

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held in the Mure Hall on Monday 18 January 2016

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

Councillor Buchanan
 Councillor Gilbert
 Councillor Green
 Councillor O’Kane

Uplawmoor Development Trust – no representative

1 member of the public

Apologies: All present

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 16 November 2015

Proposed Joyce Miller
 Seconded Emily Wallace

Item		Action	Date
1.0	Chairman’s Opening Remarks		
1.1	The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting		
2.0	Police Report		
2.1	P.C.White reported one crime - a common assault at Uplawmoor Hotel involving two people from outwith the local community. This is being investigated.		
2.2	Caldwell Golf Club break-in. Progress was being made on Identifying and apprehending those responsible.		
2.3	PC White was not aware of Johnstone police attending an assault in the grounds of Caldwell House.		
3.0	Uplawmoor Development Trust		
3.1	No Representative from UDT		
4.0	Items Continued from Previous Minutes		
4.1	Cats’ eyes and road markings A736. ERC roads dept. are coming to inspect the area.	Cllr. Buchanan	
4.2	No progress yet regarding liaison between UDT, UCC and Mure Hall Co. G S to follow up.	G Steel	
	Boundary Review. The Minister Marco Biagi is meeting with ERC next week. The review is due by May but this may coincide with parliamentary recess and a new minister may be in post after the Scottish Election which could result in a delay.		

5.0	Planning		
5.1	<p>Representations on ERC planning applications website. Planning are not making any changes. The date for the next review is unknown. There is an ongoing national review of planning at present.</p> <p>A recent report on ERC Planning Dept. stated there was adequate transparency concerning ERC planning systems. Councillor O’Kane will forward this report to the secretary. The chairman asked the councillors how Community Councils who have to be informed of planning requests under statute can be assured that their views and opinions are taken into consideration.</p>	Cllr. O’Kane	
5.2	Fingart wind turbine. East Ayrshire has refused the 3 rd application by the developer and an appeal has been submitted to the Scottish Government. UCC have objected on the grounds of noise and visual impact.		
5.3	A planning application for grid connection has been submitted for Smiddyhill and Thorterburn turbines. This will impact on A736. Councillors were not aware of this. G Steel was advised that this is a matter for the roads dept. and not the planners. Councillor Buchanan to enquire re disruption to traffic on A736 and on local roads.	Cllr. Buchanan	
5.4.	Application for further wind turbine at Dareduff Hill. Glasgow airport have objected to this.		
6.0	Matters Arising		
6.1	Area Forum. J. Miller attended the last meeting. No decision was made on the additional £750 funding required for the noise reduction on the skate ramp as the meeting was not quorate. A decision will be made by delegated powers. There is concern that with a proposed new scheme superseding the present Area Forum the original grant of £1,500.00 may not be honoured.	All Councillors J. Miller	
6.2	Flooding on Castburn Path. G. Steel has spoken to Mactaggart and Mickel and they are going to put in extra drainage.		
6.3	Railway bridge repairs at Barrhead. No revised official notice given regarding disruption to traffic. Councillors to confirm with roads dept. and report back. That information will then be posted on the UCC website.	All Councillors J. Miller	
6.4	UCC social evening. Quiz 18 March 7 for 7.30 Councillors were asked to make up a team and Councillor Buchanan was invited to lead a team.		
7.0	Correspondence		
7.1	J. Miller had received a letter from ERC outlining the responsibilities of a community council secretary.		
	Councillors left the meeting		
8.0	Scheme of establishment of Community Councils and changes to Constitution.		
81	<p>Changes were discussed to the model constitution and unanimously agreed as follows :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clause 9.1 after “the chair”- “vice-chair” is added. It is important that meetings can be held in the event of the chair being indisposed. 2. Clause 9.2 to be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with “all office bearers shall hold office for the term of that council subject to any provisions for recall”. It is 		

	<p>important that office bearers are given sufficient time to develop the requisite skills and knowledge and it is not reasonable that they should hold office for such a short period contrasting with other administrative offices such as ERC elected councillors.</p> <p>3. Clause 13.1 Delete the word “draft” before the word “minutes”. There is no reasonable ground for sending the draft minutes to the Liaison Officer of ERC</p> <p>4. Clause 16.2. Delete in its entirety. The community council should be free to amend its constitution without authorisation from East Renfrewshire Council.</p>		
9.0	Treasurer’s Report		
9.1	Payments made to Scotways (£20) and Association of Protection of Rural Scotland (£25). The accounts for 2014/15 are with the auditor.		
10.0	Web Report		
10.1	December 2015 -198 views January 2016 - 307 to date Facebook 61 likes		
11.0	Any Other Business		
11.1	Unofficial reports of intended quarrying at Dareduff Hill. No planning application to ERC to date.		
11.2	Village Directory/welcome letter with Spring newsletter to be discussed at a later date.		
10.0	Date of Next Meeting 15th February 2016		