



**Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2022
held in Uphall Community Centre and via Zoom**

In attendance : Irene Bishop (chair), Lynne McEwen, Jonathan Moore, George Scott, Cllr Diane Calder, Cllr Angela Doran-Timson

Apologies : Pippa Plevin, Cllr Janet Campbell

A minute silence was held in respect of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth and in memory of Councillor Ann Davidson. A card will be sent to Ann's family on behalf of the Community Council.

1 Minutes of the August meeting were agreed, proposed by Jonathan Moore, seconded by Irene Bishop. It was noted George Scott was present at the meeting.

2 Matters from previous minutes

The Purple Poppy Remembrance service was well attended.

Climate Action Hub : The Community Council are on the distribution list for updates.

Graffiti on boxes : This will be dealt with by West Lothian Council as they are the owners of the boxes.

Dropped kerb maps : Jonathan has produced maps to distribute to cover the area.

The service for Tom Garry was well attended. Thanks were expressed to Irene for organising refreshments in the centre.

Town Centre Funding : we have still to be informed regarding the funding for the posts.

Saugh Tree : The plaque has been installed. This is to be followed up to clarify the official unveiling.

Remembrance wreath has been purchased.

Bottle Banks : resiting has still to be confirmed.

Kirkin of the Council : this event was cancelled due to potential industrial action.

Lynne and Irene attended a service of remembrance for the late Queen organised by West Lothian Council.

Local Place Plan : initial meeting has been held. Further information was received from West Lothian Council to clarify timings and other matters.

Gift for Gerald still to be purchased.

3 Reports

Treasurer : Balance £2029.70

Planning

The following were noted

Application for work in dwelling house in Manse Park

Pre consultation from Uphall Business Park re renewable fuel production activity.

Dechmont : an appeal is going forward regarding objection to dwelling houses. Dechmont Community Council to be contacted as to what further support we can give.

BUTCMG : no report

EANAB : The stage 2 airspace change submission was made to the CAA on 1st September with a reply from the CAA expected on 30th September.

EAL is now commencing stage 3 of the process which is the full options appraisal of flight paths. This entails drawing lines on the map analysing the options against the current baseline and will form part of the public consultation material.

An analysis is being conducted on whether reducing the departure rate interval from 2 minutes to 1.5 minutes to increase airport capacity is feasible and whether improve or make things worse. Noise complaints are up to 300 so far this quarter.

A new community engagement subgroup has been set up with the the objective of improving communication . An Engagement Plan to do this has been adopted.

Joint Forum

The JF held a very constructive meeting with the WLC Chief Exec and his team on 17th Aug and notes are available. We look forward to being involved in stage 2 of the Community Engagement Initiatives Plan

The JF is part of the Cost of Living Working Group which met on 17th Sept. A draft Help with Living Costs has been produced and comments are being sought before publication.

The JF also attended a CLLS Presentation which outlined proposals to set up a Local Action Group that will take over from the EU funded Leader programme that funded projects like the Shale Trail

and ESME improvements at Drumshoreland. The minutes of the last JF Executive held on 18th August are available

4 Traffic on Ecclesmachan Road

There is great concern over the volume and speed of traffic on the Ecclesmachan Road in Uphall especially regarding the narrowness of pavements. A representative of West Lothian Council Roads and the police will be invited to the next meeting to discuss these concerns.

5 Correspondence

Regarding Power of Attorney : to publicise availability of advice

6 Other business

A plaque has been placed to mark the Queens Canopy. Thanks to Lucy Scott for her help with this.