

HUMBIE, EAST & WEST SALTOUN AND BOLTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes 381st Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd February 2026
19:30
Humbie Village Hall

Present: Sharon Dirkin (Chair), Margo Hodge, Danny Hunter, Mike Jeans, John McMillan, Tom Trotter, Alexander Wilson

Agenda
item

1. Apologies

Shamin Akhtar, Robin Grenfell, George McGuire, Carla Ward

2. Disclosure of Interests

NA

3. Approval of previous minutes and action update

Minutes approved as accurate, though it was noted that the hustings date has changed from the 30th April to the 29th April. JMCM suggested Hazel Boak at ELC is informed of this change if she hasn't already been.

4. Finance

A request has been received from Saltoun Playgroup who are fundraising for crucial equipment, specifically a set of floor mats and trolley. In principle the CC were in support of providing funding but as the total cost is £1200 were keen to understand what other funding revenues are being sourced in order to raise the total amount required. MJ noted he would speak with Holly Hardy of Saltoun Playgroup in order to clarify this.

5. Website, Email and Social Channels

DH had recently met with Iain Galloway to arrange for the transfer of website and social media channels. DH confirmed that the X account has been deactivated owing to minimal engagement, but the website and Facebook pages have now been updated to reflect the changes to the CC and attach all recent minutes. The issue of the Chair email account was discussed, and it was agreed to aim to reduce this account as much as possible and ask CW to monitor this in the meantime. It was agreed that content for the Facebook page should be positive local news stories and local issues (such as the forthcoming hustings event). AW also requested that the Billy Agnew note on Smart Meters is added to the website for info - DH noted he does not have this info so asked for AW to forward this on.

6. Bolton and West Saltoun CC Members

MJ had spoken with Cameron Ritchie at East Lothian Courier about the need for CC members from Bolton and West Saltoun but this had not been included in the [article](#) about the Church so MJ will follow up with Cameron to aim to get an article published about this. MJ will produce a leaflet advertising the need for CC members and will do a mail drop in both villages. DH to add to website and Facebook.

7. East Saltoun Local Place Plan

At the ELC CC training sessions of 28.01.26 DH took the opportunity to ask Graeme Marsden about Local Place Plan's (LPP) given the work that was undertaken in East Saltoun last year and asked if it was now too late to feed into the Local Development Plan (LDP). Graeme had since sent a separate email to DH stating that it may be too late to feed into the LDP but that we could still come forward with an LPP. DH to forward email onto MJ and RG for action.

8. Planning applications

NA

9. Correspondence (since last meeting)

A request had been rec'd for a grant for the [Scottish Ploughing Championships](#) taking place at Whitburgh Farms, Pathhead in October 2026. MH noted that this is a national event and as Whitburgh is within the Humber Area then we could look to give a donation. There was discussion around the overall funding of this event given admission is charged, so MH agreed to aim to find out more info about the total cost of the event and ascertain other funding streams being sought.

10. Website - additions from this meeting

Refer to 5 above

11. Any other business

It was noted that the recent CAPP priorities list included in the letter rec'd from PC Greg Mill 30.01.26 did not include speeding in East Saltoun which MH had raised previously. MH agreed to raise this again at the next CAPP meeting of 05.02.26. MJ commented that a more permanent solution for the village would be preferable rather than temporary police presence, so discussion was had about what we would need to do to investigate possible options. JMCM noted that in the first instance he would speak to Alan Stubbs at ELC (Roads Asset Management). It was noted that the speeding sign which used to rotate between the villages is now permanently in Bolton and has not moved to any other village as intended for quite some time, so Councillor's agreed to look into this.

MJ raised concerns from some elderly members of East Saltoun about the fact Fletcher Hall is no longer used as a Polling Station, and the fact they now have to travel to Pencaitland but there is no bus service between the two villages. JMCM agreed to look into the potential of community transport to take people to Pencaitland on Polling Day.

SD raised the letter received from Pencaitland Community Council regarding the vote of no confidence in Councillors over the potential introduction of parking charges. Councillors confirmed that the decision at present is to take the project to the next stage but no formal decision has been taken to implement the charges at this stage, adding that the public still have the opportunity to take part in the consultation and should be encouraged to do so.

AW noted that Ofgem had recently released a [press statement](#) about tougher Smart Meter rules from February which would mean customers will automatically receive a £40 payment when:

- a customer has to wait more than 6 weeks for a smart meter installation appointment
- a smart meter installation appointment fails due to a fault within the supplier's control
- a customer reports a problem with their smart meter, but the supplier does not provide a resolution plan within five working days of the report

AW is expecting a decision by the ombudsman by the end of the month about the issues with his Smart Meter installation/connectivity and noted that no residents of Keith Marischal Steading have been able to get Smart Meters installed and have asked the CC to explore the issue further. AW noted that Billy Agnew had encouraged the CC to work with other CCs to get critical mass on the issue.

MH raised the issues of potholes in Humbie and commented that these are ongoing and have not yet been resolved. JMcM suggested MH should contact Tom Reid at ELC and copy him into the email for awareness.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Bolton Village Hall

19:30 - 21:00