

HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes
363rd Meeting**

**Tuesday 7th of May 2024
19:30
Bolton Village Hall**

Present: Iain Galloway, Margo Hodge, Sandy Wilson, George McGuire, Kerrie McIntosh, Shamin Akhtar, Robin Grenfell, Carrie Murray, Carla Ward

Agenda
item

Action

1. Apologies

Frank Kirwan, Tom Trotter, John McMillan, Derek Logie, Mandy Harrington

2. Disclosure of Interests

Nothing declared.

3. Approval of previous minutes and action update

The minutes were approved.

Actions:

IG noted that he had reached out to Nicola McDowell. He noted that any communications are likely to be issued to the school first.

RG indicated that they were hoping to get a representative to attend the parent council meeting.

SaA queried what the maintenance programme was for the school while mothballed.

CM stated that they had not had any responses from Education as regards their questions around mothballing. She noted that they had also raised the question of what is to be done with the items inside the school that has been paid for by the PTA over the years. CM further noted that going according to the council timeline, the school would be closed in March 2026, so the building will be empty for 18 months. IG will follow up with Nicola as regards the maintenance program, building security and the timeline for the closure of the school.

**IG - follow up with
NM**

CM said that the PTA would continue hosting the annual events as usual. She looked into the constitution and confirmed that they are allowed to use the PTA funds for events geared to the youth and community.

MH suggested making it a part of the community fund and opening it up to the community to assist with the events.

4. Finance

MH shared the finance report ahead of the meeting. She noted that we have received the LPS grant of £2274. This is down from the £2351 that we received last year.

She noted that the audit of the accounts is currently ongoing.

5. Road Conditions in Humbie

MH noted that we have a major issue with potholes in the area. The road up to the Church is in a very poor condition. The congregation complained and 4 potholes have been filled.

Humbie contributes a large amount to the council, we need the potholes repaired.

IG will share the pothole reporting process and link on the website.

MH will draft an email to be sent through to the Council.

GM indicated that he will be meeting with the roads team and will raise it with them.

SW stated that the Council faces risks of litigation if they don't deal with the potholes.

GM noted that if a vehicle is damaged due to a pothole that the Council is aware of, the Council is liable to pay the costs involved with damages/repair.

**MH - draft email
GM - raise issue
with roads team**

6. Update - Community Interest in East Saltoun Kirk

IG noted that the architect working for the estate had shared some options. IG has now spoken to an independent firm, and they will assist with outlining a feasibility plan. How much would it cost to make the kirk usable? Once we hear back from the surveyor, we can see what we want to do at that point.

7. Planning Applications

It was noted that the Bughtknowe Racetrack appeal was rejected.

8. Correspondence (since last meeting)

Road Resurfacing Email - Diann Govenlock - MH will respond.

**MH - respond to
email**

9. Website - no additions from this meeting

IG to add information as regards 'how to report potholes'

IG

10. AOB

Bolton Church

SW wondered whether there had been any further development. MH noted that it was not on the market yet.

Fletcher Hall

KM will be attending the AGM.

She noted that a survey is currently being carried out. The kitchen is currently closed/condemned and cannot be used at all.

CM asked whether there was anything being done proactively to prevent Saltoun going the same way as Humbie. It's concerning that children have been moved to Pencaitland. We should perhaps consider some advertising to encourage more parents to register their children with the school.

SW noted that there is a fundamental risk to the school if there is no hall.

Flowers - Rotation Schedule

Amenities can be contacted for the rotation schedule. There is a generic email on the Council website for landscaping and countryside.

Speed limits

CM noted the issue that they have with speeding at Leehouse. There are a lot of animals and a number of children in the area. ShA indicated that she will follow up with Alan Stubbs.

**ShA - follow up with
Alan Stubbs**

11. Date of next meeting

4th June 2024

19:30

Fletcher Hall