

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 329th MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 24th June 2002 on Zoom 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mr A Beck (AB) - Treasurer
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mr I Galloway (IG)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr T Trotter (TT)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from PC C Duncan (CD), PC C Boyd (CB), Cllr C Hoy (CH) and Cllr S Ahktar (SA).
- The meeting was partially chaired by AB owing to RG's poor internet connection.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

- The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed without amendment

CC MEMBERSHIP – CO-OPTING IAIN GALLOWAY

- Iain Galloway confirmed that he was happy to join the Community Council as ward member for the combined East & West Saltoun ward. He was duly co-opted and welcome onto the Community Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- No conflict of interest was declared

MATTERS ARISING

1. Windymains - Lawful use of the carpark had been granted to the operator.
2. ELC Haddington Parking Survey – no update had been received.
3. Humble Traffic Calming – no progress owing to Covid emergency
4. East Saltoun Meetings – it was noted that a new venue was required for Community Council meeting held in East Saltoun. The anteroom is not appropriate and the main hall and Tithe Byre are occupied. Saltoun councillors to consider alternatives.

New location for Saltoun Meetings – Action DS and IG

FINANCE

1. AB noted that the Community Councils funds are very healthy. The community Council had received funds for 2020-21 which includes £519 for administration and £1800

for local priorities. He noted that as we had no secretary, the £519 is simply added to the general reserves.

2. AB noted that a cheque had been paid to the West Saltoun Community Trust for £122 for insurance costs. There was a further commitment of £2000 to the Fletcher Hall to pay for advice from solicitors to create an Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation. This would be paid once a receipt for the work had been provided. As agreed, £300 had been sent to all village halls to cover lost revenue during lockdown.

3. AB noted that the Community Council had received £1000 from the Area Partnership for Humblehelp Lunch project.

4. AB noted that £7,000 approx is held and asked community councillors to encourage applications.

5. AB noted that another signatory was required on the bank account. It would be preferable if that person intended to serve another term. DS confirmed that he would be content. AB also noted that he intended to stand down from his Treasurer's duties. MH offered to consider subject to receiving help and support with these duties.

Signatories to be added – Action AB
Treasurer handover to be provided to MH in due course – Action AB

PLANNING

1. **Windymains** - AB noted that there had been no progress due to the pandemic. This had been confirmed by the operator.

2. **Haydean** - SJ noted that she had had no response to enquiries that she had made to the planning Dept in relation to this planning application. Subject to those answers, there were no issues.

3. **Bankrugg** – it was noted that sections of forest had been clear felled. It was noted that this was permitted by the licence and was required to permit the erection of power cables and to facilitate wayleaves. It was noted that the mess would be cleared up in due course once the farm was less busy. It was noted that it was odd that felling had occurred during the nesting season.

4. **Planning Committees** - JMc noted that 2 planning committees had been held on-line during lockdown with Councillors working from home. These had worked well.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- It was noted that a number of grant applications had been approved - largely to assist with foodbanks and other voluntary activities. One application had been granted to the Gifford Community Woodland for tree felling. It was noted that this seemed at odds with the policy to not fund maintenance particularly as other applications had been refused on these grounds.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence had been received by email and circulated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. IG noted that he wished to understand the difference between a Community Council and village groups. He noted that there was little explanation on the website. It was explained the Community Council is a statutory, democratically elected group and has certain rights to be consulted by East Lothian Council and is provided with funds for distribution to community projects. It was noted that there is a “little green book” which explains the roles which would be provided to IG. IG agreed to speak to all members to seek views and to update the website to provide a more comprehensive explanation of the role of a Community Council.

Update website – Action IG

2. MH noted that Resilience plans had been produced and given the pandemic and lockdown it would be timely to review them. She noted that they should contain material on when to stand down emergency arrangements and recovery measures. DS noted that the plan for West Saltoun has been updated.

Resilience Plans to be updated - ALL

3. JMc noted that recycling centres had now reopened. Whilst the Council will still be in response mode, it would transition to the recovery phase during which schools, infrastructure and the economy would become the focus of attention.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on **WEDNESDAY 2nd September 2020** – venue or zoom to be agreed in the light of prevailing guidance and personal circumstances.