

Minutes of BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL meeting THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Tony Allen; Trudy Allan; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Marion Milne; Ian Hynd; Bill Stark; Peter Reekie; Jack Kerr; Hugh Watt; PC Steve Aitken; Ricky Henderson; Alastair Paisley

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Susan Chamberlain, Tom McCall's daughter

APOLOGIES: Max Downie; Ken Shade; Lauchie Scougall; Ken Stephen; Ron Cairns; Gordon MacDonald

AGENDA APPROVED; MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED; DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
Richard Henderson and Ian Hynd, BVT

MATTERS ARISING : Complaints received from residents of Larchfield, particularly zimmer users – difficulty crossing J.Burn Road – no clear view of road because of parked cars and cars of builders at church; suggest double yellow lines on both sides of road round to Scotmid. Ricky will deal with this.

It was suggested that we should consider having a Register of Interests for all members.

1. PQT : None

2. POLICE REPORT : October fairly quiet month – various crimes reported. Speeding monitoring device on lamppost in J.Burn Road – police assess results and decide what action should be taken.

3. PROPOSED KIRKNEWTON MILITARY BASE : No further update

4. PLANNING :

501 LRW : Plan to demolish 2 houses and clear the site; trees and wall must stay and be protected; are there TPOs? If not, there should be. Can conditions be attached to the demolition approval? Must bear in mind : visual amenity; conservation area; entrance to Balerno + City of Edinburgh

5. + 6. BALERNO MAINTENANCE + IMPROVEMENTS : ROUNDABOUT – hasn't been planted up; **HARLAW ROAD –** complaints re vegetation hanging over wall where pavement very narrow; **PLANTING OF TREES – EAST SIDE OF GALA FIELD –** Green Space Trust keen to support planting of trees; need to discuss with residents; native trees to complement existing trees; unlikely that CEC would oppose.

7. PENTLAND HILLS REGIONAL PARK : BVT will write to Forum in support of BCC's application.

8. BVT :

- Richard Jeffries – new director
- October Farmers' Market – 17 stalls
- Sustain Balerno – Apple Day – significant event
- CCF – BVT not applying to CCF in next round
- Walled Garden – hoping to push this forward; ownership of land still with CALA
- Harlaw Hydro Project – application for planning permission should be presented this month.
- Music Festival – very successful this year
- BCC to take a stall at December Farmers' Market
- BCC November meeting to start at 7.00 p.m. with private meeting as follow up to joint BCC/BVT meeting in September. Ex-officio members not to be excluded. It would be helpful if all BCC members could attend.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS :

- SGN works on Bridge Road – should have been completed today; off site next week; during half of the 3 months this work has taken no activity has taken place
- Blue containers at Currie Library are full of salt; 2 diggers already in place
- Map to be published of locations of "salt sacks" for the winter – residents to help themselves
- Barrier at LRW/Bridge Road T lights : not enough budget to replace
- Request for culvert at junction of Bavelaw and Bridge Roads – water depth has been up to 1.5 feet.

10. SHORT REPORTS :

- TREASURER : PLI : £50.00; Reserve Fund : £400.00; General Fund : £957.00; Total Funds : £3,232.06
- SECRETARY : Nothing to report
- VICE CHAIR : Newsletter progressing well
- CHAIRMAN : Nothing to report

11.AOB : 35 organisations registered for Christmas Tree Festival

12 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING : **THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER @ 6.30 P.M. – PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START**

Signed

IAN HYND, Vice Chairman

Date : 1 December 2011