

Uplawmoor Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held in the Mure Hall on Monday 20th June 2016

Present: Gordon Steel (Chairman)
Joyce Miller (Secretary)
Ross Leggat (Treasurer)
Ivy Cowan
Emily Wallace
Cath Close
Charles Brindley

Councillor Buchanan
Councillor Gilbert
Councillor Green
Councillor O'Kane

No representative – Uplawmoor Development Trust

1 member of the public

Apologies: Nil

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 16 May 2016

Proposed Charles Brindley
Seconded Emily Wallace

Item		Action	Date
1.0	Chairman's Opening Remarks		
1.1	Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting		
1.2	The new ERC Liaison Officer, Michael Riley had intimated he would be present this evening but has not attended or sent apologies		
2.0	Police Report		
2.1	No officers present but an email report was received stating That there were two attempted house break-ins on the same night in May. The thieves were disturbed by the homeowners, They have not been detected. Enquiries are ongoing.		
3.0	Uplawmoor Development Trust		
3.1	No representative present.		
4.0	Items Continued from Previous Minutes		
4.1	Water Supply Survey. A noticeable improvement in water pressure noted since work was done on the mains leak. The survey will be held for future reference.		
4.2	Wind Turbine decommissioning. (Applies to wind farms and not private/individual wind turbines.) Cllr Buchanan reported that Whitelee and Middleton windfarms do not have financial		

	<p>bonds in place. The conditions of planning were that if the wind farms are not operating or producing electricity for 12 months those companies would be responsible for restoring the site.</p> <p>It is anticipated that specific national decommissioning regulations are to be introduced and ERC is awaiting that outcome.</p> <p>These will not be able to be applied retrospectively. It is expected that decommissioning procedures will be more robust for any future windfarms</p>		
4.3	Dog Fouling. Notices have been displayed at the bridge towards Spunkie. Complaints have been received re dog fouling in the park despite the huge notice displayed at the tennis courts.		
4.4	A736 road markings. These have not yet been done. Cllr Green is aware of this and in contact with roads dept.	Cllr Green	
4.5	The speed indicator sign at the entrance to Mure Park appears to be functioning again.		
4.6	The give way road marking at Mure Park has not yet been done. A request was submitted – Gordon will remind McTaggart and Mickel.	G.Steel	
4.7	Memorial bench for Kerr Anderson. Details not yet received		
4.8	Damaged fencing Castburn Path. Appears to have been rectified. Gordon will check	G.Steel	
4.9	Broadband. The “green boxes” have been installed at the exchange. Cllr Buchanan has made enquiries re date for connection and requested an updated timetable from BT. No information has been received.	Cllr Buchanan	
4.10	<p>Trees in the Glen. A site visit was held with Andrew McLoy (ERC), Gordon, Joyce and Cllr Green. They were reassured that healthy trees have not been cut down. Some remaining stumps look healthy but those trees were split further up the trunks before they were felled and some had disease and rot at the base. Andrew McLoy pointed out further damaged trees, the natural cycle for forested areas. Some felled trees have still to be removed. The fallen trees on the far side of the glen will remain as part of the natural environment.</p> <p>There are saplings in the glen and these could be transplanted. Thinning and management is required to ensure healthy tree provision for the future. Andrew McLoy can advise. Funding issues to be clarified by Gordon.</p> <p>The school has been approached to involve the children in the regeneration programme. The head teacher is in favour in principle and has requested more information.</p> <p>A plan for regeneration and planting will be discussed at the August meeting. Advisory notices will then be placed at the two approaches to the glen to inform the public as to what is happening.</p>	G.Steel	
4.11	ERC Renewable energy Fund (formerly Whitelee Fund). Cllr Green stated that bids/application for funding will open in August 2016.	J. Miller	
5.0	Planning		
5.1	EAC. Fingart wind turbine. No further information.		

5.2	ERC. Nether Carswell Wind Turbine. No further information.		
5.3	ERC. Grid connection to Thorterburn and possible subsequent road closures. No further information.		
5.4	Site at Braefoot. Renewal of previous planning permission for a dwelling has been submitted.		
5.5	Playpark kerb lowering. UDT have received funding from Whitelee to upgrade the playpark and paths will be under that remit.		
5.6	Ice cream van licence – submission sent re noise late in the evenings.		
5.6	ERC Boundary Changes. The Boundary Commission has submitted proposed changes to the Scottish Minister. Further representations opposing these can be submitted within the next 3 weeks. Joyce to liaise with John Scott, Neilston CC and submit representation.	J. Miller	
6.0	Matters arising		
6.1	ERC car parking charges/Park and Ride. Recent press reports have intimated that Park and Ride charges are to be introduced at Neilston and Barrhead stations. ERC has applied for powers to levy car parking charges. This does not mean that car parking charges will automatically follow. Parking facilities will be examined individually once the legislation is in place. A subsequent paper will be published with any proposed charges.		
6.2	Secondary school catchment/ revised Boundary changes. There will be no change to school catchment areas affecting Uplawmoor if the proposed boundary changes go ahead.		
6.3	New memorial bench in Play park in front of tennis courts. Opposing views on siting of same Joyce and Gordon will review.	J.Miller G.Steel	
6.4	Muzzling Dogs. Gordon had been given some documentation at the beginning of the meeting and therefore has not had time to read this.		
	Councillors left the meeting.		
6.5	Libo Ave. pavements. Joyce has sent photographs to ERC roads dept.		
6.6	Village Directory. Now complete and on UCC website. Copies will be placed in library and church. Joyce and Ross were thanked for producing these.		
6.7	Dog barking. Considerably decreased.		
6.8	Social work Drop in Centre is at the Bank Café Neilston (discreet venue rather than Mure Hall) this information to be added to UCC website.	R.Leggat	
6.9	Gala day. Successful day and UCC tombola. 150 Village Directories were handed out. Gordon will ask Matt Harvey how much was raised at the gala day.		
7.0	Correspondence.		
7.1	No correspondence		
8.0	Treasurer's Report		
8.1	£1032.48 in current account. £222.00 ERC administration allowance due. £42 still to be paid for the UCC banner and £11 invoice to be paid for website. No account from Mure Hall Company yet for hall let for the quiz night.		

9.0	Web Report		
9.1	May. 489 visits. 50% open rate on mailing. 82 likes on Facebook 75 followers on twitter		
10.0	Any Other Business		
10.1	Recruitment Three vacancies for UCC remain. Notices to be displayed on notice board, UCC website and Uplawmoor info. Gordon to draft.	G.Steel J.Miller R.Leggat	
10.2	Emily will represent the outlying areas of the village and will Identify those properties within UCC area.	E. Wallace	
10.0	Date of Next Meeting		
10.1	August 15 2016 (Apologies from Charles Brindley and Cath Close)	ALL.	