

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 332nd MEETING of the Humble, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 4th November 2020 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)
Mr I Galloway (IG)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Cllr C Hoy (CH); Mrs B Roberts (BR); Colin Boyd.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lyn May, George Rapson and Sandy Wilson – prospective councillors. Evelyn Swinton had hoped to attend, but had work commitments.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

- The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- No conflict of interest was declared

MATTERS ARISING

1. Margo contacted the Head Master of Ross High and agreed that the CC would provide £400 towards a perpetual sports trophy in memory of Derek Smith.
2. Bruce Alison is the ELC contact for memorial benches.
3. No clarification received on why Bolton was not included in the 20mph Space for People – SA will formally propose Bolton.
4. John arranged a meeting with planning on Bolton Muir Wood.

Action: Margo to send cheque to Ross High

Action: SA to send Bruce's contact details

Action: SA to propose inclusion of Bolton in next tranche of 20mph zones

FINANCE

MH noted that the Community Council's funds stand at £5505.86. This excludes a provision of £2k for Fletcher Hall. No expenditure since the last meeting. SJ suggested that more money should be provided to village hall to support costs during the pandemic. All agreed that applications for these funds should be submitted justifying the additional costs.

Action: IG to feature the CC's grant giving powers on the website

TRANSPORT

1. The regulations for the temporary 30 mph limit in Humble have been promoted. This will be for 18 months in the first instance.
2. In relation to Bolton, Police Scotland advise against permanent parking of vehicles as a private speed reduction measure. SA agreed to speak to BR separately.

PLANNING

1. the application for the Chicken shed at Howden was approved.
2. ELC have confirmed that huts in Bolton Muir woods are not permitted development. A further hut application has been submitted. The CC is now a statutory consultee on Bolton Muir Wood. ELC's planning and enforcement officers are on the case.

Action: RG and SJ to draft an objection to the second hut application.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

1. Margo outlined the role of the AP. SA emphasised the role of the AP in setting local priorities. No recent meetings had been held. Communication from the Area Partnership has resumed following John's prompt – but there is still little transparency.
2. An application was approved to update signage and regenerating paths on Traprain Law.
3. Margo will submit a £500 application to broaden the offering provided by the Humble 'Souper' initiative. The AP has significant unspent funds.

Action: RG to write seeking a formal meeting of the AP

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing substantive has been received.

POLICE REPORT

1. The police report was circulated.
2. SJ noted that 'cut-out cops' had been deployed in the area but at quieter times of the day rather than at rush hour when cars are mostly likely to be speeding. She questioned whether there was any evidence of effectiveness.
3. Police Scotland sought feedback on his proposal for a 'pop-up police station' with community police and wardens in attendance (once Covid restrictions lapse).

Action: RG to write expressing concern that the cut-out cops are rarely deployed in our ward and requesting speed checks at peak times.

Action: RG to confirm to Colin Boyd that we want to pursue the ‘pop-up police station’ proposal once restrictions lapse.

CC WEBSITE

1. IG noted that the website had been updated. As agreed previously a testimonial for Derek Smith is outstanding.
2. IG noted that the website would be improved with some photographs of the villages and/or projects funded by the community council.

Action: RG and SJ to paraphrase the Courier obituary for the website.

AELCC

A meeting of the AELCC will be held on the 9 November. RG noted that she hoped to attend, but others were welcome to join her.

Action: Attendee required for AELCC meeting on 9 November

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. GR raised concerns about speeding in East Saltoun and lack of visibility for traffic turning right from the unclassified road at the School junction because of parking at the school.
2. GR called for more publicity on the new 109 bus service.
3. SA reported that the new head teacher in Humbie starts on 30 November.
4. JMc noted that a CAPP meeting will be arranged for the 19th November
5. SA noted that ELC have introduced a £500 self-isolation grant. She would forward the details of the application process.
6. SA noted that she had nominated the Humbie Hub for an award under the National High Streets Campaign. She was pleased to report that her nomination had been successful.

Action: RG to raise speeding concerns with Colin Boyd.

Action: RG to arrange to meet SA on site to understand the visibility issue.

Action: SA to raise bus publicity with appropriate officer.

Action: Self-isolation grant to be publicised on the CC website and community emails – SA will provide contact details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on **WEDNESDAY 2nd December 2020** at 19:30 – venue or zoom to be agreed in the light of prevailing guidance and personal circumstances.