

Uplawmoor Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of AGM Meeting Held in the Mure Hall café on Monday 24 April 2017

Present: Gordon Steel (Chairman)
Ross Leggat (Treasurer)
Charles Brindley
Karyn Mack
Cath Close (Retires this evening)

Councillor Buchanan

18 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Paul O’Kane
Joyce Miller
Mrs L Dempster

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 18 April 2016

Error @ 1.1 Date should read 2014 (not 2104)
Proposed J.West
Seconded C.Brindley

Item		Action	Date
1.0	Chairman’s Opening Remarks		
1.1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.0	Chairman’s report		
2.1	<p>UCC CHAIRMANS COMMENTS FOR AGM - 24 APRIL 2017</p> <p>GLEN VISIT BY ANDREW MCCLOY</p> <p>We had a visit to the Glen with Councillor Green and Andrew MCCLOY the arborist of ERC. We walked through the Glen and he pointed out various trees which are in poor shape or diseased. He was dismayed to find out that some residents thought they were felling trees unnecessarily. He pointed out that he has to follow a procedure before a tree can be felled and his budget does not allow for felling of any trees except those which are considered to be dangerous.</p> <p>He did point out there are a large number of saplings now growing in the Glen. Some may grow to replace the old trees being lost.</p>		

CASTBURN PATH MAINTENANCE

At our request ERC sprayed the weeds on the path at least once last year

We received an email from ERC indicating funding may be available to improve existing paths and we have passed this on to UDT.

DOG POO

There continues to be a problem of dog owners not picking up dog poo in and around the village and it is especially bad on the Castburn path, the area adjacent to the path and the playing field. ERC have been running campaigns in various places throughout ER but the problem remains. We have placed notices on the Castburn path in a bid to assist.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Superfast broadband is now available in the village. We tried many times to get detailed information from BT regarding this but it proved impossible. ERC HAD THE SAME PROBLEM

COMPLAINT

We received a written complaint about the way in which we reported a complaint which was reported to us. Under the rules of establishment for community councils we studied the complaint and then put the matter to a vote. The CC voted unanimously and the complaint was not upheld.

VILLAGE CLEANUP

We ran the annual cleanup day in March this year in conjunction with the Tennis Club who were holding a similar event. The event went well but it would be so nice if more volunteers turned out.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we applied for and were awarded a grant for a Christmas tree and lights for the village. We had a switching on ceremony, when Councillor Green turned on the lights. (There was nearly no lights as I could not get the plug in at the time). However we got there and the ceremony was well attended with refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

VISIT FROM TOM ARTHUR MSP

We had a visit from Tom Arthur msp. He explained to us his duties, which are many, and some of his ideas. He explained he was visiting all CC's to get a feel of what was going on and to see if he could assist with anything. We put questions regarding geothermal energy, the supply of specialist medicines, local transport and the possibility of a cycle path between here and Neilston. He was very attentive and interested and said he would get back to us on all these matters. He visited us in November, we are still waiting for a reply on any of these matters.

MONTHLY REPORTS FROM POLICE

We get a monthly report from the Police on criminal activity in this area. Fortunately incidents are few.

CLOSING OF STATION IN BARRHEAD

The Police are looking at all their properties with a view to efficiency. They are looking at the Possibility of closing Barrhead station. It is interesting that I attended a forum in the Foundry in Barrhead run by the Police to gather local opinion on their operations. The forum was attended by various groups including councillors, community councillors and head boys and girls from all the schools. What was very clear from the discussion was that Police presence in the form of Police on the beat was considered to be of great importance to everybody.

We wrote to the relevant Police department pointing this out and stated that the closing of the station in Barrhead will only serve to make the Police more remote from the community.

LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This is under review and will be published towards the end of the year. M&M SITE AT WEST UPLAWMOOR ZONED AS OPEN SPACE M&M WILL CONTEST THIS.

RESURFACING OF A736

This was completed in two phases with traffic diverted through Neilston on the first phase and through Uplawmoor on the second. The works were completed ahead of time and so far as I am aware without incident.

CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION.

We proposed a change to our constitution which has been accepted by ERC. The original constitution limited the period the chairperson could serve to 1 year. This has now been deleted.

