

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 311th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 6th June 2018 in Humbie Hub, Humbie 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mr A Beck (AB)
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)
PC L Bairden (LB)
Mr S Baptie (SB), Emergency Planning, Risk and Resilience Manager,

ELC

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs R Wilson, Cllr T Trotter, Cllr J McMillan, Cllr B Small

Resilience Presentation

Sandy Baptie (SB) was welcomed to the meeting. He noted that his job was to assess the resilience risks and to ensure that the ELC was prepared to respond to these. The main focus of ELC's plans centre around Torness and severe weather.

As part of this work, SB is taking forward the Resilient Communities Initiatives. This initiative was launched following the severe weather in winter 2009/10. As part of this initiative, SB has been establishing good working relationships with communities, sending out emails with weather warnings, assisting Communities where there are utility failures and ensuring the Community Councils have suitable insurance.

More recently, he has renewed efforts to contact Community Councils and to ensure that Resilience plans are in place. He noted that many Communities had put plans in place and commended that for North Berwick which had been invoked during the "Beast from the East".

SB questioned whether this Community Council wished to create a Resilience Plan. This might cover identifying vulnerable people, provide appropriate contact points, responses in the event of a utility failure, identifying single points of contact. SB noted that ELC now has 2 staff which will liaise with Community Councils in the event of an emergency. They are also key contact points for requesting assistance such as sandbags or salt. SB requested that contact points (name, telephone and email) plus deputy be provided for each village.

SB noted that a Resilience Workshop would be held at the Brunton on Saturday 27th October 2018 from 9am until midday. He invited members of the Community Council to attend. He also noted that a Rest Centre Exercise would be held at the Corn Exchange in Haddington on Tuesday 26th June and requested that volunteers attend.

In discussion, it was noted that it was important to remind communities that vulnerable people should register with utilities. DS asked whether additional shovels could be provided to

communities. MH noted that in the recent “Beast from the East” there had been many different snowplough drivers who didn’t seem to know which roads to clear or from which direction to clear them. She noted that this meant that many got stuck. The safety of events were also raised. SB noted that the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) had been created to assess each event and ensure that appropriate safety measures are implemented.

SB was thanked for his attendance. The chair agreed to provide SB with names for the Single Points of Contact for each village and to confirm the attendees for the event to be held at the Brunton in October.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as a true record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

MATTERS ARISING

(1) Speed Reactive Signs

AB reported he had been in contact with Alan Stubbs. A meeting would be arranged with the Headteacher, RW and DS to discuss the need for a permanent Speed Reactive Sign outside the school in East Saltoun. SA requested the costings for the new sign. AB agreed to provide this.

**Arrange meeting about Speed Reactive Signs outside Schools – Action RW and DS
Costings to be provided to SA – Action AB**

(2) Drains in West Saltoun

DS reported that blockage in the drain had now been found and the drain had been cleaned. It is hoped that the flooding problems are now resolved. DS had thanked Calum Redpath for his efforts.

(3) Windymains Lorries

DS reported that a letter had been sent to Windymains to report that lorries were driving through unsuitable roads through the village of West Saltoun. However lorries continue to take this route. It was suggested that contact should be made with Alan Stubbs to ask for a sign to be erected at the end of the road. LB would review the route and requested that she be provided with a map.

Map to be provided to LB – Action DS

(4) Website

It was noted that RW had agreed to develop a website. A budget of £150 had been agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- RG circulated a letter from Martin Whitfield MP which provides new surgery times. Copies would be made to put on noticeboards.

PLANNING

- (1) AB confirmed that he had contacted Derek Oliver – Environmental Health Officer at ELC. It had been confirmed that Leaston House could hold events on up to 28 days of

the year without the need for planning permission. It had been confirmed that no permissions had been sought by Leaston House.

- (3) RG confirmed that she had attended the meeting of the Association of East Lothian Community Councils on 14 May. At that meeting Ralph Averbuch had been elected as Chair. It had been agreed that the chair would be a 6 month appointment and would be rotated around the 20 Chairs of the East Lothian Community Councils. Meetings would be arranged in due course to discuss specific issues.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- (1) BR reported that all applications for funding had been approved. £5,000 remains in the General Budget, £16,500 in the Education budget and £0 in the Roads Budget for 2017-18.
- (2) The Area Locality Plan had been discussed as have the Community Shelter for Haddington.

TRANSPORT

(1) Cycle races

DS reported that he had had a positive meeting with Derek Oliver and the police regarding cycle races. At that meeting they had discussed the Ironman race and had noted that:

- Maps circulated and on the website were not up to date and did not show the crossing points correctly;
- The maps had not been delivered to a number of households in the Saltoun area.
- Messages relating to Humbie are incorrect;
- The route should be revisited for future years to ensure that the Gifford and Saltouns are not on outward and return legs of the race. The closures are too long
- Communication needs to be improved and needs to occur much earlier.
- Discussions had been held as to how to get customers staying at the Goblin Ha and Tweeddale Hotel could get out.
- It was important to get feedback from communities after the event has been held.

In discussion it was noted that Ironman did not appear to have delivered on the promises made at the previous meeting or to appreciate the impact of the race on local communities or businesses. It was agreed that feedback should be sought.

Feedback from Ironman event to be sought – Action All

FINANCE

AB confirmed that the accounts had been audited. There had been a surplus on the administration budget arising from Marion's resignation. There was now some £6,500 at 31 March 2018.

POLICING

(1) Police Report

LB noted that PC Lynn Black had moved to another job and would be replaced in due course. She also confirmed that she had run a course for drivers about horse riders called "lose the blinkers" and asked whether a similar course for cyclists/motorist might be helpful. It was

agreed that this would be helpful given the increasing numbers of cycle events and practice events in the area.

LB noted the incidents that had occurred in the area in the last month. In particular she noted that there had been reports of boy racers in Whiteadder and the Saltouns. She requested that Community help identify these racers by sending her the date, time and car registration where racing cars were noted through any of the villages.

LB also noted that there had been several flying tipping incidents including tyres at Juniper Lee, rubble at Kirklands and rubble as East mains.

(2) **CAPP Priorities**

CAPP priorities had been set and include the playing fields in Haddington, complaints about motor bikes in Gifford and Speeding on the West Road in Haddington.

In discussion, FK noted that there is a Catering van parked on the road linking the A68 and the A7 at Tynehead. He noted that the van was parked in a dangerous place and had no reflectors. LB would investigate.

Attend next CAPP meeting – Action SJ

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) **Humbie Parking**

It had been confirmed that the Council would fund this from its Roads Budget. Agreement had been reached with the landowner to transfer the land to the Council. Construction is expected in August.

(2) **Stobshiel Planning Application**

AB reported that the application for Stobshiel chalets and Hydro plants was due to be considered by the planning committee in June. This application had been under consideration for some 26 months. The Community Council would be represented at the meeting. All we asked to consider the planning application and to provide any final views.

View to be provided on Stobshiel Planning Application – Action ALL

(3) **Stobshiel Bridge**

Sarah Ward from East Lothian Council had confirmed that the Stobshiel Bridge would be mended in June. AB agreed to find more details.

More details to be sought on Bridge – Action AB

(4) **Humbie Playpark**

AB noted that the playpark renovations would be completed by the end of June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th September 2018 in the Bolton Village Hall, BOLTON at 7.00 p.m.