



## UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Pippa Plevin, Reece Sinnott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Mike Carlin

Apologies Jonathan Moore, Cllr Janet Campbell. Cllr Angela Doran Timson

1. Minutes of the January meeting were agreed proposed by Reece Sinnott seconded by Irene Bishop
2. Matters arising  
Vouchers have been delivered to thank those who helped with the Christmas event.  
Edinburgh Airport responded that information leaflets had been sent to all households affected by air change plans.
3. Reports  
Treasurer  
Income and Expenditure sheet was presented.  
Current balance is £2494.33.

#### Planning

5G Mast. It was clarified that no residents in the vicinity required to be informed.

Summer house, 56 East Main Street. Permission granted.

Uphall Business Park, Industrial building still awaiting decision. Objection submitted.

Uphall Business Park, Warehouse. Awaiting decision. Holding objection submitted.

Houstoun Gardens House and garage renovation. Awaiting decision. Holding objection submitted

Reduction of trees Forkneuk Road. Awaiting decision

Felling of tree. Middleton Hall Awaiting decision

#### BUTCMG

Lates defibrillator funded by TCMG installed in Broxburn United Sports Centre. Still awaiting agreement form businesses in Main Street Broxburn. Talks with the Oatridge Hotel still ongoing.

It was noted on a Facebook post, Broxburn Community Council had been mentioned as donating the defib not TCMG. It had been previously suggested that the TCMG had a logo which could indicate work funded by them. We have been waiting for some considerable time for the council comms team to produce one so I put forward some suggestions. Possibly something can be done with these.

Emma Peattie library and museum services gave an update on the opening of the Michael Cayton Jones exhibition opening on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Work on revitalising the Heritage Art Trail is ongoing. It was agreed that the text on the exhibit at the corner of the Ecclesmachan Road should be changed to something more relevant to local community. Jonathan suggested a change of use to an interpretation board to cover all the installations at that site. This was agreed at the meeting and Jonathan and I have since met to prepare possible text for this. It has also been agreed that the money left from the grant will be paid to offset some of the costs. This will replace the installation board previously discussed for the silhouettes.

It was agreed that the Doocot be taken off the project sheet. We agreed that the Community Council would make contact with the hotel and ask for an update on the hotels position on the structure. It was also agreed that it was out with the remit of the TCMG.

Climate Action. BUD were awarded £300.00

Canal Society £200.00

The Canal Society intend to have their new barge on show on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Invitations were extended to visit the community garden at Strathbrock. They have managed to secure funding from WLCAN.

EANAB

The Edinburgh Airport ACP Consultation has now closed. It had 1877 responses which are now being analysed and it is hoped a final response report is made public by the end of April but it might be delayed to coordinate with Scottish Cluster who were also consulting. The individual responses can be searched and viewed on the Citizens Space webpage.

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund third round has been awarded with more than £81,000 being awarded to local projects £488635 total funds requested with 111 total applications. £326,000 available for 73 eligible bids, £81330 awarded across 33 successful projects.

The 4<sup>th</sup> round is now open with a deadline the week before the next award meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

WLCAN. The WLCAN February Newsletter is available to view. It has information on what has been happening on climate change and has links for resources and funding.

The WLCAN 5<sup>th</sup> Eco Fund has awarded funding of nearly £11,000 for Eco projects around West Lothian.

Joint Forum

The Joint Forum met the Chief Executive and his team on 21<sup>st</sup> January the detailed notes are available to view. Subsequently the Joint Forum have requested an increase to the Community Council Admin grant for next year. We await the outcome.

The Improvement Service is holding an online webinar on Local Governance Review and Democracy Matters on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 18.00 to 19.30

The JF January/February Newsletter is available to view.

The Minutes for the JF Executive meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January are available to download. The next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

#### 4. Correspondence

E mail from Cllr Janet Campbell to inform us of the closure of Uphall Post Office with immediate effect. Enquiries are ongoing re the future of the Post Office.

From the Joint Forum requesting note of the attendance of councillors at Community Council meetings. It was noted that Uphall Community Council feels well supported by their councillors who attend regularly and it was felt unnecessary to report on this other than to say the attendance of councillors is much appreciated. Pippa will report this back to the Joint Forum.

My Place Awards are now open for nominations. Closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> April. Consideration was given to nominating an individual for the Community Champions Award.

Development Plan Scheme. It was agreed to respond to this consultation as individuals

5. Action Plan

Irene issued an outline of events over the forthcoming year.

An Easter event is suggested. To be further discussed at the next meeting

6. Uphill Community Centre. Gordon Rouse and Lucy Cockayne from Kings Church West Lothian attended part of the meeting. The Councilors absented themselves from this part of the meeting. Gordon explained that Kings Church with the Community Centre Management Committee had formed a Trust and were applying to the Council for an asset transfer. This Trust will manage the maintenance and use of the Community Centre. A booking system is now in operation.

It will need to be confirmed how the Community Council pay for the use of the room as currently there is no charge for its use as the community council is a statutory body.

Questions were asked on how the system would operate, what changes will be made and questions on finance.

7. Darvel Lottery.

This scheme has benefits but it was decided not to take it up at this time. Reece was thanked for all his work on this.

8. Comment was made on the state of the road leading from Ecclesmachan to the M9.