

Agenda Item 7 - 572 Lanark Road West - Derek Scott (*Derek Scott Planning*) and Craig Main, (*EMA*) gave a presentation on behalf of their client John Brady to advise the council of emerging proposals for permission in principle to build 6 detached houses at 572 Lanark Road West. Council commented about the problematic nature of the site to date with water and mud run off to both west and east along and across LRW also affecting properties on south of LRW. Council commented about water run off freezing in winter giving rise to accident risk, and to the absence of pedestrian footpath on LRW including at the entrance to 572. They suggested that difficulties from run off should be resolved through SUDS provision in the proposed development; John Brady indicated that he would look at the current run off to see what might be done in advance of any development.

DS and CM indicated that the proposal was for individual applications for detail permission in the event that permission in principle was granted

Council commented that access and egress from the site might be difficult given the existing entrance in the middle section of a double bend. In response to questions they indicated that they did not currently see development of the site with access through the existing entrance being difficult. They also intend to propose a pedestrian crossing point at the same place allowing footpath through the proposed development exiting at the western end near to the Balerno boundary.

They intend high quality design with high quality building material in the houses. Site purchasers would secure their own permissions.

Development of a footpath along the side of the A70 was not possible given the geology of the site.

Specific Issues

Agenda Item 8 – PPA-230-2297 - LAND 30 METRES WEST OF 60, GLENBROOK ROAD, BALERNO – See **Agenda Annex 4.2** – The Council agreed the draft comments on the appeal be sent to DPEA.

Regular and continuing business

Agenda item 9 - Public Question Time – No questions.

Agenda Item 10 - Projects

- **Green Bridge and Pathways Working Group Bridge** – Council was advised that it was hoped to be able to make progress with the Green Bridge through a direct approach to CEC to remove the structure. It further noted that a meeting of the Pathways Working Group should be called in February.
 - **Tribute to John Stirling**; Council expressed its great sadness at the news of the death of John Stirling in December 2019. John had contributed so much to civic life through his work with Friends of the Pentlands and in many more instances over very many years. He had been a highly influential figure in Currie and Balerno and in the wider community. His contribution to the work of Balerno Community Council was hugely appreciated, and his passing was a great loss to his family and to the community at large.
- **Fairtrade Gateway Signage** – See Agenda Annex 3 - Council noted the Scottish Parliament Official Report for 11 December - col 28 – Parliamentary Question and Answer, recording the exchanges between Gordon MacDonald MSP and The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson MSP). It expressed its appreciation to Mr. MacDonald for having raised the matter. The Council did not feel that the Minister's response proceeded on a proper appreciation with the facts or the legal provisions in this complex area. It agreed to ask Mr. MacDonald to take the matter further.

Portfolio Reports

Agenda item 5 – Police Report – PC Oliver Ford delivered the Police report as noted in Appendix A to these minutes.

Agenda item 11 - Planning Report

Proposed residential development with associated landscaping and infrastructure works. at Land Beside Ravelrig Road Edinburgh - REFERENCE NUMBER: 19/05205/PAN; Council was advised that following the December meeting a letter had been sent to CEC Planning commenting adversely on the PAN process (19/05205/PAN) concerning development at Ravelrig Road as set out in Annex 4.4 to the circulated draft Agenda.

CEC Disposal of land policy; Council discussed the current position and the options for taking the Council's further.

CityPlan2030 & City Mobility Plan; Council noted the projected publication of both consultation processes scheduled for 31 January. It will consider with others the probable effects of the proposals and will respond within the 8-week timetable from 1 February.

Agenda item 11 – Transport & Environment –

- (i) *Street Lights* – The Council noted the numbers of street lights which were not operating properly, and encouraged people to report breakdowns.
- (ii) *Road surfaces* - The Council also noted the continuing unsatisfactory position on road maintenance with potholes now a real hazard to traffic. It noted an acceleration in the disintegration of the Cockburn Crescent surface and called on the City Council to look urgently at resurfacing. It noted further that the recent resurfacing of Harlaw Road and Cockburnhill was unsatisfactory; parts had been washed away in heavy rain. It called on CEC to carry out urgent further repairs.
- (iii) *Parking* – see agenda Annex 5 - The Council considered Agenda Annex 5 and expressed considerable concern in relation to the recent upsurge in pressure on the village car parks, which are largely unusable on weekdays due to all day parking use which is having an effect on local businesses.

Agenda Item 11 – Balerno Business Forum - The Balerno Brochure is almost complete. A copy of the draft will be circulated to the Council.

Agenda Item 12 – Communications – not discussed and carried forward to February

Agenda item 13 – Office Bearer Reports etc – Treasurer reports

- Bank Balance : £3,429.12
- Petty Cash : £8.28

AOCB – none

Date of next meeting - 6 February 2020