

UPLAWMOOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

18 August 2014

Attendees: David Carslaw, Ross Leggat, John Black, Kenny Knox, Gill West & Gordon Steel

Apologies:- No apologies had been received

Councillors Attending Tony Buchanan and Paul O’Kane

Police Report

There had been 22 incidents reported during the last period. These were mainly traffic incidents but did include one incidence of possession of cannabis.

The issue of traffic being diverted through the village was raised with particular attention to perceived speeding. The Police confirmed they would be patrolling as usual but would increase traffic patrols during the period of the diversion.

Minutes of Meetings Minutes of previous meetings were discussed and approved. K Knox mentioned inaccurate reporting of the position regarding publication of minutes in the Uplawmoor Gazette. This was discussed with I Russell, the editor, who said he would make corrections if necessary.

Correspondence No planning matters regarding Uplawmoor have been reported.

David Carslaw wrote to road traffic department regarding road closures and diversions through the village. He received a ‘STANDARD’ reply which did not really address the safety concerns adequately.

S Osborne wrote regarding noise from the skate park. This matter had been raised with councillors at a previous meeting and they were going to consult with the environmental department. No reply has as yet been received.

A notice has been received advising of a Development Plan Meeting for the Malletsheugh area to take place on 21 August 2014

Councillors Report

Concerns were raised at the length of time it was taking for ERC to arrange for UCC interim elections. Councillor Buchanan stated that he had raised this matter with Tracy Butler, that day, and explained the urgency and the possibility that if elections are not held soon the UCC may become defunct due to an excess of co-opted members.

D Carslaw explained to the councillors the situation regarding the deed of servitude, M&M development, UCC and the Castburn path. The situation being that as the owners of the path UCC have been asked to give permission for M&M to replace a pipe running under the path, which will carry drain water from the new development into the Cast burn. Residents of the Neukfoot area of the village, having recently been flooded are concerned that this development might aggravate their

situation. M&M have agreed to provide funding to the Community Council for a study by an independent engineer to look into the proposals made by M&M as part of their planning application. A request was made to the councillors to consider spending part of the £354,000 which ERC will receive from M&M as development compensation on flood protection in the Neukfoot area.

It was made clear to the Councillors that the residents of Uplawmoor consider it unacceptable to close the A736 as a matter of course for repairs and divert the traffic through the village. Clear safety issues exist especially at the road junction in front of the church used by many school children. This junction sits on a blind curve.

It was pointed out that East Ayrshire are successfully carrying out road repairs between Caldwell and Lugton on the A736 without diverting traffic. A lane closure system was being used!!

Councillors were asked whether white lining on the A 736 would be replaced as part of the works. This matter has been ongoing for at least 3 years.

Councillors informed the meeting that ERC had agreed to participate in a new City Funding Package which would supply funding of £44m over the next 20 years at an investment to ERC of £6m. The funds will be used for projects such as a new station at North Barrhead, straightening the dams road between Barhead and Newton Mearns, developing the dams as a watersport park etc.

AS the new ASDA is now open a discussion took place as to the possibility of the 395 bus service stopping at Barrhead station. No conclusion was possible as new traffic patterns may emerge due to the existence of the new ASDA.

A question was asked as to whether the problem of unreliable electric buses had been solved. Councillors were unaware of a problem.

A letter from Ian Oliphant regarding the lack of a barrier at the Neilston Road exit and poor state of the fences in the Glen was read out. The letter also contained a quotation for carrying out the repair works. This is considered to be a health and Safety matter and was left in the hands of the councillors.

The councillors departed the meeting at this stage

Other Matters

David Bell spoke of his proposals for a Wildlife Haven to be created on his land at Knockmade Moss - an area of 70 acres. The project is in its infancy but has been inspected by several experts and a plan for the creation of the haven will be produced over time. No assistance is required at present but David will keep us informed of developments. It is hoped that the haven will in the future provide a useful area for study by schools and students.

Terms of reference for the Engineers looking at the M&M planning application were agreed and it was also agreed to use a company called Envirocentre Ltd, water management consultants, who the chairman has business connections with, to carry out the works.

Website

Ross updated the meeting on the statistics regarding hits on the website. He also showed forms to be used on the website to be used to form a mailing list. It was agreed the proposed form be adopted and used on the website.

Repair To Notice Board

Kenny Knox will inspect the notice board and advise what work needs to be done.

Knotweed

As ERC are unwilling to take action regarding the eradication of knotweed from the village and its surrounds a proposal was made to purchase equipment, the relevant chemical and carry out the work using people from the village. Several concerns regarding this action were raised including, insurance, the safety of the people carrying out the work, children and animals. The use of a professional contractor was considered but the cost of this might be high.

In the interim a web search will be made to discover if grants may be available or if there are other solutions to this problem.

John Black will look into the use of the relevant chemical as regards risk, health and safety.

Gill West intimated her resignation as a councillor and this was noted.

G Mckinlay raised the issue of traffic signs obscured by vegetation. This is a particular problem at Shilford where the speed warning sign is completely hidden from view.

No futher matters were raised and the meeting was closed.