somme and Defibrillator Training proposed for 1 November from 10.00am to 5.00pm

Ecclesmachan Road: NETS team have contributed to cleaning up the corner area. The Purple Poppy service will be held at the memorial on Friday 22nd August at 7.00pm. A wreath has been purchased on behalf of the Community Council.

3. Greendykes Road Development: various consultations are taking place throughout the planning application stages.

4. Reports

Treasurer: £79.33 has been spent on the purchase of two poppy wreaths.

Planning: update issued:

- Uphall Business Park: still awaiting decision
- Telecommunications monopole: application successful
- 52 East Main Street: application refused
- 34 Ecclesmachan Road: noted plans to reconfigure house
- 53 Middleton Road: annexe application successful. Jonathan to respond to planning re proposed change to front of house for car parking. This caused concern as it in a conservation area
- Bangour Development: possibility that developer contributions will benefit Dechmont and Uphall

BUTCMG:

No report. Tribute was made to Mrs Myra Macpherson, who recently passed away. Myras roles in the community as a member of BUTCMG and Uphall Community Centre Management Group were much valued and appreciated. A card will be sent on behalf of the Community Council.

Joint Forum:

Come along to one of the Community Council Election Information sessions, there is one being held on 1st Sep 6:30pm at Strathbrock and online on 28th August: Google Meet joining info: https://meet.google.com/beu-vkhq-yka

There were no meetings in June and July, the next is on Thur 21st August. Read the July/August Newsletter for more detailed updates.

WLCAN:

The WLCAN Summer Newsletter is available to view with lots of detail on what they have been doing over the summer and the events coming up.

EANAB:

The CAA gave a 'decision pending' notification for the Stage 3 submission of the EAL Airspace Change Proposal. The CAA requested 18 minor amendments, most of which are related to the consultation process, along with some additional recommendations. No full reassessment is needed, and the updated documents were resubmitted yesterday. EAL expects a final go/no-go decision during the first week of September. If approved, the public consultation for the Scottish cluster (Edinburgh, Glasgow & NERL) will begin as scheduled on Monday, 20th October. The consultation will last for 14 weeks, finishing on 25th January 2026, to include a two-week Christmas break. The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund 2nd Round has now closed for the awards decided at a meeting on 29th Aug. The next round will open in early September.

EANAB Minutes

All minutes for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website. The last meeting was on the 4th August.

5. A member of the community raised the issue of traffic in Strathbrock Place. The amount and speeding of traffic is due to cars using that road as opposed to waiting in the queues on the Main Street. Lynne will contact Davud Maule at West Lothian Council to raise the issue and enquire what steps can be taken to alleviate the problem.

6. Community Council elections

Application forms should be submitted by 4th September. The Inaugural meeting of the new Community Council will be on Wednesday 19th November. An agenda will be provided by the Council.

7. Correspondence

Reminder from the Council regarding the Community Council elections.

8. Christmas event

An application will be made to the councillors disbursement fund towards a GPS Tracker for the Christmas event. Approximate cost is £100.00

9. Newsletter

Consideration will be given to producing a Newsletter.