

Uplawmoor Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of Meeting Held in the Mure Hall on Monday 15 January 2018

Present: Gordon Steel (Chairman)
 Ross Leggat (Secretary)
 Alan Baxter (Treasurer)
 Anne Sanderson
 Charles Brindley
 Danielle Glendinning
 Ivy Cowan
 Rob Williams

Apologies: Cllr Angela Convery

There were no councillors in attendance and no apologies received apart from noted above.

Item		Action	Date
1.0	Chairman's Opening Remarks		
1.1	Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.0	Approval of September 2017 Meeting Minutes		
2.1	The minutes were approved: Proposed: Charles Brindley Seconded: Alan Baxter		
3.0	Items Continued from Previous Minutes		
3.1	Tom Arthur MSP Communications Tom Arthur our local MSP still has not responded to issues raised with him when he visited UCC one year ago. He met informally with Gordon Steel but several issues have still not been addressed.		
3.2	A736 (Welsh's Garage Corner) Still awaiting reply from ERC Roads Dept. regarding a meeting to further discuss options to improve safety at this corner. Ross has received the results from the FOI request – see end of minutes for the report.	GS & RL	
3.8	Bus Timetable We received a response from SPT regarding our survey on the 395 bus service: <i>As part of the contract renewal process, we undertake a review of the passenger usage of the service under consideration to ensure that we are achieving the best value for public funds being expended in subsidy</i>		

	<p><i>In the preparation of the contract for service 395, analysis of patronage data indicated that the early morning links available within the previous contract between Uplawmoor and Neilston Station (at 07715 hours and 0735 hours) were lightly used, averaging less than one passenger per journey. Clearly, this was a very poor use of resources and the journeys were duly removed from the new contract. This and other revisions reduced the annual cost by £30,000, which, in these days of budget austerity, helps ensure the sustainability of the service in the longer term.</i></p> <p><i>SPT would very much like to be able to offer more frequent and more extensive subsidised bus services in all areas but unfortunately the budget we have is limited and is challenged constantly by the need to fund replacement for ongoing withdrawals of services by bus companies. Whilst SPT take on board the comments and suggestions contained within the community council's survey, the current level of provision for a community with the population of the size of Uplawmoor does satisfy the Guideline Criteria we work to.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the service is not advertised as offering rail connections at Neilston railway station, I am bound to observe that it does allow suitable interchange in both directions for the majority of journeys. That said, the first trip departing Uplawmoor at 0819 hours does not, arriving at the railway station at 0826 hours, with weekday trains departing at 0824 hours. We will now consider whether there is an opportunity to slightly amend this journey to operate approximately 5 minutes earlier so as to allow commuters from Uplawmoor the ability to connect with this train. We will, however, have to have regard to the overall timetable and whether doing so might cause unforeseen problems elsewhere on the route. We will do our best however.</i></p>		
4.0	Planning Report		
4.1	The only item on the list that affects Uplawmoor was revised plans for the proposed house on Neilston Road.		
5.0	Correspondence		
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning Scotland Bill (details on website) - Hartfeild and Caplaw Forest FSC Certification - Glasgow Airport Airspace Consultation (details on website) - Holocaust Memorial Day Initiation - Heatherbank Park Enquiry - Village Gateways Advertisement - Invitation to Community Council Network Meeting 		
7.0	Treasurers Report		
7.1	The account stands at £7238 which included the Mure Park fund (as discussed in previous minutes). Alan Baxter has formally taken on the office of Treasurer.		
8.0	Web and Social Media Report		
8.1	812 views for December.		

9.0	Police Report		
9.1	<p>The Community Police Officer indicated that there had been no crimes, offences or accidents during the period December to January apart from being called regarding anti-social behaviour by the noise caused by fireworks in the early part of January. He indicated that there had been six arrests in relation to a series of housebreakings in the Newton Mearns area. The case is ongoing. He also urged members of the public to make known cases of fly-tipping to the Police</p> <p>It was noted that a number of properties in Mure Park had had their gates tried to obtain access.</p> <p>It was agreed to publish police reports on the ERC and UCC websites.</p>		
10.0	Any Other Business		
10.1	<p>Path Between Neilston and Uplawmoor Discussion took place regarding the feasibility of a cycle path between Uplawmoor and Neilston along the old railway track. Some agencies have looked into this matter and land ownership appears to be an issue. The matter will again be raised with appropriate agencies.</p>		
10.2	<p>Mure Hall User Meeting Charles reported that the Mure Hall is used widely by a number of users and all appear to be very satisfied by the way the hall is run and the good relationships with those who look after and run the hall.</p>		
10.3	<p>Objection to ERC Planning System Neilston Community Council has objected to the new system put in place by ERC where representations are not published in the public domain, claiming the new system to be inefficient. The Uplawmoor Community Council have supported NCC in this matter.</p>		
10.4	<p>Bridge-End Right of Way The UDT have made the castburn path wheelchair accessible causing a residents representative to raise concerns of safety due to wheelchairs and buggy's using the right of way. The representative feels that the right of way is now more unsafe than it was before due to the new accessibility. He goes on to claim that the situation on the castburn path has changed due to the new paths from Mure Park. The castburn path and the bridge-end right of way are part of the ERC core paths scheme. The representative then goes on to point out that the residents now have cameras and security lights fitted to their house, observing the right of way and he disputes that the bridge-end right of way can be used 24/7 as the newly fitted security lights are causing the residents to be disturbed.</p> <p>It was decided that the Uplawmoor Community Council does not have any authority to change the right of way – the residents representative was advised to take up the issue with another party who may be able to help.</p>		

10.5	Mure Park – “Path to Nowhere” Residents of Mure Park informed the Community Council of a ‘Path to nowhere’ on their estate. It was indicated that the residents were prepared to ‘finish’ it.		
10.6	Parking – Mure Park to Neilston Road Junction It was reported to the UCC that people are parking too close to the junction of the entrance of Mure Park and creating safety issues. It was requested that residents, visitors and delivery vehicles keep this area clear.		
10.7	Smell in the Glen A smell of sewage had been reported coming The Glen area on both sides of the burn. The matter will be reported to East Renfrewshire Council.		
10.8	UCC Office Bearers Gordon (Chairperson) has informed the community council that he will stand down as chairperson at our AGM.		
10.9	Co-option of new members Kyle Gordon and Charlotte Gordon are interested in joining the community council – they were proposed by Ross Leggat and seconded by Gordon Steel		
11.0	Next Meeting		
11.1	The Next Meeting will be Monday 19 th February 2018 at 19:30 pm.		