# HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 322nd MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 4th September 2019 in Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT** Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair

Mrs M Hodge (MH)

Mr D Smith (DS)

Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)

Mr F Kirwan (FK)

Mrs B Roberts (BR)

Mrs R Wilson (RW)

PC C Duncan (CD)

PC C Boyd (CB)

Cllr J McMillan (JMc)

Cllr C Hoy (CH)

Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

* PC Colin Boyd was welcomed to the meeting. He is the new community policeman for the area and will be working with PC Charlie Duncan.
* Apologies were received from Mr A Beck (AB), Mrs S Jamieson (SJ) and Cllr T Trotter.
* Mr G Rapson was welcomed as an observer to the meeting.

# 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) **30 mph speed limit through Humbie**

FK confirmed that a speed assessment had not yet been received from the Council despite the commitments made at the meeting held. He noted that nothing has been received to date which justifies the 40 mph limit. FK reported that we would be writing to the Ombudsman.

**Update on complaint to Ombudsman – Action FK**

(2) **Graveyards**

It was noted that the Graveyard wall at Humbie has collapsed. MH noted that she was trying to find out who owns the wall – the church or the Council - to arrange repairs. Head office of the Church of Scotland had confirmed that it is not the church’s responsibility. MH was seeking confirmation from ELC. CH agreed to pursue this further with Council officers.

**Confirmation of ownership of Graveyard wall – Action CH**

(3) **Headteacher for Humbie and East Saltoun**

JMc noted that Kevin McKenzie had been appointed as headteacher. He would take up his appointment once a replacement has been found for his position at Aberlady.

(4) **Cycling – contact with MCC**

MH confirmed that she had received no reply from the MCC contact about the incident on 11th May. JMc advised that the CC should send a letter to the Access Forum should no reply be forthcoming.

**Update on MCC response – Action MH**

**(5) Noise Assessment for MX Track**

It was noted that the Licensing committee had refused a licence for an event to be held in early September on the grounds that as the full permission had been refused on the grounds of noise nuisance and therefore so should applications for occasional events. However, the Council had agreed to work with the owner on a practice day to record noise levels and therefore to determine the levels of nuisance to neighbouring properties. It is likely that this will occur in October. The Council had also asked the applicant for a safety plan.

**Update on MX Track – Action JMc**

(6) **Street lighting in Bolton Steading**

There was no update but SA confirmed that she would pursue.

**POLICING**

(1) It was agreed that the police report should be taken as the next item to allow Colin and Charlie to leave the meeting early.

(2) CD confirmed that the CAPP priorities are speeding through the villages. He noted that the cardboard cut-outs are £470 plus VAT for two. It was agreed that a proposal should be made to the Area Partnership to purchase these on the basis that these would be held by the police and shared amongst the communities. Cllr Hoy agreed to raise this at the AP.

**Raise purchase of Cut-outs with AP – Action CH**

(3) BR noted that antisocial behaviour continued in Bolton Steading. CD noted that not many calls had been received. He reminded that residents must report incidents to Crimestoppers or to the community police email address. Unless these are reported, action can not be taken.

**Reminder to residents to report incidents – Action BR**

(4) CB noted that hare coursing continued to be reported in Humbie and Gifford. He noted that reports should be made to 101 if hare coursing is noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) Correspondence had been received and was circulated.

**RESILIENCE PLANS**

(1) The completed resilience plan was presented by BR. It was agreed that it should be sent to Sandy Baptie. Annexes for each of the villages needed to be appended. It was suggested that grid references should be added as this would be helpful in an emergency.

**Resilience Plan to be sent to Sandy Baptie – Action BR and RG**

**EVENTS**

(1) **Humbie MX Track** – as above

(2) Cycling -RG reminded everyone that there is a Poppy Scotland sportive on Sunday 29th September.

**PLANNING**

(1) No new planning applications had been submitted.

**AELCC**

(1) It was noted that no one could attend the AELCC meeting as it coincided with the CC meeting. The Chair would circulate the minutes.

