

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 323rd MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 2nd October 2019 at the Kirk Stables, Humble at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mr A Beck (AB) Treasurer
Mrs M Hodge (MH)
Mr D Smith (DS)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Mr F Kirwan (FK), Mrs B Roberts (BR), Mrs R Wilson (RW), Cllr J McMillan (JMc), Cllr C Hoy (CH), Cllr T Trotter (TT), PC C Duncan (CD) and PC C Boyd (CB).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- It was noted that “Headteacher” should be replaced with “Principal Teacher”. Subject to that amendment, 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 confirmed that the complaint had not been taken to the Ombudsman. JMc had reported that a consultant would be appointed to look at solutions to limit speed through the village. AB would provide an update at the next meeting.

Update speed reductions measures – Action AB

(2) **Graveyards**

It had been confirmed that the ownership of the Graveyard wall lies with ELC. MH reported that she had contacted ELC to enquire as to when the repairs would take place. She noted that the ELC had proposed that the entrance be raised to mitigate drainage issues. MH had reported that this would not be appropriate as it is the main entrance to the church. Further information has been requested on timescales.

In discussion, it was noted that the Amenities Fund held by the Area Partnership was currently underspent and might be an appropriate source of funding to cover the costs for the repairs. MH and RG agreed to raise this at the next AP meeting.

Update on graveyard wall repairs – Action MH

(4) **Cycling – contact with MCC**

MH confirmed that she had received no reply from the MCC contact about the incident on 11th May. It was agreed that this should be reported to Kevin Sewell.

Update on MCC response – Action MH

(5) **Cut-out Cops**

As agreed, an application for the Cut-out Cops was being progressed and would be submitted to the Area Partnership.

Update on Cut out Cops – Action CH

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

SA had raised this issue and noted that these would be replaced with LED lights when money became available.

(7) **Offer of grant for floodlight repairs**

AB noted that he had written to East Saltoun Church to confirm the Community Council's agreement to a contribution of £1,320 towards the costs of repairing the floodlights on the church. The offer had made clear that the grant would be paid upon receipt of the invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Royal Legion had been received and was circulated.

FLETCHER HALL

JMc had provided an update to note that there had been a positive meeting between the community and ELC. There was an agreement to work together on the original Trust membership, new governance arrangements and maintenance of the hall. A further update would be provided to the next meeting.

Update on Fletcher Hall – Action RW

EVENTS – PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

(1) AB noted that ELC had brought in charges for Public Entertainment Licences which now apply to Community events. He noted that the Humble PTA had been informed that it would require such licences for its Fireworks display and Christmas market. The implication of these additional costs had been raised with Councillors and the Association of East Lothian Community Councils. The AELCC had reported that a number of communities had noted that these additional costs would make community events unviable and/or reduce funds raised for reinvesting in community facilities. The Licensing Sub-Committee was to meet on 10th October to discuss the issue.

(2) In discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council should write to Councillor McGinn who chairs the Licensing Sub-Committee. This letter should request that Community Groups and charities should be exempt from these charges on the basis that they are organising events to support community cohesion and to raise funds to support the operation of community assets (village halls, schools etc).

Letter to be sent too licensing sub-committee – Action AB and RG

PLANNING

- (1) No new planning applications had been submitted.
- (2) SA noted that Keith Dingwall had replaced Iain McFarlane as Planning Manager.

AELCC

- (1) No meeting had been held. However, the AELCC is due to meet Caitlin McRorie to discuss Community Councils' view on the operation of the Area Partnerships. A date for the meeting has yet to be agreed. AB and/or RG would attend.

Attendance at AELCC meeting with ELC – Action RG and AB

AREA PARTNERSHIP

- (1) The Area Partnership had not met.

CONSULTATIONS

- (1) SJ reported that ELC was consulting on supported bus routes. She noted that the consultation had only been made available on line. SJ noted that this was not suitable for many of the regular users of the bus. She also noted that layout was confusing for those who used the buses regularly and used multiple services. She would raise these issues with Andrew McLellan.

Raise issues on consultation – Action SJ

- (2) SA noted that a consultation on the school estate would be forthcoming.

TRANSPORT

There were no updates to report.

FINANCE

- (1) AB had provided a note on the current financial position. He noted that after commitments (ES floodlighting) there was £7,909.

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.
- (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**

DS noted that West Saltoun wished to adopt the phone box. He had contacted ELC planning and BT. SJ noted that Caitlin McRorie had sent an update on the adoption of boxes. She had confirmed with Environmental Services that Bolton wished to adopt its box. SJ agreed to forward the email to DS.

- (2) DS noted that he received information regarding Defibrillators including the electricity requirements.

Forward adoption instructions to DS – Action SJ

(3) **Gilchriston Bridge**

AB noted that he had written to ELC regarding the sightlines at the bridge. He noted that the hedges are obscuring the signage. He had not received a response.

(4) **Minutes of Community Council**

AB questioned whether the minutes are being posted on the Community Council's website. RG would check with RW.

Posting of CC minutes – Action RG

(5) **Drains in Humbie**

MH noted that drainage issues result on the road to the Children's village is creating potholes, loose stones and areas of sheet ice in winter. MH would contact Road Services.

Contact ELC re drainage issues – Action MH

(6) **Request for information**

RG noted that ELC had requested contact details for all community councillors. It was questioned why this was needed as this information was on the original application forms that ELC still held. RG would check with ELC.

Check contact details – Action RG

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY 6th November 2019 in Bolton Village Hall, BOLTON at 7.30 p.m.