

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 325th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 4th December 2019 at Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr F Kirwan (FK),
Mrs R Wilson (RW),
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ),
Cllr J McMillan (JMc),

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Mr A Beck (AB) Treasurer, Cllr S Ahktar (SA), Cllr T Trotter (TT), Cllr C Hoy (CH), Mrs B Roberts (BR), PC C Duncan (CD) and PC C Boyd (CB).

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**
There was no further progress to report.

- (2) **Graveyard wall Humbie**
No evidence of progress was noted. A report would be sought from ELC regarding the costs. Drainage issues would need to be taken into account as would the stability of other sections of the wall which are likely to fall down in the near future. MH would make enquiries.

Progress on repairs to wall to be sought from ELC – Action MH

- (3) **Cut-out Cops**
Funds from the Area Partnership for cut-out cops had been received. RG was in contact with CB and CD about placing an order.

Procurement of Cut-out Cops – Action RG

- (4) **Public Entertainment Licences**
RG had not contacted ELC about seeking 3 year licences for village halls. JMc noted that a review was underway and that meantime community groups should continue to apply for licences and to then speak to the Area Manager to arrange a fee waiver.

- (5) **Resilience Plans**
This action was carried forward to the next meeting.

Resilience Plans to be submitted – Action BR

(6) **Hustings**

It was noted that the Hustings held on 2nd December had been well attended despite the cold wet weather. Thanks were recorded to AB and FK, in particular, for arranging the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received by email and distributed as required.

FLETCHER HALL

(1) RW reported on progress at Fletcher Hall:

- A new ramp had been installed at Fletcher Hall.
- ELC is also looking to repair the carpark. This is expected to cost some £2,500.
- The SCA continues to make progress on moving the Hall to an SCIO. However, issues remain in relation to getting the necessary permissions from ELC to allow this to happen.
- The ELC and SCA have agreed to review maintenance issues in relation to the condition of the building pending an agreement about the hall's replacement.
- An agreement had also been reached regarding the abortive expenditure incurred in relation to the planning fees for a building that no one could afford.
- Governance arrangements are being reviewed pending the creation of a new Trust.
- ELC continues with its Learning Estate Review which is considering the needs of the school estate into the future.

CONSULTATIONS

(1) There was no update on the bus consultation.

(2) A public consultation on car parking in Haddington town centre is to be held on the 16th December in the Town House from 1pm to 7pm. It was noted that pre-application for planning permission for the Whittingehame Drive Car park had been withdrawn.

PLANNING

(1) A public exhibition on the Windymains application is due to be held on 16th December. All are encouraged to attend. The applicants will be present at the next meeting of the Community Council.

(2) DS noted that Windymains lorries had been driving through West Saltoun due to the road closures in the area. DS had spoken to the company to alert them to the issues.

(3) No other planning applications of any note had been received for this area.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

(1) MH had attended the previous meeting held on the 20th November. She noted that a number of funding applications had been agreed including Hadstock, Lady Kitty's Garden, Artpoint playmaps, Haddington lunch club, Citizen's Advice Bureau, and Knox Academy. The application for St Mary's had been refused on the grounds this was for the education department to fund as it was in response to the specific needs of a pupil and not the wider community. The application from Haddington CC for

Christmas lights had been refused on the grounds that the expenditure had already been incurred.

- (2) MH noted that Doug Haig would be moving back to his old job and would be replaced shortly. The AGM would be held in March.
- (3) On remaining finances: £100k amenities, £0 roads, £46k education.

AELCC

- (1) No meetings had taken place. The meeting with Sharon Saunders and the AELCC would be held on the 16th December. RG will attend.

Attendance at AELCC meeting with ELC – Action RG

TRANSPORT

- (1) The minutes from the last Bus Forum had been forwarded. It was noted that position regarding the Humbie bus was unclear.

CAPP & POLICING

- (1) SJ noted that no minutes had been produced for the last CAPP meeting, However, the priorities are covered in the police report. She also noted that police are undertaking a survey and would forward this.

Forward link to police survey – Action SJ

- (2) A police report had been provided. This noted the theft a quad bike near Humbie and a break-in into the Humbie Hub.
- (3) The CAPP priorities are Parking / Congestion in Haddington town centre including Station Road and the areas around the primary schools, youth issues within Neilson Park and speeding on Aberlady Road, Haddington. The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th December 2019 at 6.30pm in the Town House. SJ would attend.

Attend CAPP meeting – Action SJ

FINANCE

- (1) RG noted that £7,909 remains in the Local Priorities Budget.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) **Saltoun Representative**

It was noted that no interest has been shown in the position. RG would make further enquiries.

- (2) **Phone Box**

DS confirmed that he had received a confirmation email from BT agreeing to the community adopting the phone box. He was in the process of setting up a charity to take ownership of the box. Thereafter he would look to place a defibrillator in it. He enquired whether the CC could take ownership meantime whilst the charity was being created. It was noted the CC does not own any fixed assets nor has any insurance to cover these.

(3) **Flooding**

RW noted that the East Saltoun to Pencaitland Road had been flooded. It was confirmed that this is from the fields and that ELC is aware.

(4) **Humbie Nursery**

JMc noted that the Head of Education would be meeting the Humbie Parent Council to discuss nursery provision.

(5) **Provost's New Year Reception**

JMc noted that owing to the election, the Provost's Christmas reception was to be postponed until the New Year. An email would be sent shortly confirming the time, date and venue.

THANKS

- (1) Thanks were given to RW for her time and enthusiasm whilst a member of the Community Council. All sent her their best wishes for the future.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 8th January 2020 in Kirk Stables, HUMBIE at 7.30 p.m.