

**HUMBIE, EAST AND WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the 344th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on TUESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**PRESENT**

Iain Galloway, Chair (IG)  
Margo Hodge, Treasurer (MH)  
Janet Beck (JB)  
Derek Logie (DL)  
Frank Kirwan (FK)

**(1) APOLOGIES**

Sandy Wilson (AW)  
Cllr John McMillan (JMc)  
Cllr Shamin Ahktar (SA)  
Debbie Elworthy, Secretary (DE)  
Robin Greenfell (RG)

**(2) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

MH, JB and FK confirmed having sent completed Declarations of Interest to IG or DE.

**Action:** IG to send template to DL

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the previous meeting were amended in respect of the date; MH having sent apologies; and the Costerton Right of Way having been raised by JB.

**(4) FINANCE**

The information previously circulated by MH was noted. The next tranche of funds from ELC is expected end-May.

The company engaged to provide sound systems for the cancelled hustings had declined to make any refund – and will not be used again.

**(5) PLANNING**

DL confirmed having written to ELC about the obstructed pathway at Howden. The route originally led to the demolished NewHall House. There is some uncertainty as to whether the path is a statutory Right-of-Way. The path is still walkable.

JB flagged fallen signage on the right-of-way between Humble and Fala – it appears the signage is not under the auspices of ELC.

**Action**: JB to photograph/document the issue

## **(6) HUSTINGS POST-MORTEM**

Attendance has been low at all such events in this ward.

The only material difference in promotion this time was the absence of AI's 'prompting' of folk visiting the Hub.

## **(7) TRANSPORT**

'Quiet Roads' – these are defined as having less than 800 vehicles per day; less than 5.5m wide; used by horses and walkers; have local support for designation and no objection from the emergency services. DL believes the consequences of designation appear to be a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph and new signage. The road between East and West Saltoun appears to be a good candidate as do routes regularly used for walking or cycling to school.

The new routing, timetable and booking system for the 109 bus service appears to have been introduced without any community consultation.

## **(8) LOCAL HOUSING ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY – ELC Consultation**

DL described the process leading up to production of ELC's draft ten year strategy in September 2022. He flagged issues of rural housing need and rural fuel poverty.

**Action** – DL will draft a response to the consultation on behalf of the CC.

**Action** – All members to send comments to DL.

## **(9) POLICE REPORT AND CAPP**

The PACC didn't meet due to staff shortages.

The new East Lothian commander has been taken on a familiarisation trip around the villages on a quadbike.

### **(10) AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The most recent meeting was postponed.

Funding is unlikely to be forthcoming for a further speed sign, but communities are reluctant to lose 'their' existing signs . ELC are quoting a cost of £7k+ (compared to £2k in 2015) which would amount to almost a third of the relevant part of the AP annual budget. Speed signs of a different design, but in use in other Scottish local authorities are offered online at £3.3k.

**Action:** MH to seek AP funding – if not forthcoming, ask ELC to consider other suppliers and propose a rotation plan for existing signs.

### **(11) Correspondence**

None

### **(12) Website**

IG confirmed regular uploading of relevant material.

### **(14) AOB**

Addendum following the formal conclusion of the meeting. The Community Council agreed to co-opt Derek Logie as a member, representing East & West Saltoun.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in Humble Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30 – MH and DL tendered their apologies.