

HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 336th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on WEDNESDAY 7th April 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 J McMillan (JMc)
Cllr C Hoy (CH)
Cllr S Ahktar (SA)
Mr S Wilson (SW)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Colin Boyd (CB)
Mr George Rapson (GR)
Mrs B Roberts (BR)
Cllr Tom Trotter (CT)

In attendance: Ms Diane Mckain

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nothing declared.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

- Lockdown lending – images are still required.
- New sign for Humbie – JMc would check with the Area Partnership how this can be arranged. He would be speaking to Tom Reid on 18th April.
- Potholes to be reported on the ELC website. It was noted that this is extremely easy and there is no need to input grid references as the location of the problem can be identified on the map provided.

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

FINANCE

MH issued a financial update. She noted that there is £5718.36 in the bank account. She had applied to ELC for reimbursement of the £300 hall rental fees for the community council meetings.

It was noted that a request from Saltoun Community Association had been sought for additional funds to support losses made during the pandemic. MH noted that two grants had been made for legal costs in addition to the hall rental and additional £300 that was offered to all three village halls. It was agreed that the Saltoun Community Association should apply for specific amounts of money to support a project or for set-up costs for a fund-raising event.

IG noted that the website contained information about the availability of funds and encouraged all to raise awareness of this through facebook pages, community groups and newsletters.

TRANSPORT

RG noted that she had contacted Alan Stubbs who had advised that all missing road markings, road defects etc should be reported through the website. RG would add those missing road markings. There were no further updates.

PLANNING

No new planning applications noted.

SJ gave a brief summary of the Local Review Board proceedings and noted that matters such as traffic management and development in an ancient woodland have been discussed. She noted that the LRB had refused the application for a hut on the grounds that it was development in a DC1 area.

In discussion it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a Council policy to guide future applications on where huts would be acceptable and where they are not. It was noted that a policy similar to that for wind turbines would be helpful. JMc offered to make enquiries with the Head of Planning.

A further meeting of the LRB is scheduled for the 15th April when the second application for a hut will be discussed.

SW asked whether contact should be made with Ann Cunningham the consultant/advisor for the applicants. It was agreed that until the planning applications have been determined by the Council this would not be appropriate. It was agreed that it would be necessary to work with the woodland community in the future.

Action: To enquire about progress on a ELC hut policy. (JMc)

AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Area Partnership had not met but would do so on the 29th April.

AELCC

RG noted that she had been unable to attend this meeting due to family commitments but understood that a recording of the meeting was available.

POLICE REPORT

Latest report distributed by email. The next CAPP meeting would be on the following Monday and SJ would attend.

IG noted that the police had visited East Saltoun. He noted that he had not been informed of the community event and that had this been advertised more people would have been able to provide feedback.

The poor 101 service was also noted. MH noted that in her experience the quality of response is very poor and substandard. She noted that in many cases it wasn't appropriate to dial 999 but it was important to report crime. It was questioned whether the lack of response to 101 calls leads to under-reporting. CH offered to report this to the police. LM also agree to email Colin Boyd directly to ask whether incidents can be reported electronically via email.

Action: Enquiries to be made about 101 service (CH and LM)

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing outstanding.

WEBSITE

IG noted that there is increasing use of the Facebook page and encouraged all members to circulate the links.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- New signs for East Saltoun – IG noted that there was no community support for this.
- FK noted that the Humbie nursery has been mothballed despite there being 8 children who could attend. JMc noted that the nursery would be open to children, however, for the purposes of staff planning etc, the ELC required children to be registered by the due date. At the time, no children had been registered, so there appeared to be no need for the nursery. It was agreed that JMc would arrange a further meeting with FK, MH and the parent council to discuss the issue.

Action: Arrange meeting regarding nursery (JMc)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the above will be held on 12th May 2021 at 1930hrs on Zoom – one week later than normal due to the election.