



## **UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2025**

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, George Scott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Janet Campbell

Apologies: Pippa Plevin, Colin Graham

1. The minutes of the January meeting were agreed, proposed by Jonathan Moore seconded by David Flight.

2. Matters arising

Talking posts/tree lights: Irene to contact Stewart Ness regarding payments and invoice received. Kurdish Barber: non-compliance of Enforcement Order. Wire baskets in the cemetery have been reinstalled.

3. St Johns Ambulance

St Johns Ambulance gave an excellent practical demonstration on CPR and the use of Defibrillators. The Community Council proposed a community event to share this. A donation will be sent to St Johns Ambulance Scotland.

4. Reports

Treasurer: Balance £2037.50.

Planning: Previous applications considered in dwellings on Main Street and Carledubs have been refused. Application for garage at Loanfoot Cottages was noted. Application for Middleton Road, amendment to frontage was a cause for concern.

BUTCMG: Flowers were sent to Diane Calder in appreciation of her service as a local councillor. Beth Brownlee is now chairperson of BUGS. Lack of signage to the Museum was noted. The issue of the Doocot at Houstoun House is now with Historic Scotland. The Canal Society will be 25 years on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Joint Forum:

A Report is going to the CPR PDSP on the 21st Feb on the Community Centre Review. It contains a lot of information on finances and how the Management Committees have responded to the proposals including other options proposed. The Report on 20mph speed limits was heard at Council Exec on 18th Feb after being discussed at the Environment PDSP. It was passed and will be going ahead.

There was also a Report on DPE and Car Parking presented at the PDSP, it outlines a tiered charging system, with costs decreasing as distance from town centres increases. If approved it would mean introducing parking charges on High Streets and at council-owned train station car parks, which includes Uphall Station. The specified aim is to manage parking demand and encourage alternative transportation but charging at train stations appears to contradict this objective with a proposed £5 per day charge. It was also pointed out that charging for High Street parking would discourage local shopping, contradicting previous assurances that only time limits and illegal parking would be enforced.

## Scheme Review

As you know, the 3rd round of public consultation on the Schemes will close on the 20th Feb 2025. The Joint Forum representatives will be attending a Working Group meeting on the 24th Feb to review submissions.

## Minutes

The MINUTES for the last JF Exec meeting held on the 16th Jan are available for download.

The next meeting is on Thur 20th Feb by Google Meet.

## West Lothian Climate Action Network Hub

There is a WLCAN Network Gathering being held on the 21st Feb at Howden Park Centre from 10am. Anyone interested is welcome to come along from 10am.

## EANAB

The Airport Community Fund has reopened for bids. See the EAL website for info, the meeting to decide this round will be on the 25th April.

The EAL Noise Action Plan public consultation has now closed. See EANAB webpage for details and background. If anyone wishes a hardcopy of the draft report let me know. but you can also view it online Noise Action Plan.

## Minutes

All Minutes for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website.

## 5. Correspondence

Reminder of Community Council Scheme Review consultation closes 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## 6. Community Scheme Review

There was discussion on the updated review. Jonathan will submit our comments by the closing date. Clarification was requested as to the composition of the Working Party. Catchment changes were noted.

## 7. AOCB

It was noted Strathbrock Church will now be known as Broxburn and Uphall Parish Church following the Union on 1<sup>st</sup> March.