

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

MINUTES of the 345th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Humbie Village Hall.

### **PRESENT**

Iain Galloway, Chair (IG)  
Margo Hodge, Treasurer (MH)  
Janet Beck (JB)  
Frank Kirwan (FK)  
Robin Greenfell (RG)  
Cllr John McMillan (JMc) – from 2005  
Cllr Shamin Ahktar (SA)

### **(1) APOLOGIES**

Derek Logie (DL)  
Sandy Wilson (AW)  
Debbie Elworthy, Secretary (DE)

The chair congratulated the re-elected ELC councillors.

### **(2) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

IG noted that he is a member of the Saltoun Community Association and his wife is Treasurer – see item 4.

### **(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MH noted that an ELC-compliant speed responsive sign would cost a third of the relevant Area Partnership budget heading.

### **(4) FINANCE**

The information previously circulated by MH was noted. The cc account is currently £8k in credit. ELC monies have been received.

Saltoun Community Association (SCA) applied to the CC for £1500+Vat for legal fees to register as a SCIO. The CC has provided substantial funding to the SCA in the recent past to enable the creation of the SCIO. The SCA also has meaningfully greater funds than the CC itself. The CC felt that further support would not meet the criteria of ‘enabling’ a new project to proceed and would be directing too much of the funding capacity to one recipient.

Payment of insurance for the defibrillator in West Saltoun was delegated to MH on receipt of answers to a variety of questions - if approved there would be no presumption of future payments by the CC.

## **(5) PLANNING**

The October 2021 planning application at Windymains has still not been decided. Councillors were reminded of the strong community concerns voiced at the public meeting organised by the CC as part of the consultation process preceding submission. FK noted that the application, while ostensibly for retrospective approval for construction of a hard standing and bund, also included requests for significant extensions to working hours – an issue which was of significant concern to those residents affected by noise from the operation.

**Action** – EL Councillors to establish the status of the application and to reiterate local concerns.

Bughtknowe – the track is again in use despite ELC accepting Counsel’s opinion that planning permission is required.

**Action**: EL councillors to establish the status of the planning application.

Play parks - East Saltoun – A survey of local needs should be undertaken to provide the basis for a bid for ELC funds.

**Action**: SA will pass Pencaitland survey template to RG.

Walking & Cycling - RG lamented the limited non-vehicular connectivity between ES/WS and Pencaitland or Gifford. It was suggested that the active travel subgroup of the AP might be interested in funding provision and/or that Sustrans funding may be available. It might also be worth exploring whether it is possible to leverage Glenkinchie Distillery’s attempt to position itself as a cycling destination.

**Action**: SA to effect intro to chair of active travel group and core pathway network officers.

A TTRO to make the Humbie 30mph speed limit permanent is imminent.

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

DL had submitted to the consultation on behalf of the CC.

## **(7) AREA PARTNERSHIP**

Neither MH or JB had been able to attend the May meeting but MH had raised the cost of speed cameras with chair outside of meeting. Solar powered cameras (i.e. with minimal installation requirements) are available at half the cost quoted by ELC. JMcM commended community involvement in choice of speed management measures.

**Action:** IG to pass on cost comparison material to Margo for onward dissemination.

### **(8) AELCC**

IG attended. Items discussed included a major CC email-based fraud attempt (foiled); train disruption; possible cost-sharing by community councils; and the visual impact of the proposed Newlands wind farm.

It is likely that AELCC chair and vice chair roles will rotate amongst CCs on an annual basis.

SOLE – an initiative to assist small EL business to go online - has received £450k public funding over three years.

### **(9) Correspondence**

None

### **(10) Website**

**Action:** IG to add details of the June 19 Big Walk in Haddington.

### **(11) AOB**

JMcM reported that ELC's Rural Economy Group has been reconstituted.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 19.30 in Bolton Village Hall.