

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 319th MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 3rd April 2019 in Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr A Beck (AB)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Mrs R Wilson (RW), Cllr J McMillan (JMc) and Cllr T Trotter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- The Minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as a true record subject to an amendment under the items “Consultations” to confirm that SJ had noted that the meeting was disappointing as the consultation merely reiterated the points that had been raised previously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None declared.

MATTERS ARISING

(1) Speed Reactive Sign, East Saltoun

A meeting had been due to be held on Monday 11th March with JMcM, ELC Road Services and others. However, DS had not been notified of the meeting time or venue. The meeting is to be rearranged. DS will report back.

Report back on outcome of meeting - Action: DS

(2) 30 mph speed limit through Humble

A meeting was held on Monday 11th March to discuss this. AB and FK noted that some progress had been made:

- A report from external consultants on the engineering arrangements that could be implemented to reduce speed will be commissioned;
- A copy of the Council’s speed assessment will be provided
- A legal opinion is being sought to understand whether a lower 30mph limit can be enforced when the limit would be contrary to ELC policy on speed limits;
- Speed monitoring strips were installed for a week (report awaited); and
- The police have visited the village to carry out speed checks and installed speed strips;

(3) Letter regarding Nursery Closure

A letter had been received from Angela Leitch, CEO, to clarify the arrangements for the nursery which confirmed that the nursery is closed temporarily given the lack of pre-school children but will reopen once there is demand.

(4) **Graveyards**

This action is to be carried forward.

Contact S Pryde on policy regarding plaques on graveyard walls – Action MH

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter had been received from the Musselburgh Cycle Club advising the Community of a cycle race on 11th May 2019. This race will pass through Humbie, Bolton Cross Roads, East Saltoun and West Saltoun.

RESILIENCE PLANS

- (1) BR noted that she and RG had reviewed the Resilience Plan prepared by the Garvald and Morham Community Council and that prepared by the Bolton Steading Residents Association. These had been combined to create one for Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton areas. It was suggested that one plan should be created by the Community Council with specific annexes for each village. Draft plans were circulated.
- (2) In discussion, it was agreed that the draft should be updated to include matters relating to Insurance, how East Lothian Council intends to sign these off and a definition of “likelihood”.
- (3) DS noted that he had prepared one for West Saltoun based on the Morham draft which was out for consultation in the village. He agreed that this should be integrated into the single plan. So far, DS had received comments about arrangements for holding spare keys.
- (4) It was agreed that BR would circulate an electronic copy for comment. BR would collate any comments and bring the draft back to the next meeting. Thereafter it would be submitted to ELC. Meantime, RG would contact Kevin Sewell for a definition of “an emergency” that would be covered by the insurance, check who are the nominated contacts for the CC, and whether there is a generic email box at ELC for emergency events that CCs should use.

Resilience Plan to be updated – Action BR
Questions to be raised with Kevin Sewell – Action RG

EVENTS

- (1) **Humbie MX Track** - It was noted that an application for a public entertainment licence had been submitted on 28th March for the event on 12th May. Local residents have 28 days to respond to the licence request. It was unclear where the application could be viewed or to whom comments/objections should be sent.
- (2) **Cycle Race** – The Gifford race had been cancelled owing to inclement weather.

PLANNING

- (1) 2 applications had been submitted for the CC area including one at Howden for the installation of a biomass boiler and another at Bankrugg for a house extension. No interest in either application had been received.

AELCC

- (1) RG and SJ had attended the last meeting of the AELCC to mark Lilian Pryde's retirement. The meeting had covered a number of other issues including:
- The AELCC is seeking a secretary. This position would be paid and expenses would be covered. Applications are to be sent to Ralph Averbuch.
 - Sharon Saunders and Caitlin McRory explained the arrangements for covering Lilian's work in the future. Sharon confirmed that her work is likely to be divided amongst a few departments. The arrangements had yet to be confirmed as a consequence of the service reviews. She noted that all enquiries from CCs should be directed to the EastLothianCommunityCouncils@Eastlothian.gov.uk email box until the arrangements had been confirmed.
 - Sharon noted that numerous emails were sent out to CCs and asked whether these should be contained in a monthly newsletter. It was agreed that the current arrangements should continue to avoid delays in responses.
 - Local Priorities money has been preserved at the same levels as 2018/19 despite cuts in Council funding. This would be transferred, together with administration budgets, to CC bank accounts. CC would be responsible for paying all costs including insurance.
 - The Green book would be updated. Sharon suggested that it would be appropriate to set up a working group.
 - Sharon and/or Cait would attend all AELCC meetings.
 - It was confirmed that the Civic Pride fund had been discontinued.
 - No further information had been received regarding the planning portal. The chair would send a reminder.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- The next meeting is to be held on 25 April. MH agreed to attend.

Attend AP meeting – Action MH

TRANSPORT

- (1) SJ confirmed that a Bus Forum is to be held on 26th April. She would attend. She noted that the Humble Bus service was coming up for review. She noted that there had been some discussions about a connection to the doctor's surgery at Pathhead. A request was made that the Community should be consulted on any new route.

FINANCE

- (1) AB had circulated an email setting out the financial position. He confirmed that there was some £10,000 in the Community Council account. There was a surplus in the admin account as the CC had no secretary. It was agreed that the position should be re-advertised.

Position of secretary to be advertised – Action All.

- (2) SJ made a request, on behalf of the Bolton Community Association for a grant to cover legal fees of £726 to transfer the Village Hall to the newly formed Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The SCIO was being created to the new format following a recommendation by OSCR and to ensure that the liabilities do not sit solely with the three Trustees. SJ confirmed that a meeting would be held on Sunday 7th April to obtain the final sign-off from the community to transferring all assets to the new SCIO. It was clarified that the money awarded previously by the CC was for the upgrade to the hall. Roughly half had been spent on Architect's fees. The

remainder would be spent on further plans and a building warrant. The upgrade was on hold whilst the SCIO was being formed and the assets transferred. RG, BR and SJ noted that they had a conflict interest and would therefore not vote on the proposal. The proposal was agreed by the remaining attendees. Payment would be made once the costs had been incurred.

POLICING

(1) **Police Report**

Police report had been received from PC Charlie Duncan. There were no incidents of any note.

(2) **CAPP Priorities**

SJ confirmed that the CAPP priorities remained unchanged with speed checks in Bolton, Humbie and East Saltoun; and patrols in Haddington for antisocial behaviour. The next meeting would be on the 15th April. SJ would attend.

Attend next CAPP meeting – Action SJ

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) **Bolton Muir Woods**

SJ reported that Woodlands UK had bought the woods and was selling plots under specific covenants. 2 plots had been sold. SJ had spoken to the manager and should the CC wish a presentation on Woodlands UK's activities, he would be happy to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 1st May 2019 in HUMBIE at 7.30 p.m. The venue will be confirmed.