

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 335th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 3rd March 2021 on Zoom 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH) - Treasurer
Mrs L May (LM) - Secretary
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mr I Galloway (IG)
Mr Frank Kirwan (FK)
Cllr T Trotter (CT)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Colin Boyd (CB)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr Craig Hoy (CH)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)
Mr Sandy Wilson (SW)
Mr George Rapson (GR)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nothing declared.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

- 109 Bus service issue is on hold until after lockdown.
- It was agreed that the East Saltoun sign issue should be removed from the agenda for the time being. This may be visited at a later date should there be a substantial request for it from the East Saltoun community.

FINANCE

MH issued a financial update stating each community hall had been paid £100 to cover for the hall fees which would have been paid had the CC been holding face to face meetings there.

Annual insurance has also been paid. There has been no increase to this amount from last year.

Area Partnership have agreed to pay £220 towards the Souper Lunches. These funds have not yet been received but are expected in the next few weeks.

£50 has been paid to the Lockdown Lending Scheme. The £50 has been paid into the Souper Lunch account to be issued from there to save Lockdown Lending setting up a new account.

FK has commissioned a memorial bench for Al Beck which will be delivered in May, the Community Council has agreed to contribute £400.00 towards the cost of the bench.

Action: Send Lockdown Lending photo and narrative to IG for website/Facebook. (MH)

Action: Promote new 'Lockdown Lending Scheme on website/Facebook. (IG)

Action: Send cheque for £400.00 for Al Beck's memorial bench. (MH)

TRANSPORT

An application for funding for 'New Speed Limit in Force' sign in Humbie, is still ongoing.

RG noted that only essential repairs are being carried out on roads at the moment due to COVID 19 so many jobs have been put on hold until restrictions are lifted.

The drain which causes flooding in Bolton village has been cleared out by sub-contractors, and this should prevent further flooding.

FK suggested we should pressure the Council on the general condition of the B3638 and minor local roads, i.e., potholes in particular. It was agreed that many of the potholes are extremely large and a real concern for road user safety.

MH suggested we should encourage members of the community go online to the Council website to report any road damage/potholes.

RG noted she is continuing to put together a spreadsheet for ELC's attention for the missing road markings in the area.

Action: Contact Roads Dept to make enquiries re progress of signage in Humbie. (MH)

Action: Add link to website for reporting road damage/potholes. (IG)

Action: Finalise spreadsheet re missing road markings and send to ELC. (RG)

PLANNING

No new planning applications noted.

SJ expressed concerns about the process of the meeting being held on 10th March by the Local Review Board in respect of Wynd Wood in that most matters which go in front of a review board have been considered by a planning committee. This case has not previously been before a planning committee, yet it is going straight to a review board and only 3 members of the review board will decide an outcome. Two of the same review board members will be two of three members who will go on to make decisions at a further meeting on 15th April.

FK suggested seeking legal advice as to whether a the pending third party action – which is understood to be enforcement action against Woodlands prevents the review body determining this case. IG suggested putting a limit on the amount of money the CC should be prepared to spend on legal advice. It was suggested it could cost in the region of £2500. RG stated she would be uncomfortable with the CC spending that kind of money on legal advice. FK suggested an alternative would be to contact the enforcement officer to ask the ELC's legal department to advise on whether a pending enforcement action prevents a review body determining this case and if so, what is the enforcement officer going to do about it? TT asked that JMc, CH, SA and TT should also be copied into the email to the enforcement officer so that they can follow up on it.

Action – Contact enforcement officer, copy in TT, CH, SA and JMc. (SJ)(RG)

AREA PARTNERSHIP

MH attended the Area Partnership Zoom meeting on February 18th. AE are looking for projects to fund next year, their focus was on mental health.

AELCC

Next meeting scheduled for 22th March.

POLICE REPORT

Latest report distributed by email. CB emailed to say the police recently carried out speed checks in Bolton and whilst no arrests were made for speeding a couple of vehicles without insurance or driving licence were seized. Vivien Black, the new community police officer is now in place.

Action: Add Vivien Black to email list. (LM)

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing outstanding.

WEBSITE

IG reiterated that it would be helpful for everyone to share details of the CC Facebook page, website address and twitter account to help promote the social media and make more people aware they can access useful information from the CC online.

Action: Share details to promote Facebook page/website and Twitter account (All)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Carried forward - A complaint has been received about the conduct of a community councillor – RG is seeking external advice on how to respond to it.
- TT advised that if we do not have a positive outcome from reporting potholes, we should contact the EL councillors and they will follow up.

- MH informed the committee that James Nisbet, who owns the racetrack in Humbie, has expressed an interest in making a financial donation to the CC or Humbie Community. It was agreed that we should thank him and politely decline his offer in case it was deemed inappropriate as he is currently going through a planning application.

Action: Investigate complaint against community councillor (RG)

Action: Reply to James Nisbet re donation. (MH)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on 7th April 2021 at 1930hrs on Zoom.