

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 320th MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 2nd May 2019 in the Kirk Stables in Humble at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr A Beck (AB)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
R Wilson (RW)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Cllr S Ahktar (SA), Mrs B Roberts (BR) and Cllr T Trotter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS 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

The meeting due to be held on Monday 11th March with JMcM, ELC Road Services and others has yet to be rearranged. RW and DS confirmed that there is no appetite for more signage in and around the village. It was agreed that the meeting should proceed and DS will report back.

Report back on outcome of meeting - Action: DS

(2) 30 mph speed limit through Humble

JMc would follow up the meeting with Peter Forsyth from Road Services. He noted that he had held a meeting at which Speed Reactive Signs had been discussed. He noted that there were no objections to rotating these around the villages and speed signs are preferable to speed bumps.

(4) Graveyards

MH had contacted ELC and has been promised their written policy on plaques in graveyards. Once received, she would provide a summary. It was noted that this policy would apply to Bolton and East Saltoun graveyards.

Summary on policy regarding plaques on graveyard walls – Action MH

(5) Position of secretary

The advert for the secretary to the Community Council had been recirculated.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) There was none.

RESILIENCE PLANS

- (1) It was agreed that, owing to other pressures, the resilience plan should be finalised at September's meeting.
- (2) RG noted that she had contacted Kevin Sewell and had confirmed that:
- one plan should be submitted for the Community Council
 - names for Single Points of Contact needed to be provided for each village. Preferably this should be someone who was likely to spend most of their time in the village.
 - During an emergency situation, the contact centre should be contacted: Tel 01620 827827. They would then contact the resilience team. A direct number would be provided to the community council where an Emergency Communications Centre is set up.
 - rural crime – we should seek information from the police.

Resilience Plan to be updated – Action BR

EVENTS

- (1) **Humbie MX Track** – AB reported that he had attended the meeting with neighbours. Most of those who attended came from Bughtknowe and Ewingston. The applicant explained the position, gave those present a tour of the facilities and explained the arrangements for catering, access, safety etc. AB noted that since the meeting, he had received a copy of the application for a Public Entertainment Licence. He noted that the licence application was for three years, not just a single event as has been anticipated following discussions with the Council. It confirms the 8 dates plus 4 unconfirmed dates for 2019. AB confirmed that the CC had submitted a written objection to the licence application.

The licence application will be discussed by the Licensing Sub-committee on Thursday 9th May. Papers are expected and amount to 70 pages. The Community Council will have 5 minutes to present its positions. [This information was subsequently confirmed to be incorrect. The papers were not circulated and the CC could only attend if the Committee consented.]

AB and FK confirmed that neighbours' greatest concern is the noise. It was noted that, at the CC meeting in March, it was clear that the licence would cover a single event and that this would be the mechanism for controlling noise levels. The realisation that this was for 3 years and would cover yet to be agreed events, was a surprise. Furthermore there seem to be no recognition of noise monitoring made at previous events which had confirmed that these were over the legal limits.

It was agreed that an official complaint should be made to the Council about the contradictory messages and guidance that had been given about how public events such as an MX track are agreed and regulated.

Letter of complaint to be drafted – Action FK and AB
Attend Sub-Committee – Action AB

- (2) **Cycle Race** – The Musselburgh Cycling Club has arranged an event on 11th May. This will pass through Humbie, Bolton Crossroads, East Saltoun and West Saltoun.

PLANNING

- (1) 1 application had been submitted for the CC area. No interest in the application had been received.

AELCC

- (1) No meeting had been held.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- (1) MH attended the meeting of the Area Partnership held on the 25th April and noted that a number of applications for funding had been considered including ones for families with pre-school children that need additional support and lighting in Haddington. The AP had discussed dog-fouling and the Green Dog Campaign in Pencaitland that is seeking to ensure that owners of dogs are more vigilant about picking up dog poo. A request for further projects particularly in relation to inclusivity were encouraged. The next meeting is on the 20th June 2019. MH noted that she would not be able to attend.

TRANSPORT

- (1) SJ attended the Bus Forum on 26th April. She noted that the Forum had discussed the service to Tranent. The Humbie bus had been discussed and it was suggested that it should be replaced with a 6 seater taxi given the levels of use. She confirmed that consideration was being given to a bus that would connect Pathhead, Humbie and Tranent. Shena noted that ELC Transport Manager, Andrew McLellan would be happy to come to a CC meeting to explain the possibilities.
- (2) SJ noted that the Gifford circle would be retendered in 2020-21. Ahead of the retendering, ELC wish to understand how the bus is being used and whether it could be improved. It would be issuing a questionnaire to communities. SJ would circulate the draft questionnaire for comment. Comments are required by 20th May.
- (3) JMc confirmed that at a recent East Coast bus open day he had reinforced the need for buses in rural areas and extensions to services such as the 113.

Draft questionnaire on 123 bus to be circulated for comment – Action SJ

FINANCE

- (1) AB noted that the CC had been completed, audited and submitted to ELC. This CC was the first to do so for 2018-19. AB noted that there remain substantial sums available to support local projects.
- (2) RW noted that extra costs would be incurred in repairing the bench in Saltoun. It was agreed that these should be funded. RW should submit receipts.
- (3) AB noted that £100 have been given towards the costs of a defibrillator in East Saltoun. RW noted that the location was still under discussion. The community had expressed an interest to place the defibrillator in the phone box. It was noted that the phone was still in operation, although the Community might want to speak to BT.

- (4) On the Fletcher Hall upgrade, RW noted that recent cost estimates suggest that £1m is needed. The ELC has committed £400,000 towards the cost of the project.

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 27th May. SJ would attend.
Attend next CAPP meeting – Action SJ

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) **Hustings**
A hustings would be held in Humbie Village Hall on 6th May at which all 5 candidates will be present. All were encouraged to attend. So far, some 50 people had signed up on Eventbrite.
- (2) **Speed Reactive Sign**
The Area Partnership had emailed to confirm which SRS should be moved and where to. It was noted that it was proposed that the SRS at West Saltoun would be moved to Stenton. It was noted that whilst the SRS had been funded by the AP, Stenton was not in the H&L AP area. RG would email to note the fact.
Contact AP about West Saltoun SRS – Action RG
- (3) **Headteacher**
JMc reported that the 2 candidates interviewed but no appointment has been made. The position has been re-advertised with a closing date of 20th May.
- (4) **Estate Inspection**
JMc reported that the Council be inspecting the state of council houses, parks, gardens etc in East Saltoun. A report would follow.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th June 2019 in BOLTON VILLAGE HALL, BOLTON at 7.30 p.m.