

# HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes 366<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2024

19:30

Bolton Village Hall

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**Present:** Iain Galloway, Margo Hodge, Sandy Wilson, Shamin Akhtar, Robin Grenfell, George McGuire, Tom Trotter, Kerrie McIntosh, Carrie Murray, Janet Beck, Derek Logie, John McMillan, Carla Ward

Agenda  
item

Action

**1. Apologies**

Frank Kirwan, Shamin Akhtar

**2. Disclosure of Interests**

JB - property next to the Humbie Primary and she is currently trying to sell it.

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

The minutes were approved.

Update minutes as per email from SA.

**4. Finance**

The report was shared ahead of the meeting.

MH noted that £2600 is money from the Council that has been ringfenced for the East Saltoun Church survey.

The accounts are currently being examined and will be in this week.

**5. Introduction - PC Kiera Edmonds**

PC Edmonds covers 4 areas and is based in Haddington.

MH queried the closure of stations. PC Edmond stated that ICE consultations are ongoing, but it doesn't affect our area. Command centre is based in Haddington and also covers North Berwick and Dunbar.

PC noted that there are speeding issues in East Lothian, but they don't have the staff to carry out active patrols. In Fife, the community volunteered and trained up to use the speed gun and monitor. It is not however enforceable. They can report back to police, and they can then issue a written warning. This was successful in Fife and Inveresk have now taken it on. PC will share PDF with further information.

PC to share further  
information

**6. Representation on the EL Community Benefit SCIO**

It was noted that the wind farm didn't get planning permission. Council declined the proposal due to the visibility and height. The appeal will go to Scot Gov.

The ELCB want a representative from this CC - it has to be formally accepted. IG will check and complete the necessary paperwork - he will follow up with Ralph Averbuch.

IG to complete paperwork and follow up with RA  
JM to forward emails

JM will forward emails with proposals and date of the AGM.

## **7. Posters and Flyers for Saltoun LPP**

IG has gotten a group together and they are currently working on the LLP. They are looking for a small budget to allow for the printing of a poster and flyers - approximately £100 - £120.

The CC noted their support of this request for funds.

DL queried what the timeline was for LDP. JM noted that it's currently in the consultation period. He stated that the Council is currently busy with sites and the spatial strategy. DL asked what the vision was for rural communities - that needs to be laid out in LDP. There currently doesn't seem to be a spatial strategy for rural communities.

JM noted that the rural economy is very important, and he would be happy to convene something for a rural council.

JM said that if we have proposals to please send them through and they will send it through to planning and ask them to consider it.

## **8. Planning Applications**

N/A

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

N/A

## **10. Website**

- Add information regarding the LPP
- Add link to Council Website survey

IG add info.  
IG add survey link.

## **11. AOB**

JM queried whether anyone in Humbie had experienced peat like substances contaminating ponds/outside bodies of water.

MH said that the first step is testing the substance.

JM said that the resident is alleging that someone is entering their garden and causing purposeful damage.

- Digital Switchover Online Webinar Meeting  
RG attended the seminar. It will be years before anything happens. They are sharing information to make sure that everyone can get ready. Power is crucial to ensure it works. They made it clear that the issue of a better mobile signal will not be addressed.
- Humbie Primary School Mothballing  
AW noted that the Humbie CC had looked at the external condition of the school and are concerned about the condition of some of the precautions that have been put in place. The wooden frames are

deteriorating, polycarbonate clear sheets have been screwed into timber, accelerating the deterioration of the timber. They are concerned that the sheets wont last long and queried when the property was last inspected. He requested that they arrange for someone to check that the work has been done correctly and completely. JB said that over the last 6 months, she had reported that the east facing roof has had roof slates for quite a while.

Council is statutorily obligated to maintain assets.

Humbie CC has prepared a letter to send through to the Council, noting their concerns and posing questions as regards the future of the building.

The letter will be sent through to CW and she will send it through to Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure.

JM will raise concerns regarding the window frames and roofing.

CW to send letter through to Council  
JM to raise concerns

- Humbie Fireworks Display

The event will take place on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. CM is currently sorting the public liability insurance.

- Humbie Christmas Market

Event scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. MH will put word out for assistance via the Community Council email.

MH to put word out for assistance with market

- Council House Inspections

GM noted that the Council will be inspecting the properties in Humbie on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. JM asked if there was anything else to raise. AW noted that the bin for dog waste is still in the playground park, even though there have been requests to have it moved months ago.

- Bughtknowe Racetrack

AW queried whether the order requiring the removal of the track has been enacted. He requested assurance that the removal has happened.

MH will write to the council for confirmation of the removal.

JM will email Keith Dingwall.

MH will write to council requesting confirmation  
JM will follow up with KD

## 12. **Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Fletcher Hall

19:30