

Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council

MINUTES of the 346th MEETING of the Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council held on Tuesday, 6th September 2022 at 7:30pm at Bolton Village Hall

Present:

Iain Galloway, Chair (IG)
Margo Hodge, Treasurer (MH)
Frank Kirwan (FK)
Robin Grenfell (RG)
Derek Logie (DL)
Sandy Wilson (AW)

In Attendance:

Cllr John McMillan (JMc)
Cllr George McGuire (GMc)

Apologies:

Cllr Shamin Ahktar (SA)
Cllr Tom Trotter (TT)
Janet Beck (JB)
Debbie Elworthy, Secretary (DE)

Disclosure of Interests

FK - Director of Humbie Hub
JMc – ELC Planning Committee

Approval of minutes

Approved

Climate

Ian Malcolm from East Lothian Climate Action Network unable to attend. Agreed for those interested to contact directly to express interest or put forward contacts.

Secretary

New secretary required following DE resignation. Agreed to look at previous candidates.

Action – 01: MH to speak to previous applicant, Carla

Finance

£8,293 on balance up to end of August.

IG pointed out that next time we should discuss how to encourage people to apply for funds.

Action – 02: at next meeting discuss how to encourage people to apply for funds

Planning applications raised since the last meeting – any relevant actions necessary?

Discussed two new applications. No actions noted.

West Saltoun 20mph & East/West Saltoun Quiet Road proposal – comments?

DL set out concern with speed limit in West Saltoun and road between West and East Saltoun. Letter has been drafted to Alan Stubbs to request 20mph speed limit and designation as a quiet road to be applied, limiting speed to 40mph.

Resolved to support letter.

JMc said it is important to raise concerns when they are spotted. He is happy to receive email concerns.

Discussed that driver behaviour is another matter, which may need different approaches to address.

Action – 03: JMc to set up meeting with Alan Stubbs and Ian Lennox (head of roads team) to discuss the request for West Saltoun speed limit and quiet road designation.

Iain Stirling's email re planning application – comments?

Discussed with no concerns raised.

Funding request Holly at East Saltoun Playgroup (emails 22/8 & 17/8) – comments?

IG set out the request and it was agreed to provide the funding of £300 for new equipment to support playgroup activities.

Action – 04: MH to contact Holly to arrange.

Electric chargers moving from Humbie Hub to School

FK set out the plan to move the chargers and concerns with plan.

JMc said that the two chargers are coming to the end of their operational life but he said if there are concerns then he could set up a meeting with Tom Reed (head of infrastructure)

Action – 05: JMc to set up meeting with Tom Reed, JB, FK.

Humbie Hub – alcohol licence application

Response sought by ELC Licensing Officer by 9th Sept.

FK explained the situation and concern with application.

Concern with 1. Hours (up to midnight) and 2. Numbers (up to 70 in the garden and a further 40 indoors). Application has been paused and will be amended as follows: No use of outdoors after 8pm. Numbers capped to 40. Sale of alcohol from midday to 8pm if an event or 4pm otherwise. No concerns raised with this revised application.

Action – 06: IG to respond to the communication concerning this matter.

GoCompare Flood Preparation – are we happy to add their link to our site, as a source of information?

Discussed and although information on flooding may be useful, there are other sources which may be more appropriate, e.g. SEPA flood maps, as opposed to a commercial company.

Area Partnership – feedback & update

MH have update on Area Partnership.

Noted Haddington Rotary accepts funding requests for £400 grants.

Scottish uniform fund available for applications.

Private tennis courts can be made available for active schools

GMc noted that council funding will be available for households unable to afford their energy bill. AW asked if charities would be eligible. JMc suggested this could be requested.

Action – 07: GMc and JMc to send information on support available for Community Council to put on website.

Correspondence

Mentioned with no discussion

Website – agree to implement any relevant posts

Recent posts: Policing survey, Health & Social Care survey, Poverty Conference, Mental Health First Aid

Action – 08: add above information to website.

Any other business

JMc noted that the council is no longer in business recovery mode. Cabinet meets on Tuesday to discuss finances. JMc is talking about French town twinning next week, so to contact him if any interest.

IG talked to Richard Heggie, a planning consultant working for Lennoxlove. Discussed previous application for 75 houses in East Saltoun (near Smiddy), which was thrown out. Discussed that Lennoxlove are looking to discuss local views around developments. First meeting to be on *Tuesday 27th September 2:30-7:30pm in Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun (post meeting confirmation of date)*

Date of next meeting

7:30pm, 4th October

Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun

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