

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 2 FEBRUARY 2023
at **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Stephen Jenkinson; Hugh Watt; Emma Galloway; Neil Gardiner; Brian Conway; Phil Thomas; Jack Kerr; Dominic Simmons; Martin Petty

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Cathie Michie; Karen Scott (BVT)

APOLOGIES : Ken Shade; Jim Polasik; David Brewster;

AGENDA : Approved

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : Richard Henderson, Hugh Watt; Tony Allen; Phil Thomas, Ian Hynd; Emma Galloway - all Balerno Pathways

4. MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING : Approved

5. FINANCE : £6,487.33p; £8.41 petty cash = £6,495.74

6. POLICE -

- Police document had been circulated to all.
- **TONY** reported the theft of two cars and housebreakins recently in the Cherry Tree area. Last week one household had two cars stolen while they were away. Perpetrators were able to access the rear of the property and enter by sliding doors.
- Graeme was asked if we could receive detailed police reports, for example, of these incidents in Cherry Tree. "There is a level of concern about these incidents."
- It was noted that the police are hoping to hold a Police Surgery on 5 March in Balerno, event and venue to be confirmed.

7. GOVERNANCE : Re Planning Sub-Committee

- Ken Shade would like to see the Planning Sub-Committee be brought back into life. Members were Ken Shade, Jack Kerr, Hugh Watt, Tony Allen, Richard Henderson, Ian Hynd; Jim Polasik; Emma Galloway
- It was agreed that the PSC should be re-instated.
- Planning weekly lists will continue to be circulated as of now.
- Any comments on any items on the list should be conveyed to Tony.

8. CURRENT ISSUES

CEC 20 MPH CONSULTATION

- Richard's draft response to CEC had been circulated to all.
- Proposal to CEC was to be : JOHNSBURN ROAD - 20 mph limit; LRW - 20 mph limit from Bridge Road traffic lights to Hannahfield bends
- **Johnsburn Road** : a small number was in favour of keeping the 30 mph limit.
- Majority of BCC in favour of 20 mph limit on Johnsburn Road
- Proceed to request that CEC designate JBR as a 20 mph area
- **LRW** : Graeme had conducted a brief survey of houses (74 residents) on LRW - majority of those in his survey - 85% - was against the 20 mph proposal.
- Kathleen proposed a motion for a 20 mph limit; Brian Conway seconded; Phil, Jack, Emma were against
- BCC had been notified that Ken wanted the limit to be reduced to 20 mph.
- A vote was taken regarding the reduction of the speed limit on LRW from 30 mph to 20 mph - 3 in favour; 8 against.
- It was agreed that BCC should write to CEC regarding the Hannahfield bends with a pressing case for CEC to improve the safety at this location including relaying the anti-skid surface, improvement in the provision of "cats' eyes" and signage.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN : nothing to report

SW COMMUNITIES CORRIDOR : nothing to report

RESILIENCE : Stephen had nothing to report as he had not received a report from CEC.

GREEN BRIDGE :

- Bridge to be installed on 16 February - all the contractors are lined up for this date.
- Police will be made aware that the bridge is due to be delivered that day.

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS : Potholes still really bad

MAIN STREET SIGNAGE : Artwork now completed; ready to go to the printer

HARLAW ROAD LAND RECLAMATION : Application has now been submitted.

9.MARCHBANK PARK - SALE OF LAND : nothing to report

10. PORTFOLIO REPORTS :

- **PHRP** : New date for next meeting - 15 February
- **WORK ON CAR PARKS AT RESERVOIRS** : trees have been taken down at Thriepmuir; work has started on the car park

- **COMMUNITY CENTRE** is currently closed - a pipe burst before christmas; CEC won't replace the pipes as an asbestos assessment needs to be carried out. A new venue for the temporary Post Office will need to be found.

14. COMMUNICATIONS : Nothing to report

15 COUNCILLORS :

- **NEIL** reported that there is serious crime in other areas of Edinburgh including the use of machetes.

NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023

@ 7.00 p.m.

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