

## UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014

**Attendees** : David Carshaw, Lorna Dempster, Heather Anderson  
Charles Brindley, Kenny Knox, John Black, Gordon Steel, Ross Leggat

**Apologies** : Cllr. Paul O'Kane

**Councillors Attending** : Tony Buchanan, Charlie Gilbert

**Other Attendees**: Lesley Anderson, Lesley Leggat & Joyce Miller

### **Police Report**

The officer explained that there had been no reported incidents in Uplawmoor since the last meeting. Over the Festive period the Police had a dedicated team to tackle house breaking and traffic offences. Two drivers randomly stopped by the Police going through Uplawmoor had no insurance and were charged accordingly.

Again it was stressed to the group that it is important to report anything suspicious or that you may be worried about immediately.

### **Resignation of Community Councillors**

There was a short discussion regarding resignations of members. There had been some confusion after Karen Bain had resigned at the end of the November meeting and then some days later had decided to withdraw it. After seeking advice from ERC the resignation stands.

If any Councillor resigns either written or verbal, it will be minuted and be considered final. Should the person wish to be part of UCC again, then they can be co-opted or wait until the next election.

### **Councillors Report**

The Local Development Plan and Council Budget Plans will be debated shortly.

The Scottish Defence League held a protest at Eastwood High School recently. This was in relation to the proposed plans for a mosque and other buildings within the school grounds. There was a strong police presence and there were no arrests.

Cllr Gilbert had received some complaints from residents in Neukfoot Lane regarding flooding. A meeting has been arranged between the residents and an ERC officer.

Cllr Buchanan mentioned that three pupils from Uplawmoor Primary had won an art competition run by the European Committee of the Regions for rural schools. The pictures were on display at the offices in Brussels. The school received a new camera and the winning pupils will receive colouring pens/pencils etc. David asked if ERC could ensure that the village school's achievements are publicised.

### **Superfast Broadband Rollout**

Uplawmoor will obtain this in June 2016 as part of the Scottish government's rollout programme. As Uplawmoor has a relatively good speed as opposed to other rural areas, then it is not considered a high priority. Cllr Buchanan explained that if more funding became available then it may be completed sooner.

### **A736**

Cllr Buchanan had requested as a matter of urgency the lines were painted on the worst sections of the road. Road sweepers were sent out to clear the white lines at the sides of the road of debris. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the side lines were being covered again and that a number of large potholes were appearing.

There was concern over the condition of the road surface at the Murdoch depot. The surface felt slippery and some wondered if it could be diesel from the lorries.

### *Action*

- *Cllr Buchanan is to establish whether the date in 2016 is guarantee for the broadband rollout.*
- *Cllr Buchanan will ask the road sweepers to clear the lines again.*
- *Cllr's Buchanan and Gilbert will ask the Roads department to investigate the surface near Murdoch's depot.*

### **Matters Arising**

Kenny Knox attended the Joint Community Council meeting recently. The First Responders Unit gave an excellent presentation. They are a voluntary group and are struggling for funds and a building to base themselves in. At the moment they use the Bank in Neilston, but the rent for this is using all their current funds. Kenny asked the Councilors if ERC could provide them with a room/facility as a base. Cllr. Buchanan advised that this would be unlikely due to a number of factors such as building insurance etc. It was agreed that UCC would hold a fundraising event for the group.

### Action

- *Lorna is to contact Stuart McLellan, First Responders to inform him the UCC will arrange a fundraiser.*

### **Defibrillator**

UCC have applied to the Local Area Forum for the cost of a defibrillator that will be sited in the village. The LAF have agreed to this and are currently costing the units and establishing a position for it.

### **Planning**

One application has been received for a two-storey house in the land opposite Pollick Avenue. Apparently this field is to be sold off with 3 or 4 plots.

### **Wind Turbine Applications**

A letter was received from Aileen Jackson. In it she explains that the Fingart and Dareduffhill applications that would have been sited just over the East Ayrshire boundary, were refused planning permission because of unacceptable cumulative landscape and visual impact. The different rotation speeds of so many turbines of varying heights in the area were mentioned as a factor as well.

### **Data Protection**

Ross mentioned that there were a number of issues relating to Data Protection that UCC will need to consider now we are on Facebook, Twitter and have a website.

Our website has had 70 hits since November. He suggested that we put in some information about the Community Council on the "About us" page of the site.

### Action

- *Gordon will read over the legislation to see how it will affect UCC.*
- *David will consider what information to put on the "About us" page.*

### **Treasurers Report**

There is 1583.40 pounds in the current account. An amount of 106.40 was paid to the Mure hall Committee for rent of the hall for the Uplawmoor Development Trust presentation meeting. It had been agreed that UCC would pay for this.

### **Approval of November Minutes**

Due to circumstances the November minutes were unavailable for approval. David will meet with Karen to ensure they are ready for the February meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Padlocked Gates up Spunkie**

It has been brought to the attention of UCC that three gates up Spunkie are still padlocked. This has stopped residents having the freedom to walk through them. This is against the Scottish Governments Right to Roam policy. One of these locked gates is across the pathway between Spunkie Cottage and Pollick Farm, a walk that is used by many villagers.

Tree cuttings on the verge up Spunkie Road which were dumped by the fencing contractor outside these fields is also to be addressed.

#### *Action*

- *David has agreed to speak to the landowner, before the next meeting, to ask for the locks to be removed, or for a style/kissing gate to be built and to ask for the debris/rubbish to be removed from the verge.*

#### **Voluntary Action**

Resident, Lesley Anderson, asked if she could place a survey/questionnaire on the UCC website. She is working with Voluntary Action and they are seeking knowledge on the number of 16+ year olds who volunteer in their community. It was agreed that the UCC would facilitate this request.

#### **Uplawmoor Glen**

Work will be carried out over the next two months by tree surgeons to clear the fallen trees and to fell any unsafe trees. It will be necessary for the path to be closed some days. Notices have been placed at both ends of the glen with the relevant information and contact numbers should any villagers wish to enquire further.

#### **Village Clean Up Day**

The Clean Up day will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12pm. Soup and tea/coffee/juice to be served in the hall afterwards. All clubs within the village will be sent details and asked for their help on the day.

#### *Action*

- *Lorna is to contact the Cleansing Dept to request bin bags and Helping Hands and to contact all the village clubs.*

- *Heather is to organise the tea/coffee for the volunteers.*

Next meeting is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.