**AREA PARTNERSHIP**

1. MH attended the meeting and reported:
   1. Dog Poo – it is not illegal to take dogs into public places. Dog wardens are keen to know if there are dog poo problems. Dog poo should be placed in any bin except red ones.
   2. The roads budget of £50k was unspent and proposals were requested.
   3. Trees overhanging roads would be trimmed.
   4. AP agreed to fund school cycle proficiency programme
   5. AP agreed to fund a defibrillators at the community kitchen at the Bowling club.
   6. Artpoint had asked for £5,200 for a play map for Gifford and Garvald. The AP requested that evidence of the success (or otherwise) of the Haddington Artmap be provided. It was agreed that the application should be resubmitted with more information.
   7. St Mary’s STEM proposals – schools working with business on science and maths projects were agreed.
   8. Wave project funding was agreed. This is a national scheme which takes 12 students recommended by schools to address mental health issues.
   9. The Towncentre subgroup had reported that it is looking at ways to promote Haddington including a newsletter.
   10. In terms of budgets, there remains £100,000 for Amenities and £62,500 for education.
   11. Holiday hunger was discussed and ways to address this
   12. There is to be a meeting of the Rural Forum on 4th October at Queen Margaret Uni. All are invited.
   13. 7 Knox Academy students are doing DOE and asked for £500 to pay for expedition costs. This was agreed subject to the students contributing time to the community.

**CONSULTATIONS**

(1) It was noted that there are a number of consultations in hand by the Council including one on Climate Change, catchment areas/learning estate strategy. Members were encouraged to respond.

**FLETCHER HALL**

(1) RW reported that the Saltoun Community Association would be meeting the CEO of ELC in October to discuss the future of the hall. She noted that a business plan was submitted last September and that the SCA had not received any response to it. She noted that costs had spiralled and that the community was now expected to find over £1million. The additional costs had arisen from requirements for school use. In discussion, JMc and SA requested that Councillors be copied into any correspondence with ELC to ensure that they were aware of the developing situation. RW would report back at the next meeting.

**Update on Fletcher Hall – Action RW**

**TRANSPORT**

(1) JMc noted that plans are progressing for parking on Whittinghame Drive in Haddington. This will have EV charging points.

(2) The bus service from East Saltoun to Tranent was discussed. It was noted that meetings had been held to discuss extending the 113 service to East Saltoun. It was agreed that this was feasible. Questions were raised about the additional costs, usage and timetabling. It was noted that routes in this area are heavily subsidised. JMc noted that the bus forum would be discussing bus routes. He also noted that routes were due to retendered.

**FINANCE**

(1) AB had provided a note on the current financial position. He noted that after commitments (ES bench, ES defib, Bolton legal and ES floodlighting) there was £9,204. RW confirmed that she had completed the bench and had receipts. RG had submitted receipts for Bolton SCIO legal costs.

(2) AB noted that he had received a request from East Saltoun Church for a contribution of £1,320 towards the costs of repairing the floodlights on the church. This request was agreed. RG would ask AB to confirm this with the church.

**Confirm grant – Action AB**

(3) RW noted that she had received a request for a replacement bench for the Petersmuir crossroad. She reported that the cost would be £1,170 plus VAT. Costs reflect the requirements of ELC. All agreed that this was excessive relative to the costs of the bench at the bus stop, the CC funds and the Fletcher hall situation. RW agreed that the Saltoun Community Association would reconsider.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(1) **Grants Braes**

JMc noted that the ELC would be tidying up at Grants Braes. It would also include the repainting the railings at Mrs Burns’ grave. JMc queried whether the community wished to repaint the railings. RG confirmed that it already has a lengthy painting ‘to do’ list for the village hall.

(2) **Phone Box**

RW confirmed that East Saltoun would be adopting the phone box. RG also noted that BT had written to the ELC to confirm which phone boxes would be closed. She noted that communities should respond to the Council by 9th October. DW confirmed that West Saltoun would be adopting the phone box and using it for a Defibrillator. RG confirmed that the position would be confirmed for Bolton.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 2nd October 2019 in Humbie Kirk Stables, HUMBIE at 7.30 p.m.