

# HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes 352nd Meeting

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
19:30  
Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun

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**Present:** Iain Galloway, Margo Hodge, Sandy Wilson, Frank Kirwan, Derek Logie, John McMillan, Shamin Akhtar

Agenda item	Action
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1. **Apologies**

Robin Grenfell, Carla Ward

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

Nothing declared

3. **Approval of previous minutes and action update**

Approved

4. **Finance**

Margo noted the year end balance of £6497 and confirmed that the accounts would be submitted for independent scrutiny.

5. **Planning Applications**

No new applications

6. **Bughtknowe Quadbike Track**

The elected Councillors attending were vigorously challenged as to what action they would take to secure substantive responses from ELC to the CC's questions about licensing, environmental nuisance and apparent maladministration; and how they would fulfil their statutory representational role.

SA and JMcM reported that they had been advised by ELC's solicitor that they should not discuss the Bughtknowe issue as a neighbouring resident had lodged an appeal with the Court of Session. It was pointed out that the first two unanswered questions did not relate to the matter under appeal - discussion then continued.

JMcM professed to have misunderstood the substance of the CC's questions, believing them to refer solely to planning permission - the basis for such a misunderstanding remains unclear. JMcM apologised for his misunderstanding. He undertook to ensure that the CC was informed of any licence application in respect of the track and to attempt to secure a change

**JMcM**

to ELC policies so that neighbours were informed of licence applications as a matter of course.

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.

The CC noted their concern at the apparent failure of the elected councillors, both present and absent, to successfully represent the interests of the community in this matter, especially with respect to the roles of ELC officials.

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

Nothing to report.

**8. Website - no additions from this meeting**

**9. Any other business**

Derek reported that there had been no response from ELC to his follow-up request to designate the road between East and West Saltoun as a 'quiet road'.

Janet updated the meeting on discussions about a possible EL-wide Community Benefit Fund from future windfarm developments.

Margo sought to be added to the circulation list for the Bus Forum.

SA explained that ELC would be unable to provide funding to upgrade the Humbie Playpark. CC members noted that, if funding is not from ELC sources, procurement of new play equipment and the erection of any additional fencing could be achieved more cheaply on the open market. The same is true for any reactive speed signs.

**10. Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Humbie Village Hall