

## Minutes of the Uplawmoor community council meeting

Held on 21st January 2013 at 1930h

Present: D. Carslaw (Chair), H. Anderson, C Brindley, L. Dempster, A. May, G. West.

Attending: Cllrs. A. Buchanan, C. Gilbert and A. Kane.

Apologies: Cllr. E. Greene

Police Report: There has been 1 reported crime, theft of ladder that was not a crime.

### Councillors Report

- Cllr. Gilbert gave a report on the street lighting on Tannoch Road and this was actually resolved.
- Cllr. Buchanan reported that the chemicals to deal with Japanese Knotweed cannot be supplied to a third party but the ERC parks department may be able to help in eradication in the Spring.
- Cllr. Buchanan is due to meet a manager in SPT to discuss the 395 bus route and will hopefully progress this issue, particularly in view of the proposed new supermarket.
- Cllr. Buchanan will investigate whether ERC amended documents could include a highlight of changes in the future.
- The Councillors were made aware of the concerns from residents about visual impact of wind turbines in the surrounding area. Cllr. Buchanan stated that overall ERC have refused more applications than it has approved. As part of the proposed Local Development Plan there is a potential limitation to the number of turbines in the future due to cumulative impact.
- D. Carslaw had a meeting with a representative from the roads department R. McKenzie and was disappointed with the response that he received. The details of this meeting will be forwarded to the Councillors for further consideration.

### Special Items:

- Decriminalisation of parking presentation- David Adam ERC  
ERC is taking responsibility for parking as of April 2013. This means the Police will not act unless there is an obstruction or other offence. The money raised by

parking penalties will apparently be more than used up in the administration of the system. The community safety officers will take the responsibility for issuing tickets. There will be no changes in parking regulations associated with this. There are no parking orders in Uplawmoor apart from the lines outside the school. There will be a focus on helping the flow of traffic through busy routes.

- Castburn Path- Mark Brand ERC

Mark was asked by one of the MSPs (S. Maxwell) to investigate solutions to antisocial behaviour at the top end of the Castburn Path. This is based on complaints from a resident of Uplawmoor. In the view of the UCC, the reasons why this would not be a beneficial project includes the potential to merely relocate the problem, the rerouted path would be difficult to navigate due to the terrain and the lack of pavement at the top of the village. Antisocial behaviour occurs across the village and is not purely focused at the end of the Castburn Path. Also, this would appear to be a costly project, particularly in the current financial situation.

#### Approval of minutes

The minute from 19th November 2012 was proposed by A. May and seconded by D. Carslaw and therefore approved.

#### Planning Report

There were several applications for wind turbines within the last two months.

There were some concerns about a proposed turbine southwest of Plymuir.

Action: D. Carslaw will draft a letter regarding this proposal.

#### Treasurers Report

The cheque for £17000 for the park regeneration project has been paid. There was no further statement of account.

#### Matters Arising

1. Website Management: Ross Leggat explained that he has designed our new website and is just waiting for the domain name to be freed. The draft site is at <http://www.ucc.comule.com>.

Action: A. May will try to gain and forward the password to [ross.leggat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ross.leggat@yahoo.co.uk).

2. Middleton farm wind turbine objection: This has been submitted.

Action: None.

3. Park regeneration update: The skate park is up but the non-slip paint is still to be applied and this will be completed once the weather improves. There have been some problems with litter surrounding the area. Other fundraising ideas include a musical event with bands playing in the Mure Hall.

Action: D. Carslaw will write to the Mure Hall Company and continue to help organise this.

4. The Map hanging: This is ready to be hung.

Action: C. Brindley will contact the Mure Hall Company about this.

5. Woodland Pack update: Thanks were given to various members of the community that have helped with planting. So far 160 trees of the 400 have been planted. The side of the Glen is fully planted and other areas are being looked at for planting. This will continue when the weather improves.

Action: D. Carslaw will continue to manage this project.

6. Japanese Knotwood strategy

Action: This will be revisited in the next few months as the weather improves.

Any other business

A. Neighbourhood Watch: Duncan Drummond is interested in taking this forward.

Action: D. Carslaw will communicate with D. Drummond and M. McMini.

B. Scottish Health Campaigns Network: There was interest in getting involved with this group.

Action: A. May will make contact.

C. Budget consultation event report (26/11/2012): H. Anderson and G. West gave a report of this meeting. There was nothing of interest for UCC.

Action: None.

D. Neilston Wind Farm: The village could potentially apply for some funding from this organisation for local projects, for example a walking path. It was felt that now that the turbines are in place, we should investigate potential benefit for the community.

Action: D. Carslaw will investigate this.

Next meeting will be 18th February 2013

The meeting closed at 2130h.