

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2013

Attendees : D. Carslaw, L. Dempster, Karen Bain, Gill West, Charles Brindley, Morag Milner-White

Apologies : Heather Anderson, Cllr Green

Councillors Attending : Tony Buchanan, Charlie Gilbert, Paul O’Kane

Residents attending: Lesley & Ross Leggatt, Aileen & William Jackson, Joyce Miller, David Marrant

PC’s Alan Walker and Colin Sillars explained there had been no crime reported from 1

Police Report

st Feb until 18th March. The officers stressed the importance of reporting all suspicious or anti social behavior immediately so they have a chance of catching those responsible. You can call 101 for the police if the incident is non-life threatening.

The police are still in discussions with the shooting club who operate from Caldwell estate to ensure they are following all the correct procedures. This is following a number of complaints from local residents.

The officers told the meeting that now the longer evenings were arriving, they would try and increase the patrols at night to reduce the possibilities of youth disorder.

Councillors Report

Cllr Buchanan explained that the discussions with SPT for the 395 service are still on-going. He will update us once a decision has been reached.

The extensive ground works happening at the old gatehouse at Caldwell Estate are for a garage.

Neilston Rd bus stop. A request has been put to the Council for the bus stop at 86 Neilston Rd to be moved to the inside of the pavement and at the boundary between the two houses (86& 88). It was also requested to the Councillors that no large plastic bus shelters are put up without prior consultation with the village.

It was stated that the wind turbine lights were still on – Cllr Buchanan thought they had been turned off.

The issue of persistent dog fouling on pavements was raised again. It was agreed that the Dog Warden is to be asked to visit at certain times of the day.

Lorna had met with Cllrs. Chalrie Gilbert and Vincent Waters during a photoshoot for the skatepark. She had raised the issue of the lack of investment in playground equipment by the Council for Uplawmoor. Cllr Waters had agreed with this and requested she send a list of items to Cllr Gilbert.

Action

- Cllr Buchanan will report back at the next meeting on the possibility of having the turbine lights switched off.
- Karen is to contact the Dog Warden to request extra visits at the specific times which were identified by the group.

- Cllr Gilbert is to report back at the next meeting on any progression on the purchase of play equipment.

Matters Arising

February's minutes were approved.

Action

- Lorna to ensure the minutes in the Library are up to date before the next meeting.

White lining of A736

Following a further accident on the low road, we have again asked for the Councillor's assistance on getting the lining work carried out with urgency.

Action

- All Councillor's are to chase this issue up with Roads Department.

Skatepark

Following further complaints regarding the noise of the skatepark, Lorna spoke to Adrian Baines, Parks Dept on soundproofing. He indicated there was no way of stopping the noise. Two residents at this evening's meeting continued to complain about the noise so it was agreed to try and do more research into possibilities to help the matter.

Action

- Karen has agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

The password has still not been received and therefore the website is still not up and running.

UCC Website

Action

- Karen is to speak to Iain Olliphant to request the password and pass the details to Ross Leggatt.

Gill West informed the meeting that although there is very little change relating to Uplawmoor, there is one. Caldwell House and Estate was protected but now it is being shown as open for development.

Local Development Plan & Strategic Environmental Assessment

1,937.50 pounds are in the UCC current account.

Treasurers Report

Community Engagement

At this point of the meeting Gavin Russell, ERC Community Planning Leader spoke to the group. He was here to gain the views of the Community Councillor's on how well all the services communicated and engaged with local community councils. This is Phase 2 of the Review of Community Engagement and Community Planning currently being carried out. It is a piece of legislation being driven by the Scottish Government.

A number of questions relating to community engagement were put to the group and duly answered. He will report back to all CC's once the completed document has been passed to the Cabinet at the end of June 2013.

Correspondence

David had received a letter from Dominic Feruga on behalf of Neilston Wind Farm. He was requesting a meeting with the Community Council to discuss his plans to increase the number of wind turbines at the site.

Some of the residents stated at this time that they did not want the Community Council to get involved. It was explained that a group from Uplawmoor had approached Mr Feruga to ask for grants/compensation for the village from the current turbines income. He had refused. These residents have now asked the Local Councillors to become involved to try and ensure some form of income for the village.

It was decided not to meet with Mr Feruga until we heard the outcome of the Councillor's efforts.

Zig-zag Lines at Primary School

ERC have now made it an offence to park on the zig zag lines at the school between the hours of 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday. It was

agreed that the lines should only be placed at their current position and not additionally placed on the opposite side of the street.

Action

- David is to write to ERC requesting the zig zag lines to only be on the left hand side of Tannoch Road as they currently are.

Uplawmoor Glen

It was agreed that work needs to take place to clear the fallen trees and remove the rubbish at the waterfall in the Glen.

Action

- Cllr's Gilbert and Buchanan will request a visit to the site by the relevant ERC department and report back at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Village Notice Board

The notice board at the Post Box is in need of attention.

Action

- David will ask Craig Long if he could provide a quote to restore it.

Bench

It was agreed that we should apply for funding to purchase a new bench for the top of Spunkie Hill.

Action

- Heather is to apply for this through the Local Area Forum.

Minutes & Agenda's

Joyce Miller informed the meeting that up to date minutes were still not being placed in the Library. She also requested that the monthly meeting agenda was placed on the notice boards before each meeting.

Action

- Following the resignation of the CC Secretary, Lorna has agreed to ensure the minutes are up to date in the Library and to place an agenda on the Notice Boards before the meetings.

Next meeting is Monday 15th April 7.30pm.