

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 327th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 5th February in Bolton Village Hall, Bolton at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr T Trotter (TT)
Cllr C Hoy (CH)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

HANDICABS/HCL PRESENTATION

Laura Kearney from Handicabs Lothian was welcomed to the meeting. She noted that she had been invited to the meeting to promote the work of HcL. She noted that HcL is a charity which is designed to help people with mobility difficulties to access services. She noted that HcL provides two services: Dial-a-Bus and Dial-a-Ride.

Dial- a-bus –This is a bus service that runs from Monday to Friday. It is scheduled around the needs of its clients. It is designed to help those with mobility issues and who no access to transport to get to the shops. It collects people from their homes, takes them to the shops and the drives them home. The driver will help people get on and off the bus with their shopping. This is a demand-led service and costs £1.90 each way. It must be booked in advance and notification must be given if wheelchair access is required. Laura noted that more information was available, including contact numbers on the handouts which she had brought.

Dial-a-Ride – This is a taxi service and is suitable for those needing to get to hospital appointments, visit relatives etc. This operates 24/7. The service is available to elderly, disabled, those with additional support needs, those with short-term or long-term health conditions that mean that mobility is an issue. There is a charge for this service of £4.70 for the first mile followed by 40p for every mile thereafter. Mileage is calculated as the “crow flies”. Additional passengers cost £1.50. There is no extra charge for carers.

In discussion it was questioned whether the Dial-a-bus services are integrated with transport services to the new Haddington Hospital. Laura Kearney would check the level of engagement with the Hospital. JMc would also check that hospital services had engaged with HcL and was pleased to take some of the materials that Laura had provided.

Laura was thanked for her time and for coming to present to the community council.

MX TRACK BUGHTKNOWE

James Nisbet presented his plans for the Motor Cross Track at Bughtknowe. This was followed by a question and answer session with members of the Community Council and the public. The notes of this meeting are appended at Annex A.

Owing to time pressures the items on the agenda were not considered. It was agreed that RG would forward the police report and any other correspondence.

Forward Correspondence – Action RG

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 4th March 2020 in Fletcher Hall, EAST SALTOUN at 7.30 p.m.