



## **UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, George Scott, David Marwick, Fiona Bell

Apologies: Pippa Plevin, Reece Sinnott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Mike Carlin

1. The minutes of the May meeting were agreed. Minutes were approved by Jonathan Moore, seconded by Irene Bishop.

#### 2. Matters arising

Open Day with Ancre Somme and Defibrillator Training proposed for 1 November.

There was a negative response to our request that a Council representative attended a meeting to discuss the role of the Joint Forum.

#### 3. Police

Fiona Bell, Community Police spoke of the role of the Community Police and the extent of the area they cover. She outlined the demand on police services. Parking in Uphall was raised as an issue as was the speed of traffic on the Ecclesmachan Road. Fiona suggested increasing community awareness of these issues might be helpful. She outlined the work being done in schools on domestic abuse and road safety. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme was also highlighted.

#### 4. Greendykes Road Development

David gave an update on progress. A planning application has been made and this may take some time for a response.

#### 5. Reports

Treasurer: £52.00 has been paid to ICO. Current balance is £2621.59.

Planning:

Westhall Gardens: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing siting of storage container. Jonathan to notify planning of our comments.

Felling of tree at Houstoun Mill noted.

Hope House Houstoun Mains Holdings: Awaiting decision. Comment made about no right turn when exiting on to road.

BUTCMG:

Noticeboards have been checked and lights are all operational.

Funding available through Rural Communities for Local Led projects.

Joint Forum:

AGM was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Statements on the Community Council Review and Car Parking were sent to the Chief Executive and shared with Community Councils.

The Minutes of the last JF Executive on 22<sup>nd</sup> May are available. There will be no meeting taking place in June.

There are more detailed updates in the May newsletter.

EANAB:

EAL is submitting the ACP Gateway request to the CAA and is expecting the decision in July. If approved the public ACP consultation will start on 25<sup>th</sup> October running until 20<sup>th</sup> January.

The Edinburgh Airport Community Fund has reopened for the second round with up to £80 k available to local groups. It will be decided at the next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The EANAB Spring Newsletter has further information.

All meetings for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website. There will be no meeting taking place in July.

## 6. Correspondence

OPAL Newsletter has been circulated.

Neighbourhood Watch publicity circulated.

Engaging Communities Toolkit available

Information on Community Council Scheme issued.

## 7. Christmas

It was agreed that to cover Broxburn and Uphall in one evening was too much. Confirmation will be sought if Broxburn wish to participate on a different evening.

## 8. Other business

Corner of Ecclesmachan Road requires tidying. Enquiries to be made if Steps for Hope can help.

Mr Malcolm Kirby from Uphall is congratulated on his MBE award for service to hospital radio service.

It was noted with appreciation and thanks that Irene Bishop and Liz Dick had both served for 25 years on the Community Centre Management Committee.