

HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 372nd Meeting

Tuesday, 1st of April 2025
19:30
Bolton Village Hall

Present: Iain Galloway, Alexander Wilson, Tom Trotter, Carla Ward, George McGuire, Margo Hodge Janet Beck, Shamin Akhtar

Agenda
item

Action

1. Apologies

Frank Kirwan, Derek Logie, Mandy Harrington, John McMillan

2. Disclosure of Interests

NA

3. Approval of previous minutes and action update

Minute approved as accurate

- Grants Policy

IG will share the information on the website and Facebook page and asked that it be shared in other community FB groups.

It will be noted that any applications will be considered on merit.

It will also be noted that funding is available up to an amount of £250, but it is open to discussion.

AW indicated that the language used would need to be adjusted.

The information has already been shared with the Humbie groups but can be circulated again as there is a new funding source available.

RG stated that it's important to have the information on the website as the Area Partnership is available to all, whereas Windfarm and Community Grant Funding is Humbie based/aimed.

4. Finance

The report was circulated ahead of the meeting.

The accounts will be going to audit in the next month and will then be submitted.

The group confirmed that they are happy with the format used for the finance report.

IG noted his thanks for the Saltoun Place funding.

Mandy had sent out information regarding banking charges. MH noted her preference to stay with our current bank.

AW indicated that Humbie Hall also has an account with Bank of Scotland and they have not attempted to charge the account. MH has asked RA whether other groups have approached their banks regarding the charges.

5. Resilience Plans

MH attended the workshop on Saturday the 1st of March. CW will circulate the powerpoint slides once she has received them. MH noted that the Eyemouth presentation was very good and worth looking at.

The Humbie group is trying to prepare a resilience plan. After the last outage, there were several properties without power for 4 to 5 days, which also left them without a means of communication. The information regarding the food wagon was on Facebook but people were unable to access FB.

As a result, a decision was made to have a central notice board which can be used as the central information point.

They are looking to identify people in small groups around the entire area to be nominated as the contact person responsible for going to the notice board etc. This notice board will be just for Humbie.

IG stated that the Saltoun survey had indicated that people regularly look at the notice board in Saltoun.

AW noted that the Humbie group is also revisiting the idea of investing in a generator that will allow them to have all the heaters on in the hall. If there is another outage and people have to congregate, they will be able to use the hall.

Each community is to create their own resilience plan. Every group can decide on the support that they need and ensure that they have their emergency contacts in place.

6. Planning Applications

Nothing to report.

7. Correspondence (since last meeting)

NA

8. Website

IG has shared the information regarding the road race and the various road closures.

9. AOB

- Bughtknowe - MH confirmed that the fencing has been removed.
- Saltoun Church - it is either on the market or will be on the market soon. IG noted that there is a group of people that have expressed their concerns and feel that there shouldn't have been a vote. IG stated that the CC is happy to support any group that is vocal and wants to take things further.

- Local Plan - MH noted that it is a very good plan and there was a large amount of work that went into it. It is also good that all of the comments received were incorporated.
IG stated that the biggest concern raised was around what the new housing will look like.
The result links will be placed on the website and the plan will be circulated.
- Fletcher Hall - AW queried whether there was any transparency on the likely timeline on the future of the hall. Is it viable without the school?
IG indicated that he would like to push them a bit to see what else they can do with the hall. They do have a positive balance sheet, but he is not sure how much of that is set aside for a new hall.
The chairman is very grateful for the support from the Council with the recent repairs.
- East Saltoun Store - a stone was thrown through the store window. SA will photograph the damage and send it through to the Estates team.
- Path between Saltoun and Pencaitland - IG noted that they have spoken to 2 landowners and will be speaking to the 3rd landowner. They are open to the concept in principle.
There are a lot of little complications that come up i.e. crossings, bridges etc. and we are trying to avoid all of that.
RG noted that Sustrans wants 3 metres tarmacked to accommodate bicycles as well.

10. **Date of next meetings**

6th May 2025

Fletcher Hall