



UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 20TH May 2026

In attendance: Irene Bishop (chair), David Flight, Jonathan Moore, Lynne McEwen, Pippa Plevin, Reece Sinnott, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

Apologies: Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Janet Campbell, Cllr Mike Carlin

1. Minutes of the April meeting were agreed proposed by Jonathan Moore, seconded by David Flight.

2. Matters arising

It was clarified that any costs of Community Council meetings would be paid from the annual grant.

Post Office. Postmaster appointment is in process.

Purple poppy wreaths have been received.

Council officers have engaged with local businesses to explore storage space at the back of premises for bins.

3. Reports

Treasurer: Costs of Gala Day publicity items were tabled and agreed. Reece will provide leaflets for the Community Council to distribute at the Gala Day

Planning

Two new applications were considered.

Certificate of Lawfulness, St Andrews Drive for internal alterations. Noted

Middleton Hall. Internal renovations including lift were noted. There was discussion on proposed changes to outdoor space. Objection will be made, with issues regarding the no build zone and the proposed gated entrance.

BUTCMG

Michael Cayton Jones exhibition was a successful event, with the film being shown later in the year.

Shop Front Improvement Grants. There has been some uptake on this. One in Uphall, one in Goschen and six in Broxburn.

Bus shelters: The bus shelter in Ecclesmachan Road is to be replaced. Several bus shelters are in poor condition.

Jonathan and Irene had completed a tour of Uphall to pass on concerns to Stewart Ness. Issues include missing paving slabs, guttering needing replaced, blocked drains. Planter outside Scotmid to be replaced. Pippa to liaise on this. Self-watering containers have been sourced.

Canal Society event is planned for 21st June at 2.00pm

Joint Forum

The Joint Forum AGM will be held on 25th June at 5.00pm in the Civic Centre and via Webex. Nominations for Office bearers and the Executive are open and will close on 10th June.

The Joint Forum held a Transport Forum meeting on 20th April and a Health Forum meeting on 11th May. A Planning Forum meeting was held on 13th May. All notes are available to view on the Joint Forum website.

The next meeting of the Joint Forum Executive is on 21st May.

The Joint Forum March/April Newsletter is available with details of all the Joint Forum activities. Individuals are encouraged to complete the consultation on Public Parking.

EANAB

Simon Rhodes who has been the EAL Coordinator for the ACP has been made redundant, and it will now be a team in Gatwick that will take it forward. They are still analysing the public consultation responses which can be searched and viewed on the Citizens Space webpage.

Because of organizational changes the report due out at the end of May has been delayed.

The EAL Sustainability Team have published the Community Engagement Report which analyses the 2025 Community funds 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. All minutes for EANAB monthly meetings are available on the EANAB website. The next meeting is on 3rd June.

4. Gala Day

13th June. Items to distribute have been purchased. On Community Council activities will be available.

5. Meetings.

A room is available in the Community Centre. After discussion it was agreed to continue to meet in the Open Door.

6. Correspondence

Wednesday 10th June 6.00pm to 7.00pm, webinar on Wealth Building community led approach for care at home in rural Scotland.

Consultation on Decriminalized Parking Enforcement will be held from 11th May to 3rd July. The consultation can be completed online or in local libraries.

7. Other business

The state of the road between Threemiletown and the M9 was noted. Tap at the Old Cemetery is not working. Angela to check up on this. Maintenance of the area at the foot of the Ecclesmachan Road was discussed. Enquiries are to be made regarding the Community Payback Team helping in this area.