

# HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes 348<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
19:30  
Bolton Village Hall

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**Present:** Janet Beck (Acting Chair), Sandy Wilson

In Attendance: Cllr Shamin Ahktar

| Agenda item  | Action  |
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| <p>1. <b>Apologies</b><br/>Apologies received from Iain Galloway, Robin Grenfell, Margo Hodge, Frank Kirwan, Derek Logie, Robin Carla Ward<br/>It was noted that the meeting was not quorate so decisions are subject to agreement via email circulation. Some items needing input from specific people were deferred to the next meeting.</p>   | <p><b>CW</b> to circulate minutes asking absent CC members to notify <b>CW/JB</b> by if they disagree with any decisions by 9/12/22</p> |
| <p>2. <b>Disclosure of Interests</b><br/>Nothing declared</p>  |   |
| <p>3. <b>Approval of previous minutes</b><br/>Approved subject to minor amendments.</p>  | <p><b>JB</b> send amended minutes to <b>CW</b> for circulation</p>  |
| <p>Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda)</p> <p>4. Delays in reinstatement of white lines. SA reported that the lines in West Saltoun are still missing. She has been in touch with the contractor responsible for this and West Saltoun has been prioritised as the next job to be done. The issue was also raised at the Area Partnership meeting, so that they could place this on a priority list.</p> <p>8. Discussion of priorities for the Community Council was deferred to the next meeting due to low attendance</p> | <p><b>SA</b> and community councillors (<b>CC's</b>) to exchange information if there is any progress on white lines</p>                |
| <p>4. <b>Finance</b><br/>Finance statement from MH was received and approved.</p>  |   |

**5. Planning Applications**

CCs who were present were unaware of any contentious applications but agreed that other CC members should have an opportunity to raise any concerns.

**All CCs** to consider this and respond by 9/12/22 if they have any concerns

**6. Bughtknowe Race Course**

The current situation was clarified, i.e. that ELC issued an enforcement notice on November 14<sup>th</sup> and that any appeal must be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The CC view is that it has no formal role in this issue, and this view was reinforced by SA. However, a number of residents have contacted CCs, so CCs feel that some response is needed. Following initial expressions of concern some information about the current status was circulated via the Humbie Community email. This was a factual statement taken from wording on the ELC planning portal. CCs feel that it would be appropriate to respond to those individuals who have been in touch, with a copy to the relevant ELC officer, with a brief explanation of the situation and our lack of a formal role in this matter. This would include a statement about the process (drawing on the ELC website), with reference to the public consultation that took place in 2020 and the objection lodged by the CC as a result. AS agreed that this was an appropriate action.

Draft to be circulated to CCs for comment by end of 8/12/22 **JB**

**CW** to send statement to residents who have been in contact about this (by 9/12/22 at the latest).

**7. Survey feedback**

The survey of opinion regarding the role of the CC (discussed at the previous meeting) has been circulated in the Humbie area and results are now available. The response rate was disappointing, but it responses do highlight some concerns. Most commonly selected as an issue of concern was Road Maintenance, followed by Broadband availability, then Environmental Issues and Community Spaces/Playparks. Issues mentioned less frequently were Road Safety and Traffic and Public Transport. SA reported on approaches used in other communities to consult on Playparks, and will send information about this. Local Housing Priority funding is a potential source of support.

Survey findings to be shared with all CCs **CW**

There was some discussion of possible follow up to the survey, including a public event.

Information about survey progress in other CC areas was not available.

**SA** to provide information

Updates on survey status in other areas requested **IG, RG, DL**

**8. Correspondence (since last meeting)**

CW has Circulated a number of relevant communications

**9. Website - additions from this meeting**

See item 10.

**Standing Items for information**

Noted.

**10. Any other business**

SA reported availability of wind farm funding available for people on benefits needing support for fuel costs.

**SA** to send information.

Disseminate information via community email and website **FK, IG**

**11. Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed. The first Tuesday in January may be too early for some.

**CCs** to indicate preference for 3/1/23 vs 10/1/23