

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

held on

Thursday 1 AUGUST 2024

in BALERNO COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT : Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Phil Thomas; Ian Hynd; Emma Galloway; Graeme Bruce; Tony Allen; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt; Scott Arthur; PC James MAY; David Spacey, Member of the Public

APOLOGIES : Neil Gardiner; David Brewster; Jack Kerr; Paul Cockburn, C&B News

- Scott Arthur introduced himself as our new MP and as a councillor for his constituents.
- Richard took this opportunity to express BCC's recognition of Joanna Cherry's contribution to the community of Balerno and offer her our good wishes for the future. Richard will write to her formally on behalf of BCC.

2. AGENDA : Approved

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :

- BALERNO PATHWAYS : Richard Henderson, Phil Thomas, Emma Galloway, Ian Hynd
- CURRIE RUGBY CLUB : Phil Thomas
- PURCHASE OF POLICE STATION : Ken Shade
- BALERNO VILLAGE TRUST : Emma Galloway
- ST MUNGO CHURCH : Emma Galloway

4. MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING : Approved

5. FINANCE : £3,484.71 in bank; £8.41 petty cash; £3,218.36, inc VAT, has been paid for the Balerno Paths sign.

6. POLICE ISSUES : The following items were reported by PC James May and discussed :

- **Vandalism - Pentlands Medcial Centre and Dominos** : One male has been charged with vandalism and assault.
- A wall has been knocked down in the Pentland today.
- PC May advised that, as far as he is aware, there has been no reaction here (in Edinburgh) to the attacks and riots in Southport and elsewhere.
- **Crimes in Balerno** :
 - the last few months have been mainly road traffic incidents
 - House Breakins : a number of those involved have been identified; electric bikes

have been used; good success in catching the perpetrators

- “Balerno is the safest area covered by our police.”

7. GOVERNANCE : Nothing to report

8. CURRENT ISSUES :

- **CLOICH FARM POWER LINE** : It was agreed that we should write to the Project Manager inviting her/him to attend a BCC meeting to discuss with us what are their intentions/plans. How will the proposed power lines fit in with the Ravelrig Quarry proposed plans?
- **RAVELRIG QUARRY** : No application has been submitted yet.
- **EAST RIGG FARM/HOUSE - GLAMPING PODS** : Ken reported that the original application had been refused but that it has now been won at appeal.
- **LOCAL PLACE PLAN** : It was agreed that a small working group should be set up to look at the Local Place Plan - this would require funding. This will comprise Ken Shade, Phil Thomas, Hugh Watt and Richard Henderson. Emma Galloway offered to help if she can.
- **SALE OF POLICE STATION** : Graeme Bruce left the meeting. Emma gave a brief update.
- **GREEN BRIDGE** : All the points raised by CEC have been addressed; now waiting for CEC to sign off the bridge.
- **SIGNAGE** : This is now in situ. BCC offered our thanks to Dominic, in particular, and to Ian for their hard work and input.
- **BUS SERVICE** : The new bus service, number 32, operated by Lothian Buses, has received very good feedback. It runs from Balerno, HW complex, Hermiston P&R, The Gyle to Cramond.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE** : To be discussed at September's meeting.

NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

@ 7.00 p.m.

in BALERNO COMMUNITY CENTRE