

HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 374th Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd June 2025
19:30
Humbie Village Hall

Present: Iain Galloway, Alexander Wilson, George McGuire, Margo Hodge, Mandy Harrington, Frank Kirwan, Janet Beck, Carla Ward

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Apologies Derek Logie, Tom Trotter, Robin Grenfell, Shamin Akhtar</p>	
<p>2. Disclosure of Interests NA</p>	
<p>3. Approval of previous minutes and action update Minute approved as accurate</p> <p>MH has been to the bank and has been notified that all of the charges are going directly to charity. The covering letter that we received isn't relevant to us and was triggered by the opening of the extra account.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Council does not have a policy for hutting. JM noted that he found piece of national guidance that he can share.</p>	<p>JM - share national guidance</p>
<p>4. Finance Report was shared ahead of meeting.</p> <p>We were given our council allocation in February last year. MH received an email last week, indicating that we would be receiving the payments in the upcoming weeks. MH noted that it is £17 less than last year, but we had been informed that we would be receiving the exact same amount that was awarded last year.</p> <p>MH further noted that previously, we used to claim for the rent of use of a building for the community council meetings, as the policy states that if you do not have use of a suitable council building, you are entitled to claim for the rent of use of a building. JM will follow up on this and if it is still the case, then we will continue to claim.</p>	<p>JM - follow up on claim for rent of building</p>
<p>5. Humbie and Saltoun Primary school continued mothballing Communication from the council has indicated that only 5 children had applied for the new school year and as such, the school will continue to be mothballed.</p>	

As the arrangement is now entering its second year, we need to discuss and think about the long-term situation.

FK stated that we need to establish whether the council has any fixed criteria for the un-mothballing of a school or is it a case-by-case situation.

JM noted that the timing of the mothballing process is from Scottish Government regulations.

FK would like to know what the trigger would be for the council to reopen the school. JM will ask the question.

FK noted that they plan to carry out an informal survey across the community to assess the interest in enrolment. FK will share the survey with IG so that it can also be shared in East Saltoun - by getting the communities together, we may get the numbers to support the reopening of one of the schools.

FK queried whether councillors should require the council to commit to a number on behalf of the community. He would also like to know if the number is greater than the number for the previous reopening, why is there a difference in the criteria.

JM will put the questions to the Education department.

JM - submit question to Education dept

6. Council Mowing of the Humbie Community Orchard

FK noted that the community orchard is overgrown. A member of the community had a conversation with the mowing team and asked them about moving the orchard as it is council property. Initially, the team member advised that he would put it on the list, but the office then indicated that they would need a letter from the community council to be sent to Amenities for it to be added to the list.

JM will follow up with Eamon John and Ed Hendrikson and find out about the letter.

JM - follow up with amenities

IG stated that the council has continued to mow the grass around Fletcher Hall and he noted his appreciation.

7. Planning Applications

Dun Law - Installation of Meteorological Masts
No objections

8. Correspondence (since last meeting)

9. Website

- Add link to parking consultation

IG

10. AOB

- Area Partnership Feedback

MH stated that recipient of funds were invited to the AGM and asked to provide feedback as regards the funding and the difference that it had made. It was really good to hear how the funding is being used to fill gaps in the community.

- Haddington Parking Survey
Many people have raised this and are irate about it. The concern is that it doesn't seem that this will be making money to put back into the community but that it is going to cost money to implement and maintain.
GM noted that the parking needs to be managed as it is with other towns and it will raise money to employ parking attendants. JM stated that this is a parking strategy and is not about the money. There are regularly issues with double parking and deliveries.
The community do have the opportunity to feed back on the proposals. It is important that the CC and individuals respond to the consultation.

FK will circulate the consultation in Humber and it is up to the individuals to reply. IG will add the consultation to the CC website and circulate in Saltoun.
- Community Council Elections
The elections will be taking place on the 9th of October.
IG asked that the information be shared with anyone that may be interested in joining the CC.
IG will add the information to the website in August.
- Smart Meters
Roger in Garvald has been trying to link to cheaper tariffs through the smart meter. The energy company has advised that the signal is the issue. Roger has been in touch with Douglas Alexander.
AW will send GM and JM an email with all of the information.
GM suggested that it may be worth approaching Douglas Alexander to make him aware that the smart meters do not work in the Humber area.
The RTS white meters will be switched off in stages and that process should be completed by September. The solution will then be able to address the smart meter signal issues, but only with the installation of new smart meters.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd of September
Bolton Village Hall
19:30 - 21:00