

## **HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the 309th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chairperson  
Mr A Beck (AB)  
Mrs M Hodge (MH)  
Mr F Kirwan (FK)  
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)  
Mrs B Roberts (BR)  
Mrs R Wilson (RW)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillor J McMillan (JMc), Councillor B Small, PC L Bairden (LB), Councillor S Ahktar (SA), and Councillor T Trotter (TT), Mr D Smith

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as a true record subject to a correction to paragraph (2) under Matters Arising where the agreement had been made to contact Andrew McLellan. The lunch club will be contacted in due course once it is firmly established.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(1) Local Directories**

RW confirmed that the Local Directory is nearly complete. Once the outstanding issues have been address it will be circulated to all email contacts. It was agreed that a copy of the Directory should be send to the Area Partnership which has considered a similar exercise. .

Action RG and AB

#### **(2) Speed Reactive Signs**

AB reported that an additional NAL socket for Gifford Road entrance to East Saltoun would cost £368.43. This could be afforded from Local Priorities funds. He noted that no decision had been made regarding the rotating of the existing speed reactive sign which is sited outside the school. RW noted that the Saltoun Community Association is still discussing the matter with the PTA. In discussion it was noted that whilst the official advice is to rotate these signs, the one at East Saltoun is situated outside the school. It was noted that similar signs are situated permanently outside other schools in East Lothian. It was also agreed that using Local Priorities money for purchasing an additional sign might be appropriate. AB agreed to contact the Council to understand the rules in relation to schools and to ask Lilian Pryde to earmark the remainder of the Local Priorities money for a new Speed Reactive Sign.

Action AB

**Send Local Directory to Area Partnership – Action AB and RG**  
**Request new NAL socket for East Saltoun to be funded from Local Priorities – Action AB**

**Seek information about Speed Reactive Signs outside Schools – Action AB**  
**Reserve remainder of Local Priorities money for new Speed Reactive Sign – Action AB**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- There was no correspondence.

### **AREA PARTNERSHIP**

- (1) The next meeting of the Area Partnership will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. Papers for the meeting had been circulated and comments were requested. FK had already provided some comments which were duly noted. It was agreed that the secretary of the AP should be asked to put the papers on dropbox or the Council's website so as to minimise the need for large emails.

**Request to AP to circulate papers via website or dropbox - Action RG**

### **PLANNING**

- (1) A number of planning applications have been submitted for this area. Most are small and relate to matters such as replacement windows and were not considered.
- (2) It was noted that the Mansefield House application had been resubmitted as one application (previously two) and seeks planning permission for the creation of a bunkhouse and a change of use. It was noted that this application is likely to be contentious and a number of questions raised previously by the community have not been addressed. In particular, whilst the application notes that training events will be held at the property, it does not clarify whether these are to take place or what these might entail. It also notes that a number of events will be held, but gives no explanation as to how many or to what these might relate. It was agreed that a letter of objection should be sent to the council covering: access issues, lack of sewerage, lack of detail, no description of the public benefit this might provide and what would happen when the property is sold. AB, FK and MH would draft the letter. .

**Draft letter of objection – Action AB, FK and MH**

### **TRANSPORT**

#### **(1) Parking petition**

It was noted that a Transport Strategy had been published by the Council although it did not give any details about parking proposals for Haddington. SJ had obtained copies of the petition and circulated them. It was agreed that it was important to write to all four Councillors to stress the importance of appropriate parking within the town of Haddington for rural communities. It was agreed that this letter should be prepared once the detailed plans are known.

#### **(2) Ironman**

It was confirmed that Richard Pearson from Ironman would attend the next community council meeting in April. It was agreed that he should be given 15 minutes for a presentation and then there would be a question and answer session. It was agreed that meeting should be held in East Saltoun given the impact of the race of

the village and so that residents can attend. RW agreed to book the Fletcher Hall. SJ agreed to contact Ironman to confirm the arrangements. It was agreed that communities should be notified of the event.

Action All

- (3) It was also noted that the previous Ironman event had been supported financially by East Lothian Council. Despite many requests, the amount of grant given has not been confirmed. SJ agreed to ask JMcM.

Action SJ

(4) **Gifford Road Race**

It was noted that Edinburgh Road Cyclists (ERC) had, after numerous requested, contacted SJ on 1 March to inform us that a road race is due to be held on 10 March 2018. On 6<sup>th</sup> March it was confirmed that there would be rolling road closures in the direction of travel to ensure that safety of riders. They had confirmed that the morning race would consist of 5 loops of the Bolton, Gifford circuit and 8 loops in the afternoon. It was agreed that communication was poor and advance contact should have been made by ERC. Contact has been made with Gifford Community Council and feedback on the race will be provided.

**Confirmation of venue and timings to be provided to Ironman – Action SJ**  
**Fletcher Hall to be booked for next meeting – Action RW**  
**Communities to be invited to next CC meeting – Action ALL**  
**Grant provided to Ironman by ELC to be sought – Action SJ**

## **FINANCE**

A note was circulated to groups operating within the area to note that funds are available to support small community projects. No further responses had been received other than that from East Saltoun church. It was agreed that £369 should be allocated to the additional NAL socket leaving £2,300 in the Local Priorities budget. It was noted that additional hire fees would be paid to the Fletcher Hall for the March meeting.

## **POLICING**

(1) **Police Report**

- The police report was provided. It was noted that the public should be reminded about the need to keep dogs on leads whilst near livestock following a number of incidents.

(2) **CAPP Priorities**

A meeting was due the following Monday.

**Attend next CAPP meeting – Action SJ**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(1) **Association of East Lothian Community Councils**

A meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February at which Angela Leitch (CEO of East Lothian Council) and Cllr Hampshire had attended and provided a presentation on the roles of Community Councils. They had reflected on their engagement with Community Council and the importance of those relationships. The chair the AELCC had noted

that she was resigning as she is no longer a Community Councillor. Nominations for a new chair are sought.

(2) **Resilience email from Sandy Baptie**

Sandy Baptie, Resilience officer at ELC, has asked to attend meetings of each Community Council in light of recent weather events. It was agreed that he would be welcome whenever it suited him.

(3) **Road Works**

It was noted that the Humbie to Fala road will be closed for 4 weeks from 12<sup>th</sup> March for road repairs. It is hoped that ELC will repair the section in East Lothian.

(4) **Area Partnership**

AB confirmed that he had received plans from ELC regarding additional parking places at Humbie. It was agreed that the plans and preliminary request for funding should be submitted to the Area Partnership to be funded from the AP's Roads budget.

Action AB

**Propose Humbie Parking for Area Partnership Roads Budget - Action AB**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Fletcher Hall, EAST SALTOUN at 7.30 p.m.