

Uplawmoor Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held in the Mure Hall on Monday 17 August 2015

Present: Gordon Steel (Chairman)
Joyce Miller (Secretary)
Charles Brindley (Treasurer)
Ken Knox
Ivy Cowan
Cath Close
Emily Wallace

Councillor Gilbert
Councillor O’Kane

Paul Forrest Chairman – Uplawmoor Development Trust

No members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Buchanan
Councillor Green
John Black
David Carslaw

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 15 June 2015

Proposed J. Millar
Seconded E. Wallace

Item		Action	Date
1.0	Chairman’s Opening Remarks		
1.1	The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.0	Police Report		
2.1	No representation from the police.		
3.0	Uplawmoor Development Trust		
3.1	The chairman updated the meeting on the progress of the UDT Project’s. *- Paths. A circular path around the park has been completed. *- Shop. Discussions are underway with local councillors, ERC, Mure Hall Company and the UDT steering group who all believe the project is a worthwhile one. *- Park .Design finalised at an estimated cost of £70,000. Funding is being sought in addition to £30,000 from MacTaggart and Mickel. (M&M) Detailed information is available on the UDT website.		
3.2	The treasurer ensured that the UDT is aware of the LAG fund which supports large project funding.		
3.3	The allocation of the £330,000 paid by M&M to ERC is available from Councillor O’Kane	Councillor O’Kane	

4.0	Items Continued from Previous Minutes		
4.1	ERC Planning website. Removal of representation letters. Councillor O’Kane has attempted to have a meeting with planning but this has not yet taken place. He will pursue this matter.	Councillor O’Kane	
4.2	A736 closure for repairs. The results of the survey on the Uplawmoor social media site. 77 replies. 16 agreed with the diversion. 53 disagreed and 8 were undecided. The majority of responders advocated a contra- flow system, some suggested a diversion on Kingston road(Dunlop/Neilston) 51 reported a near miss (66%). Councillor O’Kane has met with the ERC roads dept. and there will be discussion prior to future planned closures/road repairs.		
4.3	Request of A736 speed restrictions at junction of Lochlibo road/Caldwell golf club/Neilston road. A reply has been received from the police who quoted historical reasons from 2011 implying that bends and junctions were not involved. Clearly this is not the case. The secretary has replied pointing out the hazards of the 2 bends over the bridge with oncoming traffic un-sited and 2 junctions within close proximity of the bends.	J.Miller	
4.4	White lining on road at Neilston end of village has not been completed.	Councillor Gilbert	
4.5	A resident has complained re the standard of the recent road repairs to A736		
4.6	Middleton Wind farm. Community benefit. ERC Environmental dept has not had time to address this issue. Councillor O’Kane has had discussion and given assurances that communities directly impacted (Uplawmoor and Neilston) will be first to receive benefit.	Councillor O’Kane	
4.7	Skate ramp. Sound Proofing. A photograph was circulated of the graffiti. Permission was not granted from ERC Parks dept but no action will be taken. The company quoting £1500.00 has asked for a further £1,200 as they do not have a Scottish base. This will be considered by ERC area forum and other options will be explored. Other contractors may be approached. ERC area forum will hold the £1500 already approved until this matter is resolved. UDT might consider this as part of the park upgrade.	Councillor O’Kane G Steel J Miller	
4.8	Proposed re- routing to avoid the bus turning in Tannoch road. No update re progress, awaiting roads dept and SPT to finalise.	Councillor Gilbert	
5.0	Matters Arising		
5.1	<i>New scheme Community Council Elections. An informal meeting of representatives from Community Councils within ERC and some MSP’s was held last week.(ERC representatives invited but none present). The issue of legality in regard to ERC disbanding Community councils was raised at that meeting. A letter was to be composed highlighting concerns and proposing that the new scheme be delayed for a few months and this letter would be circulated to all community councils for them to forward to ERC. Another concern is the period of limbo between 11 Sept 2015 (date of disbanding) and the inaugural meeting of the new community council October/November where matters</i>		

	<p><i>concerning communities might not be communicated/addressed.</i></p> <p><i>There followed long discussion. Councillor O’Kane will forward the points raised re legalities to the secretary.</i></p>	<p>Councillor O’Kane J.Miller</p>	
6.0	Local government boundary commission		
6.1	<p>The councillors made UCC aware that a new ward with 4 councillor members covering both Uplawmoor and Barrhead was proposed, resulting in losing 2 councillors ie reducing councillors to 18 instead of the present 20. The councillors are opposed to this, the consultation period is open until November and Councillor O’Kane will forward the ‘consultation’ link to the secretary</p>	<p>Councillor O’Kane J. Miller</p>	
7.0	Planning		
7.1	<p>Application Ref 2015/0441/PNExtension to barn at East Uplaw Farm. Planning consent is not required.</p>		
7.2	<p>Application Ref. 2015/0143/TP. The site on Pollick Ave with previous consent has now been split and with a request for two houses. The whereabouts of the path to be clarified.</p>	<p>I Cowan</p>	
7.3	<p>Pre-Application Ref.PREAPP/2013/0116-a. Anareobic Digester facility at Cowdenmoor farm. This proposed large industrial site will impact greatly on the locality with regard to large increase of traffic, odour, gas flare. It is understood an environmental impact assessment is not required. ERC are not inclined to approve. Councillor Green is aware of this development.</p>	<p>Councillor Green</p>	
7.4	<p>Planning Democracy Campaign Previous letter was received from the equal rights of appeal foundation based in Edinburgh.(previous minutes) Unanimous decision to support this campaign</p>	<p>G. Steel J.Miller</p>	
7.5	<p>Dareduff Hill Wind turbine. East Ayrshire council have approved this (it is noted that EAC objected to a recent similar proposal within ERC area ie at 70 meters distance). The planning officer had recommended refusal but the decision was changed at the last minute. Work had started prior to consent. A reply is awaited from EAC</p>	<p>J.Miller</p>	
	Councillors were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting		
8.0	FUTURE UCC		
8.1	<p><i>The chairman asked the members to consider working closely and perhaps uniting with Uplawmoor Development Trust for the benefit of the community.</i></p>		
8.2	<p><i>Discussion was given to the possibility of one website for the village but this was not deemed practical.</i></p>		
8.3	<p><i>This would be the last meeting prior to the disbanding of community councils within ERC. The proposed letter (point 5.1) has just been received and was read out and it was agreed unanimously to approve and send the letter requesting a delay in disbanding the community councils, suspending elections and giving time to allow further consultation for clarification of the legal aspects (including sanctions and disciplinary proceedings) The proposed rotation of the position of chairperson is</i></p>		

	<i>impractical for UCC</i>		
8.4	<i>The negative implications of the new scheme for CCs was discussed and it was decided to letter (leaflet drop) the community to draw their attention to this matter.</i>	G.Steel J. Miller to draft. All to distribute.	ASAP
9.0	Correspondence		
9.1	Request for exterior painting of the Mure Hall from Lorna Dempster. To be forwarded to the Chairman of the Mure Hall Company.		
10.0	Treasurers report		
10.1	There is £1200.00 in the account. No word regarding the outstanding grant from 2011/12		
11.0	Web Report		
11.1			
12.0	AOCB		
12.1	Nil		
13.0	Date of Next Meeting.		
13.1	No date as UCC due to be disbanded on 11 September.		