# HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the 341st MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on Tuesday, 7th December 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Humbie Village Hall

**PRESENT**

 Ms. Janet Beck (JB)

Mr Iain Galloway (IG);

Mrs Margo Hodge (MH)

Mr Frank Kirwan (FK)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

 Cllr Tom Trotter (TT),

 Patrick Gemmell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant (Green Canopy only)

 Debbie Elworthy, Secretary

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr Sandy Wilson (AW)

Cllr S Ahktar (SA)

Cllr J McMillan (JMc),

Cllr Craig Hoy MSP,

IG welcomed Debbie Elworthy as the new CC secretary.

**ConflictS of interest**

None disclosed.

**Action**: **SA** to send a copy of ELC’s Register of Interests

**Action**: FK to circulate a revised draft CC constitution

**Minutes of November Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**Matters arising**

**Action**: **All** to update Secretary on status of their actions prior to the following meeting.

Inappropriate height of new swings in Humbie Playpark

**Action**: **SA** to raise with Dougie Fox

**Queen’s Green Canopy**

Patrick Gemmell outlined the Queen’s Green Canopy and sought the CC’s support to increase the number of trees planted under the initiative. He outlined possible funding sources, suppliers of trees and areas where those without a suitable garden could plant a tree.

**Action** :IG to include details on the Facebook page

**Action**: FK to include details in a future community email.

**Finance**

MH summarised income and expenditure YTD. The CC balance amounts to £827. Hall rental payments will be made in Feb-March 2022.

The CC approved the usual £150 to fund the Christmas lighting of the church in East Saltoun.

**TRANSPORT**

Attendance at the Bus Forum is not a priority for the CC given the paucity of local provision – if a local issue arises or is referenced in the minutes, it will be pursued.

**Action**: DE to ensure the CC gets Bus Forum agendas and minutes.

Speeding remains a community concern in East Saltoun, particularly at the chicane by the school. TT advised that this was the case in most villages, with locals being the prime culprits – there is no magic solution. He recommended ensuring that the issue of speeding continues to be raised at every CAPP meeting; and that the registration of any speeding vehicles be passed to the community police.

**Action**: TT to raise sight lines at the ES chicane with ELC - **Done**

**PLANNING**

ELC’s draft policy on hutting (e.g. Bolton Muir Wood) has still not been published. TT advised that there would be community consultation before the policy is finalised. The CC’s interest is in safeguarding the interests of the broader community for whom Bolton Muir Wood has historically been accessed for recreation.

Proposals for the enhancement of the ‘Paddock’ on the southern approach to Humbie will be presented for consultation with adjacent residents in mid-December, prior to broader community consultation. ELC has agreed to consider cutting the grass.

Discussion of the National Planning Framework was deferred to a future meeting.

**Action**: All to read the draft Framework

**BROADBAND – R100 Rollout**

No further information.

**Action**: IG to invite Robin Grenfell (who is researching a scheme for the Saltouns) to a future meeting.

**Action**: **SA** to identify appropriate point of ELC contact

**AREA Partnership**

JB reported that there is a healthy balance in the AP General Fund as a result of additional Covid funding, which needs to be spent (or lost) by the end of March – the wheelchair access, seating and footpath element of the proposed Paddock may be eligible for funding.

**Police report and CAPP**

The police report was noted. Officers had provided assistance in Bolton during the recent power outage.

**Action**: DE to ensure we get agenda and minutes of the CAPP

**Correspondence**

Nothing outstanding.

**Any other business**

Community Council mail accounts – access has been secured.

**Action**: – JB to pass login details to DE

**Action**: **FK** to delete ‘council’ from *humbiecommcouncil@gmail.com* *-* **Done**

Review of Education Estate – JB had circulated a detailed report on this consultation, highlighting the higher cost per pupil at Humbie School and the recent significant increase in that cost, which appeared to be a consequence of adding two nursery staff whose cost was spread over five pupils. The importance of the school to the viability of the community is not in dispute. TT reiterated ELC’s commitment to retention of rural schools such as Humbie. The CC decided that no response was required.

**Action**: **TT** to establish what additional capacity is being created at Ross High.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 11 January at 1930.

**Action**: **MH** to set up Zoom meeting.