	<p>REZONING OF WARDS</p> <p>As I am sure you are all aware there are council elections on the 4th of May. Due I believe many to changes in population it has been decided by somebody in Edinburgh that Uplawmoor will no longer be in the ward Uplawmoor, Neilston and Newton Mearns North but will be part of Barrhead, Lochliboside and Uplawmoor. ERC And CC objected to this change but were</p> <p>RECRUITMENT</p> <p>I have been wondering for some time now why people dive into hedges and doorways when they see me walking down the street.</p> <p>Seriously we need more volunteers. We should have 10 CC,s but have only 6 and I am sorry to say we are losing 1 of those</p> <p>I want to thank Cath for her hard work over the years. That leaves us with the need for more volunteers and we look forward to hearing from you.</p>		
3.0	Treasurers report		
3.1	<p>Ross provided an income and expenditure account and balance sheet as of 5 April 2017 audited by Owen Evans (SEE LAST PAGE)</p> <p>Owen was thanked for independently examining the account's. Owen was not present but will be approached to appointed to examine the accounts for 2017/18</p>		
4.0	Dates of future meetings.		
4.1	Community Council meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of the month except July and December 7.30pm in the Mure Hall Library.		
5.0	Appointment of Office Bearers.		
5.1	<p>Chairman. Gordon Steel. Proposed by Ross Leggat, seconded by Charles Brindley.</p> <p>Secretary. Ross Leggat. Proposed by Gordon Steel. Seconded by Karyn Mack.</p>		
6.0	Matters Arising		
6.1	<p>Broadband. A resident informed the meeting that the target speed of 28 megabytes per second reflected the position of 2 households near the BT hub station who received vastly improved speeds resulting in the remainder of the village being well below the 10.5 figure required by OFGEM. The Chairman remarked that it was nigh impossible to receive any information from BT and ERC officers had the same difficulty. He will however try and contact BT regarding this matter.</p>	G.Steel	
6.2	<p>Dog Fouling. A resident enquired about the lack of emptying of the bin at Mure Park just off the Castburn path, they were informed that it was a private bin not under the jurisdiction of ERC.</p>		

7.0	AOCB.		
7.1	<p>Neighbourhood Watch. Duncan Drummond gave a brief report. The scheme is not very active due to a low membership. The main benefit is a warning of illegal activity in the area. These are posted on the UCC website. Some house insurance policies offer a reduction to members of the scheme.</p>		
8.0	<p>The meeting was closed and followed by the standard UCC meeting to which everyone could stay and attend. The police report was read out and their representative would be arriving this evening at some point.</p>		

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 April 2017

<u>Income and expenditure account</u>	£
<u>Income</u>	
Additional Quiz Night Income	£100.00
ERC Admin Grant	£222.65
ERC Grant for Christmas Tree & Event	£478.00
Data Protection Reimbursment	£35.00
	<u>£835.65</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Annual Website Mapping Fee	£11.00
Christmas Event Costs, Purchase Lights & £50 Donation to Church	£204.83
Contribution to Accoustic Consultant	£37.00
Data Protection Registration Fee	£35.00
Donations to School & Playgroup - £350 each (from quiz night)	£700.00
Mure Hall Rent for Quiz Night	£66.50
Newsletter Printing	£56.20
Returned Christmas Grant	£314.56
UCC Banner purchased from CJ Strain	£42.00
Various Office Supplies (Ink, Laminating etc..)	£92.09
Flyer Materials & Resources	£69.53
	<u>£1,628.71</u>
<u>Deficit for Year</u>	<u>-£793.06</u>
 <u>Balance sheet as at 05 April 2017</u>	
<u>Cash at Bank</u>	
Balance at 31 March 2016	£1,725.68
Less deficit for year	<u>-£793.06</u>
Balance as at 5 April 2017	<u>£932.62</u>
Approved	
_____ Chairman	_____ Treasurer

Dated _____

Report of the independent Examiner

I have examined the books and records of Uplawmoor Community Council for the year ended 05 April 2017.

In my opinion the accounts reflect the entries in the books and records and conform to the requirements of East Renfrewshire Council.

O A Evans - Examiner Dated _____
