

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 20th MAY 2013

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

Apologies : Morag Milner-White, Cllr Green, Cllr O'Kane

Councillors Attending : Tony Buchanan, Charlie Gilbert

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

Guest – Jackson Carlaw MSP

Police Report

Sgt. Matt Gemmell attended the meeting this evening and stated there had been 8 crime reports over the last month. Three were of note: one bogus caller, report of drugs paraphernalia and a neighbour dispute.

An incident had happened on the Castburn Path between a resident who lives on the path and a villager. Police were not aware and have again reiterated the importance of calling these incidents in.

Councilors Report

Cllr Buchanan informed the meeting that Planning is now involved in establishing who would make the decision on the installation on shields on the turbine lights. This would allow the light to shine upwards only.

Work on the clearing the fallen trees in the Glen will be carried out in three phases over the next few years. Phase one will begin at the end of this summer and will focus on the top end of the Glen including the waterfall.

There will be a more stringent enforcement of parking offences outside schools. Wardens may turn up outside schools at any time. All ERC schools have been informed.

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 raised maintenance issues with the Mure Hall. There were some repairs carried out last year but a number of problems are still outstanding including gutters leaking and overflowing at the road entrance side.

The bus stop at 88 Neilston Road has still not be relocated. David had sent a copy of the new position of the stop a while ago.

Action

- Cllr Gilbert is to look into the bus stop issue and report back at the next meeting.

Jackson Carlaw MSP

As this point of the meeting Mr Carlaw was invited to speak to the group.

Mr Carlaw explained that he was the Regional Member for the West of Scotland. His purpose of attending the meeting was to introduce himself and explain how he can be of assistance to local

communities and individuals by using his experiences to help and advise those in similar situations. Mr Carlaw had recently met with a number of Uplawmoor residents regarding the Neilston Windfarm development. He has written a letter to Dominic Farugia to request that he tries to help improve village relations with the NDT by proving some funding. A letter from Mr Farugia was received which stated that ERC would receive all the profits from the NDT windfarm and it would therefore be them who decided where the funding went. This is contrary to any information we have received. It is understood that all profits from this will go to NDT.

A letter sent from Dominc Ferugia to Mr Carlaw seemed to imply that UCC were happy to get involved with an extension and had passed details on to the Uplawmoor Development Trust steering group. This is not the case. Mr Carlaw is continuing to pursue these issues with NDT.

It was mentioned that the Reporter dealing with the Harelaw Windfarm had not returned a decision as yet.

David has written to Mrs Kearns to clarify the incorrect points from the letter she had received from Dominc Farugia regarding the impact of Neilston Wind Farm on Uplawmoor.

Matters Arising

Aprils's minutes were approved after a few minor changes. Proposed by Karen and seconded by Charles.

Co-option of a new Member

Joyce Miller received a unanimous vote to be co-opted onto UCC. David will contact Joyce to invite her to the next meeting.

Japanese Knotweed

Flyers will go out to all residents in the village with a photograph of the plant. Contact details of the CC's will be placed on this and villagers will be asked to report to us where they find the plant. It is then hoped to produce a location map of the weed so we may pass this to ERC.

Action

- David is to produce a flyer and pass copies to UCC members to distribute.

UCC Website

The password has now been received. The website will be up and running in the immediate future.

Treasurers Report

1,768.09 pounds are in the UCC current account. This is slightly reduced from last month as a number of cheques have been written to cover expenses.

Village Notice Board

Craig Long has agreed to have a look at the notice board and provide a quote for its repair. Karen made a suggestion that a box should be attached to the board. This would allow UCC to place additional leaflets/flyers inside and also allow local businesses, or other voluntary organisations to place information inside.

Action

- Karen is to investigate the cost of such a box. Funding could be applied to the Local Area Forum to help pay for this.

Any Other Business

Fingart Turbine

The Local Review Body of East Ayrshire Council has rejected this application.

Village Clean Up Day

A number of villagers turned up and helped clean up rubbish from in and around the village. Tea/coffee and biscuits were enjoyed afterwards.

UCC Communication – to be held over the June's meeting.

Fibre Optic Cabling – to be held over to June's meeting.

Village Family Day – this will be held in 2014 to coincide with the Commonwealth Games.

Next meeting is Monday 17th June at 7.30pm.