

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 337th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 12th May 2021 on Zoom 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs R Greenhill (RG) Chair
Mrs M Hodge (MH) - Treasurer
Mrs S Jamieson (SJ)
Mr S Wilson (SW)
Cllr J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr Tom Trotter (CT)

In attendance: Ms Diane Mckain

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Mrs L May (LM) - Secretary
Mr Frank Kirwan (FK)
PC Colin Boyd (CB)
Mr I Galloway (IG)
Mr George Rapson (GR)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Cllr C Hoy (CH)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nothing declared.

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

- Lockdown lending – images uploaded and good response to the post.
- New sign for Humbie – order for signs has been placed.
- Hutting policy – JMc confirmed that he would be speaking to Keith Dingwall on his return from Annual Leave. He noted that Gifford CC had also shown interest in this policy. He hoped to have an update next week. He appreciated that a policy was key to giving clarity on what developments would be permitted in Woodland.

FINANCE

MH issued a financial update. She noted that the accounts for the previous financial year were being audited. These would be submitted to the ELC in due course.

MH noted that she had received £300 for hall hire from ELC in April which balances the expenditure made in February to the village halls. She had also arranged to refund of £51 to IG for the costs of the website. All were grateful for IM's efforts and noted that the website is appreciated. MH had also arranged the contribution for AI's bench.

The current bank balance is £5969.36 and does not include the Local Priorities money due from ELC for 2021-22.

TRANSPORT

The 30 MPH signs for Humbie were ordered on the 28th April and are expected to be delivered soon.

It was noted that there had been some Police pop-up sessions which had provided good evidence on speeding vehicles and the measures that can be put in place to restrict speed.

PLANNING

No new planning applications noted.

SJ gave a brief summary of the Local Review Board proceedings of the 15th April and noted that the application was not determined and a decision had been deferred until 17th July. The applicant would need to supply additional material on a woodland management plan for the whole woodland in particular. SJ also noted that woodland.co.uk had sold 2 woodlots at Spott. It was agreed that SJ should contact East Lammermuir Community Council to offer them assistance should they wish it.

MH noted that issues had been raised about the race track at Bughtknowe. DMc noted that this related to a caravan parked on the site and forwarded the link.

Action: Contact to be made with East Lammermuir Community Council (SJ)

HUMBIE NURSERY

SW, FK and MH had participated in a meeting with JMc relating to the mothballing of Humbie Nursery. They noted that the nursery is still to be mothballed in 2021 despite 8, possibly 9 families being eligible for places. Consent mandates were being sought from the families involved so that ELC can establish the reasons for the mothballing decision. SW noted that the Parent Council had asked for the decision to be revisited as there was a view that the initial decision was flawed. JMc noted that he had received no mandates and asked that parents contact him directly.

Action: Mandates to be sought from parents and sent to JMc (SW, MH and FK)

AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Area Partnership met the 29th April. MH noted that it had discussed the Annual Report and a number of funding applications. It was agreed that the Annual Report was very clear and set out the nature of the causes that had been supported. MH noted that the AP was seeking funding applications for the 2021-22 funds and would be particularly supportive of applications for projects that are focussing on mental health.

AELCC

No meetings had taken place.

POLICE REPORT

Latest report distributed by email. The next CAPP meeting would be on the 24th May and SJ would attend.

It was noted that the police had visited East Saltoun and that a similar visit would be made to Bolton.

JMc noted that he would be attending a road safety meeting on 10th June and would raise the speeding issues.

It was also noted that speed bumps had been installed in Gifford by the Community Council in an effort to reduce speeds on the Duns Road. RG asked whether these were a danger to cyclists and whether they would remain in place when Road races were arranged along these routes. TT noted that these speed bumps had been erected to deal with speeding issues. He noted that it was common knowledge that locals were largely responsible for speeding through our villages.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing outstanding.

WEBSITE

All to forward any information to IG and to share website links widely.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- TT noted that he had not received the minutes or agenda. RG would investigate
- JMc noted that he is in discussion with OpenReach regarding the R100 project for Humbie and Garvald. He noted that Robert Turnbull had been appointed to help progress this project. RG and SJ asked that Bolton be added to the list. Whilst it was connected to the Gifford exchange, it had not been included in the fibre roll-out for the village and broadband speeds are abysmal. RG noted that when copper wires are disconnected, some villagers will have no means of communication as mobile reception is poor too. RG agreed to email JMc agreed to request that Bolton be included in the R100 programme. It was also agreed that Broadband should be added to future agendas.

- DMC asked whether the parent council could attend the CC meetings. It was confirmed that they were welcome to attend should they wish to do so.
- RG noted that elections to the Community Council would be held in the autumn. It was agreed that RG should contact Hazel Boak to seek a timetable.

Action: Check TT in distribution lists (RG and EM)

Action: Request for Bolton to be added to R100 Broadband roll-out lists (RG)

Action: Add Broadband to future agendas (RG and EM)

Action: Timetable for CC Elections (RG)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the above will be held on 2nd June 2021 at 1930hrs on Zoom.