

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 15th April 2013

Attendees : David Carslaw, Lorna Dempster, Karen Bain, Charles Brindley, Heather Anderson

Apologies : Morag Milner-White, Cllr Green

Councillors Attending : Tony Buchanan, Paul O'Kane

Residents attending: Aileen Jackson, Ross Leggat, Joyce Miller, David Marrant

Police Report

Sgt. Matt Gemmell attended the meeting this evening and stated there had been no crime reports over the last month.

David asked Sgt. Gemmell if the police would be able to offer assistance with the cycle procession around the Halket on Gala Day.

Action

- David is to contact Sgt. Gemmell to arrange for a couple of police on bikes to attend.

Community Warden

Nicola Copeland (Community Warden) attended this meeting following the increase level of dog fouling in the village. It was agreed the wardens would come up at specified times to try and catch the dog owner. She will report back at the next meeting.

She also gave us a brief overview of their job remit which include dealing with youth disorder, litter patrol, smoking and noise enforcement and now parking.

Action

- Karen is to contact Nicola before the next meeting to get an update on the dog fouling and to let her know where to drop off the gloves and bags for the clean up day.

Councilors Report

Cllr Buchanan informed the meeting that the lights on the turbines must remain on. Air Traffic Control has insisted this upon this requirement. It was mentioned that apparently these lights can be placed within a

special holder which shines the light upwards. This is to be further investigated.

ERC Parks department recently visited the glen following a request from UCC via Cllr Buchanan. This is regarding the fallen trees at the waterfall and the build up of rubbish. ERC have agreed that a lot of work is required and will put a plan of work together. A copy of this report is to be passed to Cllr Buchanan and then onto UCC.

Karen asked the Cllrs. of the possibility of having only one recycling bin rather than the numerous bins/bags etc we currently use. Unfortunately this is not possible due to the cost and also as external contractors who carry out the bin collections insist the recycling is separated. ERC are constantly reviewing the process. The Community Warden offered to bring a supply of bags and box covers to be left in the Mure Hall.

The Community Wardens are now issuing parking fines as from today's date. ERC will be monitoring traffic flow and will review the process in 6 months. This may result in changes to parking areas/yellow lines etc to ensure any problem areas are identified. Karen mentioned that a good idea would be to have disabled parking spaces on the main road outside the shopping precinct. Cllr Buchanan explained that this is something that may be looked at.

The remainder of the white lining on the A736 should be completed very soon. David expressed his concern that it was taking so long to complete.

David Marrant informed the Cllrs that part of the road close to his house (Cowdonmill House, Neilston Road) was in danger of collapsing down an embankment due to erosion.

Action

- Cllr Buchanan is to inform Lorna of the contact name to write to regarding the turbine lights. It was requested that the Cllrs also write to this individual to support the changes to the lights.
- Carried on from last meeting – Cllr Gilbert is to report back at the next meeting on any progression on the purchase of play equipment.
- Cllrs. to contact Roads department to request a site visit at Cowdonmill House.

NDT Windfarm

Aileen Jackson asked to speak at this point to give UCC an update on the issues regarding the windfarm. Cllr O'Kane had written to CFD and NDT. Cllr Gilbert had organized a meeting with some village residents and Jackson Carlaw. Cllr O'Kane has not yet received a reply from either CFD or NDT.

Renewables Route Map, part of the Scottish Government are in the process of setting up a 14 month study into wind farm developments which have cause controversy. They have agreed that the Neilston Wind Farm is to be included in this study. It will look at how the actual development differs from the original plans, including photomontages, the consultation process, why no EIA was carried out etc. The process is out for tender at the moment. Aileen will keep UCC informed of any progress.

Matters Arising

March's minutes were approved. Proposed by David and seconded by Karen.

Action

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

Skatepark

As mentioned at the previous meeting the costs of reducing the noise level are prohibitive. Karen had carried out further research and had come to the same conclusion. As we have received no further complaints it was agreed to leave the matter.

UCC Website

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

Action

- David is to contact Iain Olliphant immediately.

Treasurers Report

£1,799.49 are in the UCC current account. This is slightly reduced from last month as a number of cheques have been written to cover expenses. The Treasurer indicated that she had concerns with UCC holding money in our account on behalf of the Uplawmoor Development Trust Steering Group.

Meg Pollok

Following Meg's recent death and given that she was an active member of the community and former Community Councillor, Joyce Miller suggested a memorial for her such as a bench. She had spoken to Meg's son who is happy for this to happen.

Village Notice Board

Action

- David is to speak to Craig Long to get a quote for its repair.

Planning

Only one application on ERC website for a dwelling house in Breafoot Lane. The application for a wind turbine at East Uplaw has been withdrawn.

Uplawmoor Development Trust Steering Group

Karen updated UCC on the progress of the above group. They are currently information gathering and looking at recently set up DT's in other villages. A meeting has been set up with the Head of Development Trusts, Scotland.

Bench

Karen has kindly donated one of her garden benches and placed it at the top of Spunkie Hill. A further bench may be placed near the Linnhead Farm road end.

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.

In the time since this letter was received by UCC, Dominic Frugia has also written to Sue Kearns, Head of Renewables Routemap stating a number of inaccuracies involving UCC.

A discussion followed on whether we should invite him to UCC as he had requested. It was agreed that we will write to Mr Farugia stating that UCC will facilitate a public meeting between Uplawmoor residents and Mr Farugia.

Action

- David is to write to Dominca Farugia offering the public meeting
- David is to draft a letter for the village notice boards if the meeting is to go ahead.

Any Other Business

Bulb Planting

David suggested purchasing more bulbs to be planted at the village entrances, park and in the glen. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea.

Action

- David to purchase the bulbs and UCC member's to help plant them.

Co-Opted Member

Joyce Miller has put herself forward to be a co-opted member position of the Community Council.

Action

- UCC will put forward Joyce at the May meeting to be proposed and seconded.

Gala Day

David informed the meeting that this years Gala Day will be on Saturday 18th May and the dance will be on Friday 17th May. The theme this year is James Bond. UCC members will be requested to help at the Tombola stall.

Clean Up Day

This years clean up day is Saturday 27th April at 10am and was included in the recent UCC newsletter.

Village Family Day

Following the success of last years Jubilee Day, UCC is to consider organizing a similar type of event this summer.

Action

- Lorna is to place this on the May agenda.

Next meeting is Monday 20th May at 7.30pm.