UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th September 2026

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

Apologies: Cllr Tony Boyle, Cllr Mike Carlin

1. Minutes of meeting on August 19th. It was noted that Cllrs Tony Boyle and Mike Carlin were in attendance at that meeting. With that correction the minutes were agreed, proposed by Reece Sinnott and seconded by Jonathan Moore.

2. Matters arising
Post Office. Talks are ongoing with local premises to find a location for the Post Office.
Mike Carlin has looked further into removal of bins on Main Street. This remains an issue.
Millbank Park. Remedial work has been carried out which may or may not lead to an improvement.
Vaping. Scottish Government is looking at further legislation.
Purple Poppy Remembrance event. This was an excellent event to commemorate Remembrance of animals involved in war.
Middleton Hall pathway is still overgrown.
In response to a question regarding local dispensary for small electrical items and batteries, West Lothian Council intimated that large supermarkets accept these.

3. Reports

Treasurer
Expenditure

Interpretation Board Costs	887.20
Website Renewal.	31.00
Gala Day pens.	221.99
Gala Day children's gifts	54.23
Purple poppy wreath.	47. 74
UCC Leaflets.	47,57
Data Protection subscription	47.00

Balance. £1753.64

Planning
Broxburn Business Park. Warehouse: agreed
Trees on land Middleton Avenue: No TPO
It is noted that this is a conservation area.

Boiler for waste tyre disposal. Objections relating to Air quality, volume of transport

Garage. East Main Street. Garage conversion. Objection made
Summerhouse. East Main Street. Asked for planning to take account of neighbours concerns
Extension to house Middleton Road: holding objection
Certificate of Lawfulness. West Main Street, hairdresser to coffee shop: noted.

BUTCMG
Irene presented the report

Active Project Summary discussions: location of Defibs in the area was discussed. Cllr Boyle shared an idea being used in the Borders which shows the location of Defibrillators marked on a map in shop windows. It was agreed this was a good idea. The group are still trying to get a site in Uphall and another in Broxburn to replace the broken one at the Buchan Arms.

Trees and planters for Uphall, Stewart Ness has had a discussion with one of his co workers as previously we were told that watering would be an issue but it didn't appear to be an issue in Whitburn. The group thought that cherry trees would be best. Awaiting next steps from Stewart as this had been agreed at the previous meeting.

The condition of bus shelters was mentioned again. Given an update on the take up of shop front improvement scheme.

I had approached all schools in the area to take part in a competition to design a logo for the group prior to the summer holidays. and gave them a timescale for the beginning of the new year to have them completed.

We looked at the matrix of issues in Broxburn and the progress in dealing with them. Jonathan and I went a walk in the Main Street and noted various issues. They have been put into a matrix.

Updates were given from various groups. Church, Community Centre, Community Garden, Museum, Carers of West Lothian and BUTCMG.

During my update I reported on the Purple Poppy Memorial Service and asked if the group would be willing to purchase a special Purple Poppy Memorial Bench for the area. This was agreed.

The matrix for Uphall was distributed.

Heritage Trail. Conversations are ongoing
Queens Canopy. Tree with plaque to be replaced
Audio post had fault identified.
BUTCMG now meeting every second month.

Joint Forum
The Joint Forum July/ August newsletter is available to view.

The notes from the health Forum held in August with Alison White Director of H and SCP are available to view. The minutes from the Joint Forum Executive Meeting on 20th August are available to download. The next meeting is on 15th October by Google Meet.

EANAB
Edinburgh Airport report now expected in October. The Airport Community Fund has awarded over £86.000 in their fifth round including £3420.00 to The Broxburn and Uphall Community Garden, open now for the November Awards meeting.

WLCAN The awards have been made for the latest Eco development Fund, total awarded this round is £5916.00 to eight projects. There will be another round in the New Year.

4. Correspondence

From Alan Colqhoun, West Lothian Council regarding removal of cost for Strathbrock Centre on this occasion for Remembrance.

5. Remembrance Sunday
The first planning meeting was held in Uphall South Church on Thursday 3rd September.

We have managed to get something sorted for this years event without charge. Cllr Damian Doran Timson the Councils Veterans Champion has been allowed to book the room with the condition that he is present and allowed to address the people. We are very grateful to Damian for doing this but it does not solve the problem for future years. There is no playgroup to handle the teas/ coffees this year but Morag Cameron has offered the services of church members so many thanks to them.

The parade will leave from Broxburn Parish Church gathering at 1.15 and ready to march off at 1.30 with the service starting at 2.00 pm.

The next meeting will be at 6.30 pm on 8th October in Uphall South Church.

6. Christmas
Cards to be purchased from RNLI, SAMH, Sick Kids
Photo with Santa to be considered at the next meeting.
Bells with cards to be given out on Santas visit to Uphall.

7. Other business
The Canal Society are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the barge at Port Buchan on Saturday 25th September at 11.00 am.

It is proposed that the Christmas Tree be lit on 6th December, Broxburn at 6.00 pm and Uphall at 6.30 pm. This is small business Saturday.

Bus shelter on Ecclesmachan Road. Tree to be cut prior to rebuilding the shelter.

Concerns still expressed at state of road going from Threemiletown to M9.