

# UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014

**Attendees** : David Carslaw, Lorna Dempster, Gordon Steel, Ross Leggat, Rose Daly, Kenny Knox, Charles Brindley

**Apologies** : John Black, Gill West, Cllr O'Kane

**Councillors Attending** : Elaine Green & Tony Buchanan

**Other Attendees**: Tony Johnston, Jim Andreson, Aileen Jackson, Owen Evans, Karen Bain, Lesley Leggat & Joe Daly. Later in the meeting John Raeside, Graham McKinlay, Heather Anderson and Iain Russell joined.

## **Police Report – Sgt Gemmell**

There had been no reported incidents over the last period. Kenny Knox questioned how the figures were obtained, as he knew of one incident in the village where the Police were called. Sgt Gemmell will look into this as it was not showing on his reports. He stated that anyone calling Ring & Report to ERC will not register on police reports, but the Police and ERC representative do meet every week to discuss these incidents.

Sgt Gemmell was informed that there had been more vandalism at the school with the new bike shelter being damaged. He will ensure patrols go into the school grounds in future. Kenny mentioned that he had heard CCTV was to be installed at the school. Cllrs were not aware of this.

## *Action*

- *Kenny is to speak to the PSA and ask them to contact Cllr Gilbert regarding CCTV.*

## **Councilors Report**

The Mure Hall driveway has now had a new covering of tarmac. Kenny Knox thanked the Councilors on behalf of the village and CC for the quick action.

Tony Buchanan is still waiting for a reply from Andrew McCloy (ERC) regarding knotweed. Villagers who have knotweed near their property can contact ERC who will then get in touch with the landowner to request they take action to eradicate it.

Alex Scott (owner of fields west side of Glen) asked the Councilors for their help to try and get his march fence erected. His land borders the ERC owned Glen. He met with Willie Meekie from ERC in October to discuss the fence and was told the Council would pay the 50%. He has heard nothing from them since. Mr Scott will be putting cattle in these fields very soon and will need to erect an electric fence along the length of the Glen. Lorna asked that a corridor of land was left to ensure walkers can cross Prof. Inglis land from the bottom of the Glen to Pollick Lane – Mr Scott agreed to this.

Tony Johnstone, Iain Anderson and Aileen Jackson raised the application for another large turbine near the NDT windfarm with the Councilors and UCC. It appears turbine developers are now attempting to bypass planning legislation by only applying for one turbine at a time. Aileen asked if the Councilors could request a Landscape Capacity Study with the Planning department. It was questioned why only ERC allow developers to move the turbines up to 50m from their original position in the granted

application when other councils only allow a 20m deviation. The councilors did explain that they are trying to remedy these points with new legislation. Residents affected by these turbines have seen a drop in the value of their properties not only for visual reasons but because of the cumulative noise levels. Carbon Free had made it clear at the public meeting they held in Uplawmoor that the turbines had software installed that allowed noise levels to be reduced if it became a problem. Some of the residents affected have asked ERC to come and monitor noise levels with specialized sound equipment however the residents were told to monitor it themselves. This is not acceptable.

**Action**

- *Tony Buchanan will see if there are information leaflets on knotweed that we can distribute around the village.*
- *Cllr will speak to Planning regarding the Landscape Capacity Study and to establish why ERC are not able to monitor turbine noise levels.*
- *Cllr will speak to Mr Meekie at ERC to establish the situation with the march fence and contact Alex Scott directly.*

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

Kenny had been advised by Elaine Grossart (ERC) that some other Councils are carrying out a similar review and asked if the Councillors knew which were involved. It would be interesting to find out their results and what actions they are taking.

**Action**

- *Cllrs Green and Buchanan will see if they can find out this information.*

**Bus Services**

SPT are in talks with ASDA Barrhead in relation to additional subsidised bus services to and from the new shop. It is doubtful that the 395 service will be changed but David asked if UCC could be involved in any talks on additional services to include Uplawmoor.

**Approval of March 2014 minutes**

An animated discussion took place between two CC members regarding the March minutes.

It was then agreed, through a vote, that the minutes were correct, that the Secretary had been correct, and that no amendments were required. Proposed by David and seconded by Gordon.

*Action*

- *Ross to put minutes onto website.*

**Social Media & Website**

Ross had brought a list of potential changes he wished to make to the website/FB/Twitter. Most were agreed to however UCC members asked that personal email address were not placed on the website.

**Padlocked Gates**

With Alex Scott being present at the meeting, David raised the issue of the padlocked gates on his land. He explained that UCC had received a number of comments from villagers who regularly used the fields to walk and would like to see styles or kissing gates introduced if the gates are to remain locked.

Mr Scott explained that he had spent a lot of money upgrading the fields back to prime agricultural land. He said that gates were padlocked to protect his crops and

to stop the gates being stolen. He was asked if there is a possibility to discuss a route that could go through his land that would not disrupt his business and allow all parties to enjoy the countryside. He was not forthcoming with an answer although had stated that he was here to work with the community so we will consider potential solutions.

*Action*

*UCC will meet with UDT to discuss possibilities.*

### **Interim Elections**

As Lorna and David have expressed their wish to resign it will be necessary to hold interim elections.

*Action*

- *Lorna is to inform Alex Hewitson (ERC) that elections need to be held.*

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Repairs to Noticeboard**

Charles had not been able to contact Jonny Gault to see if he would be prepared to fix the board. Charles has now been given his phone number and will contact him asap.

*Action*

- *Charles to contact Jonny Gault.*

#### **Nether Carswell Turbine Application**

UCC were informed that the noise reports were inaccurate and the cumulative effects of the many other surrounding turbines had not been taken into consideration.

*Action*

- *UCC member are to view the application and inform Lorna as to whether they wish us to object or not.*

### **Treasurers Report**

UCC account currently has 1684.76 pounds. Ten pounds is to go to the Mure Hall Company for the clean up and four hundred pounds belong to Uplawmoor Heartbeat for the defibrillator.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Co-option of UCC members**

Karen Bain asked why when she intimated she would like to return to UCC by co-option, it was not put forward to a vote. David explained that Heather Anderson had previously proposed Gill West and it was unfortunate that it was down to timing and numbers of elected members in relation to co-opted which meant we could not take on additional members. We are not able to co-opt at this time as there will an imbalance of elected members. He explained that all residents will have the opportunity of putting themselves forward at the interim election to be held soon. It was explained that all current co-opted members will also have to put themselves up for election as well.

David asked all attending if there was any other business, as no one indicated anything else for discussion David closed the meeting.

Next meeting is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.