



UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 17th June 2026

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, Pippa Previn, Reece Sinnott, Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Mike Carlin

Apologies: David Flight, Angela Doran-Timson

Several members of the community were in attendance.

1. The minutes of the May meeting were agreed, proposed by Reece Sinnott, seconded by Jonathan Moore.

2. Matters arising

Post Office. No Post Office at present. Cllr Campbell will follow this up.

Bins. Cllr Carlin had updated on this. The premises should find a space at the back for bins.

Gala Day. Thanks were expressed to Reece for producing leaflets, and thanks to all who helped. This provided good publicity for the Community Council.

Bus shelter in Ecclesmachan Road to be updated.

BUD will redo the damaged planter in the Main Street.

New planters for trees to be obtained through BUTCMG.

Decriminalised parking charges consultation closes on 3rd July.

3. Reports

Treasurer

The Annual Grant has been received. ICO has been successfully paid by Direct Debit. £1800.64 in account.

Planning

Alterations at Middleton Hall granted.

Certificate of Lawfulness for new doors at St Andrews Drive noted.

Middleton. Removal of trees at Middleton. Concern that the land should not be used for building purposes. TPO requested.

Uphall Business Park. Decision still awaited on warehouse.

Illuminated signage on A89 noted.

BUTCMG

Shop Improvement Scheme: The Council provide advice for new premises. Grants are available for shop front improvement.

Members of the public expressed concern at the signage and shop frontage at the former Newsagents in Uphall. Concern was also expressed regarding the selling of vapes. Action is already being taken by the Council with regard to the inappropriate signage in a conservation area. Lynne will write to the Council requesting monitoring of the sale of vapes and also to our MSP encouraging the government to look at licensing for vapes.

EANAB

The ACP will now be taken forward by the Gatwick team. This report is expected to be made available in August. The ACP responses are still available on the Citizens Space webpage. The Airport Community Fund has awarded £86k in their 4th round including for Youth Space at Bridgend and the West Lothian Foodbank for their Community garden. The Summer Round is now open for bids closing on 13th August. The EAL Sustainability team have published the Community Engagement Report which analyses the 2025 Community Fund Awards and includes other sustainability projects the airport has been involved in. The Annual Report 2025 and the EANAB Spring Newsletter are available to view. The minutes for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website. The next meeting is on 5th August.

Joint Forum

The Joint Forum AGM will be held on Thursday 25th June at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre Conference Room 3 and by Webex. The agenda is available to view beforehand. There will be a Q and A with Inspector Carolyn Simpson, Depute Local Area Chief executive on 1 st June. Minutes are available to view. The Joint Forum May and June Newsletter is available to view. The Joint Forum had their biannual meeting with the Chief Executive on 1st June. Minutes available to view. The Joint Forum held a Transport Forum meeting on 12th April. Notes are available to view. The Joint forum held a Health Forum meeting on 11th May. Notes are available to view. The Joint Forum held a Planning Forum meeting on 13th May. Notes are available to view. The Minutes for the Joint Forum Executive meeting held on 21 st May are available to download. The next meeting will be on 20th August by Google Meet. The Scottish Forum of Community Councils latest Newsletter is available to view.

4. Correspondence

From a member of the community asking for action on the shopfront on the Main Street.

5. Millbank Park

Members of the community complained about the state of the park, describing marshy areas and concerns over safety and possible pollution. Cllr Janet Campbell will look into this.

6. Other Business

Old Cemetery: One water tap working at the Old Cemetery.
Wall at the Gospel Hall is in disrepair.

Community Council survey responses: Positive comments included good community, good butchers. Areas for improvement included better parking, more community events, churches open.

There was discussion on how the Community Council can raise its profile eg newsletter. We will look at ways of improving publicity at the next meeting.

Remembrance Service: Concern was raised over the cost of Strathbrock Partnership Centre for refreshments after the service. Irene to contact Graham Hope.

Talking Posts: Volume to be raised.