

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 324th MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 6th November 2019 at Bolton Village Hall, Bolton at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mr A Beck (AB) Treasurer
Mr F Kirwan (FK),
Mrs B Roberts (BR),
Mrs R Wilson (RW),
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ),
Cllr J McMillan (JMc),
Cllr C Hoy (CH)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Mrs M Hodge (MH), Cllr S Ahktar (SA), Cllr T Trotter (TT), 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 Humble

AB noted that he and FK had met the consultants Atkins and the Council to discuss speed reduction measures. Three options had been put forward which had been shared with the community. The Community has confirmed that it prefers the third option which involves painting “dragon’s teeth” at the junction, red asphalt at the entrances to the village and improved signage. Atkins will now produce a final report.

In discussion, it was noted that the measures will not reduce the 40mph speed limit, nor will they seek to reduce speeds at the Humble Hub where cars are often reversing into the main street. JMc, CH and SA continue to press the Council for a revision to 30mph policies.

(2) Graveyards

No progress was reported. It was noted that graveyard wall had not been put forward as a candidate project for Area Partnership Amenities funds. RG would make enquiries.

Use of AP funds for reconstruction of walls – Action RG

(3) **Cycling – contact with MCC**

RG would confirm with MH whether the incident had been communicated to Kevin Sewell.

Update on MCC response – Action MH

(4) **Cut-out Cops**

The application for funds to the Area Partnership for cut-out cops had been approved. RG agreed to contact CB and CD to enquire about placing an order.

Procurement of Cut-out Cops – Action RG

CORRESPONDENCE

None had been received.

FLETCHER HALL

- (1) RW reported that SCA had meet ELC to discuss the Fletcher Hall and had agreed that planning permission should be abandoned on cost grounds. They had been informed that ELC is undertaking an Estates review which would consider the need for accommodation on school premises. RW also reported that the SCA wished to move the Association into an Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) but was struggling to get the necessary permissions from the ELC. Other Trustees have already given the necessary permissions. She noted that the SCA is very disappointed with the lack of progress.

EVENTS – PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

- (1) It was noted that all Community Councils had written to voice their concerns about the new charges. ELC had revised its policy to ensure that charities and community groups will no longer have to pay these charges unless their activities involve a commercial activity. It had been noted that the fees for the Humble Fireworks had been sought from the Area Partnerships.
- (2) In discussion, CH and JMc noted that there is an exemption for small community events (up to 150 people). However, it was made clear that often communities do not know how many people will attend events as these are often not ticketed. They noted that communities should apply for the licences in the full knowledge that non-commercial events will not be charged. RG asked whether communities should seek a 3 year PEL to reduce the administrative costs for both ELC and the Communities. A request should be made to Cllr McGinn.

Write to Cllr McGinn re 3 year PEL – Action RG

CONSULTATIONS

- (1) SJ noted that paper forms had been made available on the busses to enable those who use them frequent to answer the questions raised. She also noted that no provision has been made to seek views from communities.

- (2) RW noted that consideration had been given to the extension of the 113 bus service to East Saltoun as both a passenger and school bus service. East Coast buses had confirmed that this extension in the day time might be justifiable on a commercial basis. It had been asked to consider whether evening buses could be provided on Fridays and Saturdays. It had agreed to provide an estimate of the subsidy that would be required to run these services.
- (3) SG noted that next bus forum would be held on 22nd November at which bus provision including the 109 service to Humbie would be discussed.

Attend Bus Forum – Action SJ

PLANNING

- (1) 3 planning applications had been submitted, but all related to small projects such as window replacements etc that had not drawn any comment from the wider community.

AELCC

- (1) The AELCC had been agreed to meet Caitlin McRorie to discuss Community Councils' view on the operation of the Area Partnerships of the 30th October. However, it has now been postponed until the 18th December. RG will attend.

Attendance at AELCC meeting with ELC – Action RG

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- (1) The Area Partnership met on 31st October 2019. MH had provided a written update which was read out. She had noted that a number of applications had been improved including an application from Knox academy to support pupils to attend a STEM event, Cycle racks for Haddington Tennis Club and our application for funds for the cardboard cut-outs. The application from Artpoint and Haddington Christmas lights had been deferred to the next meeting as more information was required. The application for a defibrillator for St Mary's school was rejected on the basis that this was not for the AP to fund.
- (2) The AP had discussed improvements that are in hand to the skate park, basketball courts and general tidying up of park areas. It noted that volunteers were being sought for the Health and Wellbeing sub-group. In relation to finances, the AP holds: Amenity £100k; Roads £47.5K, Education £60k, General spend £41.4k. Suggestions for projects which will start this financial year are sought.
- (3) The AP was informed that Stuart Gibb had retired. It was agreed that a card should be sent.

Send Card to Stuart Gibb – Action RG

RESILIENCE PLAN

- (1) It was noted that Resilience plans had not been sent to Kevin Sewel. BR agreed to forward them subject to the inclusion of the village plans as Addendums.

Resilience Plans to be submitted – Action BR

TRANSPORT

Covered under Consultations.

FINANCE

- (1) AB noted that money for repairing the floodlights at East Saltoun church had been sent. £7,909 remains.

POLICING

- (1) A police report had been provided. The CAPP priorities are speeding on the Dunbar Road, double parking on the High Street and patrols in town centre to deter antisocial behaviour. The next meeting would be on the 18th November. SJ would attend.

Attend CAPP meeting – Action SJ

- (2) The reported noted incidents of hare coursing around East Saltoun. The police reminded residents to report anything suspicious.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) **Phone Box**

RW confirmed that she had received a contract from BT for the adoption of the East Saltoun Phone Box.

- (2) **Business Booklet**

BR noted that she had seen a booklet showing all of the businesses in Haddington. JMc confirmed that these had been produced and printed by the Haddington businesses. There were currently none left, but the booklet is due to be reprinted.

- (3) **EV point for East Saltoun**

CH noted that a new charging point had been confirmed for East Saltoun at Dryden cottages.

- (4) **Open Day at Windymains**

AB noted that Windymains is due to have an open day on 25th November. This is to seek views on the reclassification of land to enable better storage of logs. It was not to expand production.

- (5) **Hustings**

AB noted that he and FK are arranging a hustings for end of November, early December. The date would depend on the availability of the candidates. The event would be held at East Saltoun Kirk. RG and SJ offered to help with the event.

(6) **Resignation**

RW noted that she would be resigning at the December meeting for personal reasons.

(7) **Drainage**

FK noted that mud was collecting in a blind dip on a lane beyond Shillinghill in Humble, creating a serious skid risk. He agreed to email JMc with the details.

Provide details of mud on road – Action FK

- (8) JMc noted that he had recently accompanied Ellen Wong the Principle Officer at the US Consult on a tour of the ward. She had expressed an interest in the rural schools and links to Burns.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 4th December 2019 in Fletcher Hall, EAST SALTOUN at 7.30 p.m.