

## UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 17th JUNE 2013

Attendees : David Carslaw, Lorna Dempster, Heather Anderson, Joyce Miller

Apologies : Cllr Green

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

Residents attending: Lesley & Ross Leggatt, John Black, Kenny Knox

There were no Police in attendance.

Police Report

Councilors Report

Cllr Buchanan informed the meeting that Planning has contacted Air Traffic Control regarding the shielding of the turbine lights and asking if they had suggestions on how to reduce the light pollution. Planning have been told that LED lights that automatically come on when a signal from an incoming plane could be a solution. They are awaiting a response from ATC.

The bus stop at 88 Neilston Road has still not been relocated but is on the works list to be completed.

There have been a number of complaints from residents regarding the reliability of the new Henderson hybrid buses.

Action

- The Councillor’s have agreed to monitor the situation with the buses.

The minutes fo May were adopted as correct.

May Minutes

Notices on the elections are to be placed on all village notice boards. It was agreed that a short newsletter should go out to all residents asking for volunteers to join UCC.

UCC Elections – Spetember 2013

Action

- Lorna is to put together an outline of what should be included in the letter and pass to David to complete.

John Black & Kenny Knox

As this point, David asked the above residents to take the floor regarding an issue they wished to raise with UCC.

They wanted to discuss a planning application for a house that had been lodged for a vacant lot in Braefoot Lane. This lot borders a number of properties including Mr Knox and Mr Black’s houses. A number of plans/drawings and emails between the residents and ERC Planning Department were shown and explained. Their concern is that there appear to be a number of inconsistencies and irregularities in the planning process that they felt could affect the decision of the planning committee. The residents have taken this issue up with the local Councillors who have agreed to

look into it. Joyce informed them that they are able to request an appointment at Council HQ to discuss their concerns and that they can also initiate the formal complaints procedure with ERC. They were advised that although they cannot lobby the members of the Planning Committee, they can write to them before the site visit outlining their concerns.

#### Action

- Mr Knox is to provide a summary of the issues concerning the application with supporting evidence and pass to David. David will then compose a letter to ERC Planning expressing our concerns with the irregularities in the process.

#### Japanese Knotwood

Flyers are now ready to be distributed to the villagers.

- David is to pass copies to UCC members to distribute.

#### UCC Website

Ross Leggatt informed the group that a basic website was now up and running and had already received 288 hits. Ross will divert any mail received on the site to David's email.

#### Action

- Ross is to scan all the documentation regarding the Elections and place on the website.
- Lorna is to forward all the approved minutes that she has to Ross so that they can be placed on the site.
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#### Treasurers Report

2296.99 pounds are in the UCC current account. We are still awaiting a backdated UCC yearly grant from ERC which David will chase up. One cheque is to be written for Scotway, the Right of Way Association.

#### Fingart Turbine

The applicant for the previous turbine applications is apparently going to continue to try to get a turbine up. He will apparently be lodging a new application on a slightly altered site. We have heard that he will be trying to say that the roads are very rarely used and therefore the turbine will not affect many people. Joyce has offered to contact East Ayrshire Council. David suggested it may be worth carrying out a survey ourselves.

#### Action

- Joyce to contact East Ayrshire Council Planning department.

#### Any Other Business

#### Fiber Optic Cabling

A resident has sent a letter to BT asking how we can go about bringing the fiber optic cables into the village to help improve broadband speeds. No reply has been received yet.

#### Action

- Lorna is to place on the August agenda.

#### Neilston Wind Farm

Heather asked is a reply had been received from Dominic Farugia regarding our offer of arranging a public meeting for NDT. As yet we have not had a reply. Apparently Dunlop CC had received a similar letter from NDT. They have agreed to discuss this at a later date.

Next meeting is Monday 19th August at 7.30pm.