

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 334th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY January 6th 2021 on Zoom 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH) - Treasurer
Mr F Kirwan (FK)
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Cllr Tom Trotter (TT)
Cllr Craig Hoy (CH)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Mr I Galloway (IG);
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J McMillan (JMc), Colin Boyd (CB) and G Rapson (GR)

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Wilson (AW)
Lyn May (LM)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AW disclosed a conflict in respect of CC funding for village halls.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

- There is now a list of available public toilets on the Council's website.
- No progress on the East Saltoun village signs.
- The analogue telephone system will operate until 2025

Action: Derek Smith's obituary to be finalised (SJ)

Action: Remaining road signs to be collected on Gifford road (TT)

Action: Revisit promotion of 109 bus service when pandemic over (RG)

Action: Advise SJ if you want to attend next CAPP meeting (All)

FINANCE

MH has circulated an email summarising income and expenditure for the year – subject to possible village hall cost claims from village hall committees.

The CC has not been using village halls for meetings resulting in a loss of hall income. The CC will write to all village hall treasurers and publicise the CC's receptiveness to requests for financial support given ongoing costs and possible income shortfalls.

Action: Write to village halls about possible financial support (MH/LM)

TRANSPORT

The impact of the new 30mph limit on Humbie is unclear although it is clear that HGVs are slowing down. The Speed Reactive Sign has been recalibrated and is not working and confirms that speeding vehicles generally enter the village from the southern end. It was agreed that 'new speed limit in force' signage at the entrances would be helpful, although these had been refused by ELC on the grounds of setting a precedent. It was agreed that funding for signs should be requested from the Area Partnership.

RG noted that a number of road markings are missing around our area and was putting together a spreadsheet for ELC's attention. She requested that All provide her with details of any roads where the paint has worn away.

Action: Apply to AP for funding for two 'new speed limit in force' signs (MH)
Action: Notify RG of missing or worn-out road markings (All)

PLANNING

No new applications. SA has requested an overall planning framework to be promoted for Bolton Muir Woods – existing applications have not yet been determined. It was noted that an appeal had been submitted to the Local Review Body in respect of Wynd Wood. The grounds for the appeal are unknown.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

The next full meeting is likely to be held on February 18th (subject to confirmation) - £32k remains in the AP budget.

Action: Circulate date of next AP (SA)

AELCC

No recent meeting.

POLICE REPORT

No recent report. It was noted that the police had not responded to reports of significant numbers of people travelling and parking in Humbie to go sledging despite Covid restrictions.

SJ noted that the next CAPP meeting will be on the 18th January 2021. She will circulate the meeting invite.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing outstanding.

WEBSITE

- IG has added a new page to the CC website highlighting the council's grants and grant-giving powers. His next proposed enhancement is linkages to community Facebook and Twitter accounts. The webpage now contains blogs on topical matters.
 - **Action – Include Sandy Babbie's email on restrictions on the CC website (IG)**
 - **Action – add details of resources to combat domestic abuse and violence to website (IG)**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- BR has progressed concerns with Scottish Power regarding power outages.
- Lothian Broadband is exploring installation of a relay mast to improve speeds in Bolton.
- SA reported that the Chief Social Worker has reported increased levels of domestic violence as a consequence of lockdown. It was suggested that it might be useful to publicise appropriate resources on the CC website and in particular details of the Women's Aid charity that can provide help and support.
- CH enquired about a report from a resident about a serious incident with a timber lorry near Humbie – none of the Humbie councillors had further information.
- Lyn May has offered to be secretary. All agreed to accept her offer. RG would advise ELC and other
- A complaint has been received about the conduct of a community councillor – RG is seeking external advice on how to respond to it.

Action: Advise ELC that LM is the new CC secretary (RG)

Action: Investigate complaint against community councillor (RG)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on 3rd February 2021 at 1930 on Zoom.