

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

MINUTES of the 318th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 6th March 2019 in Bolton Village Hall, Bolton 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) – left after Resilience discussion  
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)  
Mr F Kirwan (FK)  
PC C Duncan (CD)  
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)  
Mr K Sewell (KS)

**WELCOME**

- PC Charlie Duncan (Police) and Mr Kevin Sewell (East Lothian Council) were welcomed to the meeting. CD noted that Lorna Bairden had moved to a new post. A new person will be appointed, but meantime, CD should be the point of contact.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Apologies were received from Mrs R Wilson (RW), Cllr J McMillan (JMc) and Cllr T Trotter. It was noted that Cllr Brian Small had tendered his resignation as a Councillor. It was agreed that RG should write a note of thanks on behalf of the Community Council.

**Write to Brian Small - Action RG**

**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 Sign, East Saltoun**

AB had written to Allan Stubbs at Road Services to request that the Speed Reactive Sign be moved to the Petersmuir Road.

A meeting is due to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March with JMcM, Allan Stubbs from ELC Road Services. This will discuss what signs are appropriate for East Saltoun and issues relating to timber trucks travelling on the B6371.

DS to report back.

**Report back on outcome of meeting - Action: DS**

**(2) 30 mph speed limit through Humbie**

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this. AB, FK and MH will attend and agreed to report back.

**Report back on meeting - Action Humbie councillors**

- (3) **123 Bus**  
RW had provided a written contribution and noted from personal experience that the 123 was now some 10 minutes late and, as a consequence, connections to the 113 in Pencaitland were precarious. DS noted that the road closure was due to be lifted this weekend.
- (4) **AELCC meeting**  
SJ had attended the AELCC meeting with the police and social workers about the sex offenders register. She noted that it had been an extremely worthwhile meeting and had been well summarised in the email produced by the Chair of the AELCC and circulated to all Community Councillors. She confirmed that any sex offender is monitored very carefully by responsible agencies.

### **SAG GROUP**

- (1) **Humbie MX Track**  
KS confirmed that he was aware of the event that had been held two weekends ago and had spoken to the organiser and owner of the land. He explained that this had been a practice event and should have been licensed by the police, but wasn't. KS explained that any major event which is advertised and for which there an entry fee is paid requires a licence. KS explained the requirements including the fact that the 28 days includes practice and set up days. The Licensing process requires that neighbours are notified. The next event is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> May and will start at 6am. A licence takes at least 28 days to be granted by the Licensing Committee. The Committee is due to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> May. (Subsequent to the meeting, KS confirmed that he will notify AB when a licence application is received.)
- (2) **Cycling Events**  
KS confirmed that the Council is informed of every cycle event. Whilst there are not many organised events, KS appreciated that there are numerous informal practice days which are not subject to the SAG oversight. He confirmed that he met recently with the event organisers to set out what is expected. He requested that if there is an incident or any issue of local concern that he should be informed.
- (3) **Resilience/Resilient Communities**  
KS confirmed that he is the ELC's resilience officer. Out of the 20 Community Councils, 17 have prepared/are preparing resilience plans. He noted that this CC had yet to confirm whether it would prepare a plan even though Single Points of Contact (SPOC) had been notified. He noted that a resilience plan should include risks associated with power failures, floods, cold weather etc. Where a CC has a formal plan, those taking part in any emergency would be covered by the CC's insurance provided confirm to the CC that they are acting on their behalf and wear a high viz jacket. The Council will provide the jackets.

In discussion, it was confirmed that four plans covering each of the villages would be appropriate. KS would circulate plans submitted by other CCs to clarify what is required.

**Provide copy of plan from another CC – Action KS**  
**Consider preparing a resilience plan – Action All**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing of note had been received.

## **PLANNING**

- (1) AB noted that there were two planning applications – one for a new shed at Upper Bolton and a house extension in East Saltoun. Neither application appears to be of concern to communities.

## **AELCC**

- (1) The AELCC is arranging a meeting to mark Lilian's retirement. This will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. This will also clarify the arrangements once Lilian has left. SJ and RG agreed to attend.

**Attend next AELCC meeting – Action RG and SJ**

## **AREA PARTNERSHIP**

- No one had been able to attend the meeting. SA confirmed that all funding proposals had been agreed.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

- SJ attended the meeting with Brett Associates to discuss future traffic challenges in East Lothian. She noted that the meeting had been extremely disappointing as it was clear that the consultants were not considering transport in rural areas. It was agreed a response to the consultation would be sent. RG would do this.

**Send response to traffic consultation- Action RG**

## **FINANCE**

- (1) AB had circulated an email setting out the position regarding the carry forward from last year. He confirmed that there was £8250 in the Community Council account. He noted that the Knitting Club had raised £1200 towards the costs of a defibrillator for East Saltoun but still required £800. It was agreed that £100 should be contributed towards the project. It was understood that the defibrillator would be installed at the garage.

## **POLICING**

### **(1) Police Report**

PC Charlie Duncan presented the police report. He noted that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March there had been reports of fire-raising in East Saltoun. However the location was not clear. There was a break-in at Humble Hub on 24<sup>th</sup> February by 5 males from which a significant sum of money was stolen. The car used for the break-in was found later in Millerhill. A significant enquiry has been launched by the police. AB thanked the police for their swift response. A burnt-out car had been found at Little Pilmuir on 15 February. This was confirmed to be car stolen from Edinburgh the previous day. On 20 February, a trailer was stolen from East Saltoun.

(2) **CAPP Priorities**

CD 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 15<sup>th</sup> March. SJ would attend.

**Attend next CAPP meeting – Action SJ**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(1) **Humbie Primary School**

AB reported that despite two letters, the parent council had not made much progress. The CEO had written to clarify that the nursery would be “suspended” and that the email from the headteacher would not be retracted. The Parent Council is still awaiting a response to a second letter sent requesting information about the closure of the nursery and it was agreed that it was unnecessary for the CC to write to the Council at this time. The CC made clear to SA, Chair of the Education Committee that we consider both the initial email sent to parents and the Chief Executive’s response to the Parent Council as wholly unprofessional and that Humbie parents, the Parent Council and the wider Humbie community should have been given prior notice of the intention to suspend the nursery class. It was noted with surprise that no report had been presented to the Council’s Education Committee noting the suspension. It was agreed that a letter giving an unequivocal statement that the nursery had not been closed was required. SA undertook to take this forward.

**Unequivocal statement that Nursery is not closed – Action SA**

(2) **Headteacher for East Saltoun and Humbie Primaries**

SA confirmed that the advert for a new headteacher had been issued.

(3) **Graveyards**

MH noted that the Humbie and Bolton graveyards are full. As a consequence, families had asked if they could erect plaques on the wall. MH noted that the graveyards are managed by the Council and wanted to know what the policy was. It was clarified that she should contact Stuart Pryde.

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

(4) **CC elections**

AB confirmed that next elections would be in October 2020.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 in Fletcher Hall, EAST SALTOUN at 7.30 p.m.