



## UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

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

Apologies: Pippa Plevin, Cllr Mike Carlin, Cllr Angela Doran Timson

In attendance: Two attendees from the community

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1. Minutes of the November meeting were agreed. Proposed by Reece Sinnott seconded by Jonathan Moore.
2. Matters arising
  - Invoice. Interpretation Board will be linked to the revitalising of the Heritage Board.
  - Dropped kerb. The map of these to be promoted.
  - Community audit. Low response so far.
  - Christmas event. Thanks were expressed to all who helped. Vouchers will be purchased for Julie, Fiona and George.
  - Airport. The invitation for a speaker from the airport was declined on the grounds that several outreach events had been held.
3. Reports
  - Treasurer
    - Current balance £2548.35
    - There has been an issue with the bank taking a long time to sort out new signatories.
    - £100.00 has been donated to the cadets for the purchase of a trophy.
  - Planning
    - There was discussion on the 5G mast at the cemetery. Residents had not been notified of the most recent application. There was concern expressed at the outage of the mast. Tony to further look at the planning process.
    - Extension at Millbank Place. Permission granted
    - Extension at Hope House. Granted
    - 4 Houses at Middleton. Application withdrawn.
    - Fence in Fernlea. Granted
    - South Middleton certificate of lawfulness. Granted
    - Uphall Golf Club Safety net. Granted
    - Business Park. Awaiting decision
    - East Main Street summerhouse. Awaiting decision
    - BUTCMG. No report. The next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## EANAB.

Edinburgh Airport ACP public consultation closes on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Most concern is for Departure Runway 24 which swings round near the Livingston M6 Junction before going over Dechmont to the west of Uphall. You can respond as a community council or as an individual. See the Edinburgh Airport Portal and the EANAB ACP webpage.

## WLCAN

WLCAN and Community Energy Scotland are holding a Community Energy Workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am at West Lothian College. This free workshop is for community leaders and active members either curious or already exploring opportunities to install measures such as heat pumps, solar panels, battery storage and wind turbines. If your community group owns or has a long lease on the building you use this event is for you. WLCAN December Newsletter has information on Climate Change, and has links for resources and funding. The WLCAN 5th eco fund has just closed and will be awaiting funding of around £10,000 for Eco projects around West Lothian

## Joint Forum

The JF will be meeting the Chief Executive and his team. Topics to be discussed include the Community Centres, Decriminalized Car parking and LDP 2. We are also pushing for an increase in the Community Council admin grant. The Council have published the results of their Budget Consultation in a Results Report. The JF November/ December Newsletter and Minutes of the Executive meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January are available for download.

## 4. Airport

There was discussion on the Airport plans and disappointment expressed that the invitation to attend the Community Council had not been taken up.

A resident made the point that he and many others were unaware of the publicity about the consultation events as no leaflet had been received. The Community Council will write to the Airport to raise awareness of this. The resident was also advised to write to the Airport with his concerns.

## 5. Darvel Lottery

Reece circulated information on the Darvel Lottery and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 6. Cadet Trophy

Irene had been invited to present the trophy at the Cadets Award ceremony. The work done by the cadet leaders was acknowledged and it was felt this should be recognised.