

Uplawmoor Community Council

working for our village

Chair's End of Year Report – Uplawmoor Community Council – May 2026

Imagine the scene: a camera crew from BBC Alba rolls into our quiet wee village, setting up in the hall while locals queue up to have their say about planes roaring overhead. One minute we're a dot on the map, the next our fight against Glasgow Airport's airspace changes is on the evening news. That single visit gave our objection real clout and showed just how united this community can be when it matters. Special thanks to David and Clare for their on-camera cameos during the interview.

But here we are. Another year done, and somehow, we've squeezed more into it than you'd think possible for a wee village council with a handful of willing bodies.

We kicked things off with two brand new events that happened because people stepped up. First came the Summer Family Sports Day in August: mini-Olympics, an obstacle course that had everyone laughing, family rounders, a cracking tuck shop, and even a five-minute cameo from the sun. Folk turned out in force, new faces included, and the feedback was brilliant. Then in October we rebooted the Kids Halloween Cinema. It filled the Mure Hall with excited wee ones in fancy dress, popcorn flying and *Coco* lighting up the screen. Families stayed chatting long after the credits rolled. Both events proved what happens when the village gets behind an idea.

We also brought all the village groups together. We created a village calendar and directory, linking clubs, events and noticeboards so everyone knows what's on and how to get involved. It's helping strengthen the connections that keep Uplawmoor ticking nicely.

We didn't stop at fun and games. When Glasgow Airport's airspace changes consultation dropped, the village rallied like I've never seen. We pulled together a detailed objection, mapped the noise impacts, and launched a petition that gathered 324 signatures. Not bad for a place most maps forget exists. With BBC Alba's help shining a light on the issue, the story reached far beyond Uplawmoor.

On the practical side, we held six well attended community council meetings this year. We've kept in regular contact with the local Community Police Team, they attend when they can, send updates, and are always there to discuss any concerns. We chased East Renfrewshire Council to get the white lines redone at the school, worked with the school on road safety during drop off and pick up times, and helped get the path at the school park entrance sorted. We also got the park swings fixed when they broke, raised the need for path repairs in the glen after the fences came down in the storms, and flagged the overgrowth on Lochlibo Road to keep things safer for everyone.

We delivered the autumn newsletter and community directory to every single door, ran the village census with 81 responses (thank you), and pushed hard on the 20mph speed limit. East Renfrewshire Council listened and approved it.

After residents raised concerns, we attended the open day for the Glenouther Wind Turbine proposal and submitted a general concern letter to the consultants about potential noise and visual impact.

Behind the scenes, our social media kept the village in the loop with over 70 posts across the year on Facebook and beyond, making sure everyone stayed informed and engaged. A huge thanks to Lorraine Walker our head of social media making sure nothing slipped through the net.

None of this would have happened without a core group who gave far more than their fair share. Special thanks to Lorna Dempster, our secretary this year, for her efforts in getting the council back up and running properly again. To Kyle and Emma, our Masters of Coin, who kept the finances shipshape through all the changes. To our Vice Chair Rachael Stewart, who threw herself into everything with tireless energy, and to David, who was right there beside her from events to emails to chasing up every detail.

We're also grateful to Iain Lamb for his great work renovating the news board it makes a real difference in the village.

And to every volunteer who helped, turned up, baked, cheered, set up chairs, shared posts, or simply showed their support you made it all possible. We couldn't have done it without you. When people chip in, even in small ways, the whole village benefits.

So, there you have it. A year of fresh ideas that worked, stronger links between village groups, one noisy battle we're still fighting (with cameras rolling), and plenty of everyday improvements that make daily life in Uplawmoor that bit better. Not a bad return for a group that meets in the hall with a packet of digestives and a flask of tea.

This report will be presented at our meeting on Wednesday 20th at Mure Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped or turned up and made things happen. Roll on the next twelve months hopefully with a few more of you on board.

Cheers

Cormac,

Chair

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