



Minutes of meeting held on 18th March 2026

In attendance: Irene Bishop (Chair), Jonathan Moore, Reece Sinnott, Councillor Tony Boyle, Councillor Mike Carlin and Councillor Angela Doran-Timson

Apologies: David Flight, Lynne McEwen and Pippa Plevin

1) Minutes of the February meeting were agreed. Proposed by Reece Sinnott and seconded by Irene Bishop.

2) Matters Arising:

Councillor Angela Doran-Timson noted that it was lovely to give vouchers to George, Fiona and Julie who were instrumental in delivering a successful Santa visit to Uphall in December.

It was noted that the Edinburgh Airport consultation has now closed.

Uphall Post office – it was reported that a new postmaster has been appointed to serve the Uphall community.

The last meeting of Uphall Community Council welcomed representatives of Uphall Community Trust with Kings Church West Lothian. Discussion ensued regarding the presentation and the known information around a community centre lease/asset transfer to the new organisation. Members also discussed other meeting venues should the need arise in the future.

3) Reports

a. Treasurer: Cash in bank of £2494.33.

b. Planning:

- i. Updates: a garage conversion at Houston Gardens and 2 TCAs (Middleton Hall and 11 Forkneuk Road) have been granted
- ii. New: TPO application at Houston Barns – noted

c. BUTCMG:

Meeting was held on Friday 6th March in Strathbrock Partnership Centre.

Discussion regarding defibs in Broxburn, Broxburn CC to revisit registration of defibs. Still trying to get the cabinet removed from Buchan Arms and in discussion with a shopkeeper to have one installed on the Main Street.

Update on progress for the Michael Caton Jones exhibition with the exhibition launch planned for 22nd April. The group awarded the Museum a grant of £7,500 to assist with professional mounting.

BUTCMG has agreed that site four of the Heritage Trail will be redesigned to include information on the installations at the corner of the Ecclesmachan Road. We are awaiting the paperwork and funding to be sorted with West Lothian Council.

As a result of the work on the matrix, a multi council service group is being set up to meet quarterly to tackle issues in our towns.

Bridge 19-40 are in the process of getting their passenger carrying certification. Launch day is planned for 17th May. BUTCMG supported the group with a £200 grant.

Councillor Tony Boyle added that Stewart Ness had reminded us that monies may be available to local businesses through the shop front improvement scheme.

d. Joint Forum / EANAB:

EANAB

Edinburgh Airport is analysing the 1,877 public consultation responses. Feedback is being categorised by key themes (such as noise and the environment), while off-topic issues are being filtered out. They are still to determine if the final report will be published as a standalone document or jointly with the wider Scottish Cluster.

The official feedback summary report is expected to be finalised in late April 2026, with a public release anticipated in May.

The individual responses can be searched and viewed on the [Citizens Space](#) webpage.

The EAL Community Fund Round 4 closes for bids on the 17th April.

The [EANAB Spring Newsletter](#) is available to view which has more detail on all these topics.

Joint Forum

The JF request for an increase to the Community Council Admin grant for next year was granted as follows, effective from 1 April 2026:

- The core formula to be increased to £12.00 per 100 of the population.
- The minimum flat rate to be increased to £500.
- The ICO registration fee to be increased to the current required £47 (using direct debit).
- We didn't get the indexed linked increase per year but it will be reviewed annually.

The [Minutes](#) for the JF Exec meeting held on Thursday 19th Feb are available to download. There is not going to be a meeting in March, the next meeting will be on the 16th April by Google Meet, let me know if you want to be sent an invite.

4) Easter

Suggestions were made at the February last meeting regarding an Easter event. Irene had procured some items that would support an Easter event. Meeting agreed that timescales are too short for this year, but that we commence planning in January 2027 for next Easter.

5) Meetings

Discussed under matters arising.

6) Gala Day

Agreed to request a stall, to promote what we do, at Uphall Gala Day on 13th June 2026.

7) Correspondence

Dechmont Community Council is holding its annual 'Spring Forward' Fayre on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 2pm.

Email from West Lothian Council regarding the Development Plan Scheme 2026.

West Lothian Council had forwarded a copy of a letter regarding Wildfire Strategic Action Plan.

Via the Improvement Service, a copy of the Spring 2026 Community Councils Scotland newsletter.

Via the Improvement Service, information regarding a Scottish Community Council webinar being held on 18th March.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April – venue TBC.