

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 19th MAY 2014

Attendees : Lorna Dempster, Gill West, Gordon Steel (Acting Chair), John Black, Kenny Knox, Charles Brindley, Ross Leggett

Apologies : David Carslaw

Councillors Attending : Charlie Gilbert, Tony Buchanan, Elaine Green

Other Attendees: Joyce Miller, Lesley Leggett, Heather Anderson

Police Report – PC Nicol & PC McCabe

There had been 3 reported incidents over the last period, two of which resulted in crime reports (vandalism in the school and drug abuse). The other incident was a noise complaint for a house party. Mrs McKay (Head of UPS) had asked if John could raise the issue of continued vandalism in the school grounds. CCTV is being considered but is a huge expense. The Police will ask for additional patrols to go into the school when possible and will also ask the Community Wardens to go into the grounds.

There were complaints regarding dog muck in Birchwood Rd and Arthurlie Ave – the Community Wardens will be informed.

After Kenny Knox had questioned the Police last month on the zero crime incidents reported, an investigation showed that there had indeed be an incident that had occurred in the village but had accidentally been put through under the Neilston Ward.

Councilors Report

Cllr Buchanan explained that he is still investigating whether ERC can enforce landowners to clear knotweed if they do not undertake it themselves. ERC will be responsible for eradicating the weed on any of their land. Gill mentioned that the verges along the A736 are very badly affected. She also mentioned that the woods to the east of the village are full of knotweed that has now reached houses at the edge of the wood. ERC are trying to establish who the landowner is. It is important ERC find this out quickly as some building societies will not give mortgages on properties with the weeds.

Landscape Capacity Study – Cllr Buchanan has spoken to Planning regarding our request for such a study at NDT windfarm and the surrounding area. Planning Officers have been made fully aware that they must take into consideration the cumulative effect of turbines when a single one is applied for. Cllr Buchanan explained from Feb 2012 to March 2014, there have been 17 turbine applications in the Neilston/Uplawmoor area – 7 were approved, 5 were withdrawn and 5 are pending a decision.

Cllr Buchanan had looked into the request for professional noise recording equipment to assist residents who live very close to the turbines. He has asked the relevant ERC department for an itinerary of the specialist equipment available and how it is utilized. Complaints had been made that the cumulative noise from the turbines must be beyond the levels allowed. However ERC had told these resident to monitor the levels themselves.

Cllr Green has written to Mr Meekie at ERC regarding the march fence at Pollick Glen but has had no reply. There is some concern about the landowner putting up an electric fence so close to a path.

Review of the Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils – Cllr Buchanan had not heard back yet on which other Councils are holding similar reviews. Gill mentioned that South Lanarkshire was proposing to reduce the number of CC's by merging smaller groups.

The Councilors had received a complaint from a resident regarding the level of noise from the skate park. They will ask Environmental health dept to look into this and any possible solutions.

Clarkston & Newton Mearns CC's had informed ERC they would not sign up to the existing constitution and had made changes to include some of their own clauses. ERC informed the CC's that this was not permitted and following legal advice, explained that the both would not receive funding and would cease to exist as Community Councils. They have since agreed to follow the ERC constitution.

The new Barrhead High School will sit on land just behind the existing school. None of the park amenities will be affected and no land will be sold off for housing.

UCC had received a complaint from a resident regarding the Henderson bus service. It is regularly late and at times does not turn up. The main problem seems to be with the orange buses. Cllr Gilbert has agreed to investigate the matter.

Action

- *Tony Buchanan will continue to establish if there are information leaflets on knotweed that we can distribute around the village.*
- *Charlie Gilbert is to investigate the issues with the bus service.*

Deed of Servitude over Castburn Path

UCC received a letter from ERC that included the above deed. We have been asked, as owners of the Castburn Path, to sign a document to allow McTaggart & Mikel to dig to install water pipes. David is seeking independent legal advice before any signature is given.

Whilst discussing this, Gordon asked if we could get more information on the SUDS that is to be situated at the bottom part of the McTaggart & Mikel development at East Uplawmoor. He has concerns regarding the current levels of water and how it may affect the area in the future when the houses are built.

Action

- *David to contact a solicitor for advice.*
- *Gordon to contact ERC Planning/ McTaggart & Mikel regarding the SUDs.*

Approval of April 2014 minutes

The Acting Chair suggested that the part of the April draft minutes relating to the March meeting be deleted and changed to a "heated discussion".

The secretary would like it noted that she strongly objects to the above amendment as it does not truly reflect what occurred, but as that the majority of the group agreed to the deletion during the April meeting, it has been made under protest.

Social Media & Website

Ross explained that the website had been closed down by the host for a few days but is now up and running again. The most common time for viewing the site is 8am on a Monday morning.

There was a discussion regarding the UCC logo. Ross was requested to proceed with designs and display them on facebook for general comment.

Interim Elections

Lorna had contacted ERC to request the process for interim elections be started. Unfortunately Alex Hewitson is off for some time at the moment and we are still waiting for an ERC representative to get back with the relevant information.

Action

- *Lorna will inform David when she gets a response from ERC.*

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.

Action

- *Charles to contact Jonny Gault.*

Library Minutes

Ross said he had received complaints that the Library minutes were not up to date. Lorna explained that she put the approved minutes in the Library every month but on a couple of occasions she had noticed they had been removed. If any were missing she replaced them.

Action

- *Ross is to inform Lorna of the names so that she may contact them as Secretary and pass on any minutes they require.*

Treasurers Report

UCC account currently has 1354.76 pounds.

Planning Report

Deed of Servitude – please see earlier discussion.

Correspondence

A letter was received from a resident regarding the bus service – please see earlier note.

A post on FB was requesting to see the November minutes and asking why they are still not available.

Action

- *David is to ensure they are approved at the June meeting.*

Resignation

Lorna Dempster has resigned as CC and Secretary with immediate effect.

Any Other Business

There was a short discussion regarding the Queens baton arriving in Uplawmoor. The Mure Hall Company were in the process of arranging refreshments in the hall and entertainment for the children.

There were no other matters raised and the meeting was closed.

Next meeting Monday 16th June at 7.30pm