

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2014

Attendees : David Carshaw, Lorna Dempster, Heather Anderson
Charles Brindley, Gordon Steel, Ross Leggat, Rose Daly

Apologies : Cllr. Elaine Green, John Black, Sgt Gemmell

Councillors Attending : Charlie Gilbert & Paul O'Kane

Other Attendees: Lesley Leggat & Paul Forrest, Karen Bain

Police Report

There was no report. Sgt Gemmell had been called away from the Mure Hall regarding an apparent incident of vandalism at the primary school.

Councilors Report

Cllr. Gilbert updated us on the flooding situation at Neukfoot Lane. Work has been carried out by Network Rail to clear a culvert at the railway line. The Council will continue to monitor and clear the stream to ensure there is no build up of debris. The water level has not risen to the level that caused the floods since the work has been carried out.

Cllr O'Kane updated us on the proposed mosque in the grounds of Eastwood High. The proposals were rejected and the Local Development Plan stands. A new non-denominational school has been added to the LDP, which has been passed the Reporter for approval. David asked if this meant that the grounds of EHS would not be used for another non-educational facility. We were told there is always the potential that it could be utilised.

ERC's budget was approved last week and a new 3-year financial plan is now being considered. It will have full public consultation taking the views of the residents to ensure that investment is focused where people feel it is important.

McTaggart & Mickel

A resident had enquired about when the monies being offered by the above builder were going to be distributed. Apparently they are usually phased in over the period of the development.

Action

- *Cllr Gilbert will investigate further.*

Tree Felling in Glen

A number of villagers have expressed concern over the felling of what appear to be healthy trees in the Glen, a petition has been set up by one resident to ask ERC to stop and to try and protect the trees rather than fell them. Lorna requested a site visit with Andrew McCloy from ERC.

Action

- *Cllr Gilbert will arrange a site visit as soon as possible.*
- *Lorna to inform Johan Carslaw of the date so she can speak to Mr McCloy about the knotweed.*

A736

A number of large potholes have appeared. ERC is aware following a complaint from a driver. It was mentioned that a rough, non-slip surface is supposedly going to be laid on the A736 near the old Neilston Mill. Cllr Gilbert informed us that a number of improvements have recently been put to the Roads Dept to be actioned. The litter along this road has again become a problem and it was noted that when heavy snow fell on 14th Feb, there were no gritters deployed to the village.

Action

- *Cllr Gilbert will report the litter problem to Roads.*

Adoption of January Minutes

The minutes were adopted as being a true representation. Proposed by David and seconded by Gordon.

Uplawmoor Development Trust

Paul Forrest, Chair of UDT, spoke briefly to explain how the UDT is progressing. A number of groups have been set up to look at the popular issues identified in the survey, such as the possibility of a new shop, improvements to the park, rural walks etc. Their website is up and running and provides details on all projects and meetings. The work on the path in the Glen has been postponed until the tree clearing is completed, however a work group will be tidying up the Castburn path this weekend. Paul explained that UDT would fully consult with villagers on each project before any work goes ahead. Paul explained that UDT had obtained a grant that they were using to refurbish the plant boxes and seats at Mure Place. UCC agreed to donate a sum of three hundred pounds towards the purchase of one of the seats.

Action

- *Ross is to put a link to the UDT website on our site.*
- *A cheque is to be written for the above amount to UDT.*
- *UDT to remove the boards from the changing rooms.*

Matters Arising

Data Protection Act

Gordon had read the documentation relating to the DPA. It was agreed that the legislation relates to commercial businesses rather than community groups. Once you have registered on the list, then there are very stringent rules that must be adhered to. Voluntary organisations are exempt, and as we only hold limited personal information and have sufficient disclaimers on the website, signing up to this is unnecessary therefore no further action is required.

Paddlocked Gates

David had read the Outdoor Access Code that seems to indicate farmers do have rights to lock gates. This seems to contradict information given by the Access Officer at East Ayrshire Council. A resident has organised a meeting with the Access Officer and it was agreed we would wait to hear the outcome of that meeting.

Action

- *Lorna is to speak to the resident following the meeting.*

Planning

McTaggart & Mickel have put a revised plan forward to ERC for approval. The changes involve some of the semi-detached and terraced houses being changed to detached houses. These changes are along the boundary with Neilston Road.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Gerry Gray expressing his concerns on the condition of the notice board at the post box. David has replied stating that we are aware of the problem and are seeking a solution.

Action

- *Heather is to speak Johnny Gault who has apparently offered to fix it.*

Uplawmoor Gazette

Iain Russell has asked that any requests for him to place UCC information on the Gazette website, is done through the Chair or Secretary.

Uplawmoor Heartbeat

A new constituted group has been set up for the public defibrillator that is to be sited at the Mure Hall. Lorna asked if their first AGM could be held on the same night as UCC. It would be carried out before our AGM starts. It was agreed that this could take place.

Action

- *Lorna is to inform Cath Close of the decision.*

WW1 Remembrance Medals

Charles had received a letter detailing the above medals for deserving members of the community.

Treasurers Report

There is 1584.76 pounds in the current account.

Any Other Business

Co-option of new member

Gill West has been proposed by Heather to become a co-opted member of UCC. This will be voted on at the March meeting. Karen Bain at this point also registered her wish to be co-opted. It was explained that once Gill became a member then we would be at our full compliment of 10 councilors. However, as soon as someone retires then any resident may be proposed.

Review of the Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

This is a nationwide scheme however ERC wish to establish their own model. There is a full public consultation and documentation on this is available online and in all public libraries. All CC's are to read the documents for discussion at the next meeting in March, April 14th is the deadline for comments to ERC.

Action

- *Ross is to place a notice/link on our website/FB page informing the residents of this consultation.*

UCC Domain name

David is to speak to Iain Olliphant regarding the community councils domain ".org.uk" so we can use this again.

Councillor Resignation

Lorna informed the meeting that she intends to resign from the CC following the conclusion of the March meeting.

Next meeting is Monday 20th March at 7.30pm.