

HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 377th Meeting

Tuesday, 4th November 2025
19:30
Humbie Village Hall

Present: Sharon Dirkin, Danny Hunter, Mike Jeans, George McGuire, Tom Trotter, Margo Hodge (Acting as Chair), Carla Ward

In Attendance: Robin Grenfell

Agenda
item

- 1. Apologies**
Shamin Akhtar, Mandy Harrington, John McMillan
- 2. Disclosure of Interests**
NA
- 3. Approval of previous minutes and action update**
Minutes approved as accurate.
- 4. Finance**
Margo provided an overview of the CC finances.
 - East Saltoun Christmas Lighting
CC happy to support and will provide the funding.
- 5. Appointment of Chairperson**
Sharon Dirkin will take on role of chairperson for the year.
Sharon suggested annual rotation of the role.
- 6. Appointment of Treasurer**
Margo Hodge appointed to continue as Treasurer.
- 7. Visitor Levy**
GM indicated that this would be based on beds (B&B, hotels etc). Still in country wide consultation. It is an avenue to raise more money - funds meant to be reinvested into the tourism industry.
There is no further information available just yet.
Robin noted that accommodation providers are unlikely to be happy about the administrative burden involved.
- 8. Planning Applications**
NA
- 9. Correspondence (since last meeting)**

Email circulated as regards the Council Placemaking Project. We do not have any assets listed. TT noted that at the last Council Meeting, members voted to take the process to the next step.

Email circulated regarding new powers for Community Councils - there is a section regarding training. DH will attend (online sessions) and encouraged others to sign up for the sessions.

10. Website

Margo will be going to the bank to arrange a credit card that can be used for the website.

Action: Carla to forward email from Iain with website and social media information to Danny.

Danny indicated that he would also like to have access to the website and various social media.

Action: Danny will follow up with email as regards the website and social media profiles.

Danny suggested that it would be useful to add local TTRO information to the CC website.

Action: Link for reporting Smart Meter issues to be added to the website - Carla

11. AOB

Mike noted that the work on the East Saltoun LPP is yet to be finalised - he will pick this up with Iain.

Mike noted the increase in speeding on the East Saltoun main road since the school has been mothballed. He would like to explore what other facilities could be employed at the start of the village to encourage people to slow down.

Tom suggested taking this item to the next CAPP meeting.

Action: Margo to take the East Saltoun speeding concerns to the next CAPP meeting.

An offer has been made for the church in East Saltoun - there is currently no indication of use and there is no date of entry. Margo suspects possibly housing.

The sale of the church in Bolton is under question as there have been difficulties to get planning for sewerage through the graveyard. Buyer is likely to withdraw if he is unable to sort the sewerage.

Area Partnership Meetings

Margo will continue attending on behalf of the CC.

AELCC Meetings

Action: Carla to clarify whether attendance is by Chairperson only or if it can be rotated amongst the CC members.

CAPP Meetings

Margo will continue to represent the CC.

Transport Bus Meetings

Margo noted that they have not taken place in some time. She will follow up and report back.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Bolton Village Hall

19:30 - 21:00