

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 333rd MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 2nd December 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)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr Tom Trotter (TT)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies were received from Mr I Galloway (IG); Cllr S Ahktar (SA) and Colin Boyd (CB)

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Wilson (AW)
Lyn May (LM)
George Rapson (GR)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest in respect of planning matters was declared by JMcM.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Cheque sent to Ross High for Derek Smith memorial.
2. CC grant-giving powers are now on the website.
3. Objection sent on Bolton Muir second shed.
4. Cut-out cop deployment is dependent on Colin Boyd's shifts
5. Police surgery agreed in principle once pandemic over.
6. Bolton Muir site meeting has been held.
7. Self-isolation grant has been publicised.

Action: SJ to provide obituary on Derek Smith for cc website.

FINANCE

MH noted that the Community Council's funds stand at £6,025 following receipt of a £520 grant for the Humbie Souper Lunches – related outlays are pending. This excludes a provision of £2k for Fletcher Hall. No expenditure since the last meeting.

TRANSPORT

30mph signs have been erected at both ends of the village and the painted warning signs on the roads have been updated. FK noted that the Speed Reactive sign was not operating and it was noted that this may be because it is being recalibrated. It was agreed that enforcement is now required. There are ongoing speeding issues in East Saltoun and Bolton and enforcement is occasional – prospective councillors were encouraged to attend the January CAPP meeting. TT encouraged representatives from the villages to attend the CAPP to ensure that their concerns were registered. SJ would forward the meeting invitation.

Action: TT to ask ELC transport to erect ‘new speed limit in force’ signs for Humbie and arrange reprogramming of speed reactive sign.

Action: SJ to raise Humbie speed checks for new 30mph limit at January CAPP

Action: TT to alert ELC Roads to collect roads signage from Gifford – Pencaitland verge

GR repeated his concerns about the limited publicity for the new 109 service. RG noted that given that the Government has advised against travel on public transport, presentational issues need to be considered.

Action: GR to send SJ the timetable for the 109 service for dissemination.

Action: JMcM will raise publicity for the 109 service with Prentice Buses and ELC management – and secure usage data.

PLANNING

No new applications – further applications are likely from within Bolton Muir woods. Cllrs SA and CH were taken round the woods by SJ and RG since the November meeting. A new access point appears to have been created at the junction with the B6368. RG and SJ would check.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

RG reported that the AP is not meeting because the Chair does not have access to broadband to permit Zoom meetings. There is no clarity about the AP’s current finances. This would be sought.

Action: RG to request a written update on AP finances from East Lothian Council.

AELCC

RG attended AELCC – Keith Dingwall attended and reported that ELC are still trying to recruit new planning officer. He noted that some applications had been the subject of an appeal including Goshen (Wallyford) where a developer would like further houses to be built. The AELCC discussed the adoption of redundant phone boxes is encountering some problems for some communities. ELC’s Covid Helpline is still in operation; befriending and food poverty initiatives are being considered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Anything substantive has been circulated to members.

POLICE REPORT

No significant issues reported.

Action: RG to forward Police Report to members

WEBSITE

IG continues to update the website – photos are welcome. Items of news should be identified at the end of each CC meeting.

Action: All members to look at the website!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The CC agreed in principle to consider an application for a contribution for Al Beck's memorial bench. FK noted that this will be made of larch and situated in a place often frequented by Al. The amount contributed will depend on the extent of contributions.

FK expressed concern that public toilets remain closed while outdoor activity is being encouraged as a way of reducing Covid transmission.

Action: JMCM to establish why ELC public toilets are not open.

A suggestion that the CC fund a Christmas tree for each community did not find support.

Action: JMCM will investigate ELC policy on encouraging community Christmas trees.

GR noted that the 'Welcome to...' sign to East Saltoun needs to be replaced

Action: GR to check that IG and Evelyn Swinton agree on replacement before approaching Alan Stubbs at ELC and seeking funding from the AP.

JMCM updated the meeting on broadband deployment.

Action: JMCM to establish the timing for switch off of the analogue telephone system and any dependence on the rollout of superfast broadband.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on 6th January 2021 at 19:30 – venue or zoom to be agreed in the light of prevailing guidance and personal circumstances.