

# HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes 353<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
19:30  
Humbie Village Hall, Humbie

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**Present:** Iain Galloway, Robin Grenfell, Sandy Wilson, Frank Kirwan, Shamin Akhtar, Carla Ward

Agenda item	Action
1. <b>Apologies</b> Margo Hodge, Janet Beck, Derek Logie, John McMillan	
2. <b>Disclosure of Interests</b> Nothing declared.	
3. <b>Approval of previous minutes and action update</b> Approved	
4. <b>Finance</b> The finance report that was distributed was approved. It was noted that we have received annual funding (not reflected in the current report).	
5. <b>Planning Applications</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Humbie Mains - Horse training Area Carla to follow up with Margo as her property shares a border with the location. Margo's response: "There is no issue if it is for the sole use of the existing horses that are at livery. I am concerned that all this expense may mean a commercial use, I.E people from elsewhere can hire the arena. The access road from the main road is not suitable for additional traffic; horse lorries and trailers."</li></ul>	<b>CW</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Frank will check with the residents of Humbie Mains 1 and 2 as regards their views on the installation of the floodlights.</li></ul>	<b>FK</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Samuelston, South Mains - Shed/Storage to Industrial Class 4 No issues raised.</li></ul>	

## 6. **Bughtknowe**

Sandy noted that Humbie Community Council had received a letter from John McMillan, but unfortunately, it still leaves some outstanding issues.

From the last minutes, Item 6, Paragraph 3, Line 4:

*"He (John) undertook to ensure that the CC was informed of any licence application in respect of the track and to attempt to secure a change to ELC policies so that neighbours were informed of licence applications as a matter of course."*

Sandy noted that John's reply suggested that in the instance of an application, they guarantee that the elected representatives would be advised, and they would then notify the Community Council. He stated that it doesn't address the issue of the neighbours being informed and noted that they had not been informed previously. The note as regards the applicant having to notify the neighbours doesn't address our concerns.

From the last minutes, Item 6, Paragraph 4:

*"SA and JMcM were unable to explain what action the Council would take in response to the environmental nuisance associated with any private use of the track - other than to provide the mobile number of an 'on call' officer as well as pointing to a page of the ELC website with a relevant phone number."*

Sandy noted that the letter provided no comfort in this regard. There is no contact information and there is no contact available on weekends. He stated that in the instance of a private gathering, there would be no notice required and council would not have a contact point.

Sandy went on to state that there are still outstanding issues, and we appear to have moved back from the previous meeting.

Shamin stated that she feels it addresses quite a few points. There is a step in place as regards notification of licenses.

She also noted that none of the neighbouring councils have 24hr noise and environment team. She noted that they are working hard to work with the Community Council to address the issue, but they cannot change policy overnight.

It was noted that the pending court case means that there can be no applications for public licenses, but there is however, no stop on private events.

Regarding the environmental issue, Sandy stated we need to know who to notify in the event of a gathering. He noted that we were hoping to have access to someone on the council that would take ownership of this.

Shamin stated that the environmental team is not available on weekends or in the evenings, however, the police and antisocial teams work closely together. Shamin noted that it's best to contact the police via email, which is then put to the call desk quickly. Shamin noted that if there is an event, it is

of utmost importance that the neighbours contact the police and that they put as much information and detail in the email, so that we can create a case. Frank stated that neighbours have previously attempted to report and failed to get a reaction from the police.

Iain asked Shamin if it would be possible for the neighbours to be emailed directly when a licence application is received and asked Sandy if this would satisfy the desire for the neighbours to be notified. Both agreed that this should be acceptable. Shamin will coordinate this once Sandy will send a list of neighbour emails to Shamin.

**SA, SW**

Frank stated that he gets the impression that if an event was to take place, it could get nasty. Shamin said that this needs to be discussed with Stuart (Community Police Partnership) so that we can flag the issue with him.

Iain suggested that the police Community support team be asked to meet with the community counsellors to describe how likely and quickly they would be able to respond to a request from local residents, especially at a weekend, and what measures, enforcement, or evidence gathering they would be able to undertake. All agreed that this would be a suitable way to proceed and would address the fears of residents that there would not be a timely response if an event was to occur.

Subsequently, Stuart has been invited to the meeting on the 6th of June - unfortunately, he is not available to attend. Humble Community Councillors to advise potential dates to meet with him so that Carla can liaise with Stuart to get a meeting in place.

**SW, FK**

## **7. DC1 - ELC Policy on 'Development in the Countryside'**

We want Humble to grow. The combination of DC1 and the village boundary makes organic growth impossible.

Frank noted that there is currently no available space within the village boundary that can be developed. He said that there are plenty of available, suitable sites that could be developed, but they fall outside of the village boundary. How do we change the village boundaries?

Shamin noted that local consultations will be starting soon.

Frank said that the papers that were submitted for the previous local development plan were rejected.

Shamin said that we should make a submission again.

Sandy asked whether there was a designated office that deals with Humble. Shamin will look into this.

**SA**

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

Query received from Colin Symon as regards broadband in Bolton.

Robin prepared a response which was sent through to Colin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

## **9. Website - no additions from this meeting**

**10. Any other business**

Iain thanked Shamin for her regular attendance and continued assistance at our meetings.

**11. Date of next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Bolton Village Hall