

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 9 JUNE 2022
at **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Brian Conway; Dominic Simmons; Phil Thomas; Marion Milne; Graeme Bruce; Neil Gardiner; Stephen Jenkinson
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Julie Pullen; Aoife Schweppe

APOLOGIES : David Brewster; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt; Martin Petty; Emma Galloway; Ian Hynd; Fiona Glasgow; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik

2. AGENDA : Approved

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : Richard Henderson, Phil Thomas, Tony Allen - all Balerno Pathways

4. MINUTES OF MAY MEETING : Approved

9. ENVIRONMENT : Addressing different interests of residents and commercial businesses

Julie Pullen and Aoife Schweppe, both residents of Main Street, attended the meeting to discuss their concerns regarding various issues in Main Street. Amongst these issues are :-

- Noise, pollution, rodents, parking, tables and chairs on Main Street, bin and glass collections very early in the morning
- Youths making a noise in the street until about 11.30, co-inciding with when the last bus leaves Balerno, then bin and glass collections and deliveries starting around 3.00 a.m., all of which results in very disturbed sleep for residents of Main Street.
- They have emailed CEC many times with no response.
- ASB - no police presence - police not responding
- Reports put on police priority list for three weeks with no action.
- Tables and chairs on Main Street - has Planning Permission been applied for and granted?
- Neil will take up these issues with the police and with the headteacher at BHS.
- CARS AND PARKING : problems with cars dropping children off at nursery and cars parking on both sides of and along the whole length of Main Street.
- Illegal car parking in Main Street - do we need the presence of Parking Attendants?

- Neil will arrange a meeting with the Police Commander.
- CEC councilors to arrange a meeting with police, BCC and Main Street residents. The councillors will take up the issues of noise, vermin, tables and chairs with the relevant CEC departments.
- There appears to be some friction between the residents and the business owners in Main Street. There should be an attempt to establish harmony between the residents and business owners.
- “There is no respect of the residents by some of the business owners.”
- “Communication and consultation are required.”
- BCC to try to mediate a new arrangement for the residents with the businesses.

5. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGM :

- As we can't access BHS until 18 August it was suggested that we should ask the Rugby Club if we could hold our August meeting on 4 August. Alternatively we could look into using the Parish Church or the Community Centre.
- Tony will make enquiries of both.

6. FINANCE : Balance £6,214.42

7. POLICE : No police in attendance

8. PROJECTS

BALERNO SIGN : Graeme to find out if we can retrieve the old sign and try to remove the red paint. Richard will enquire of the Neighbourhood Partnership Scheme if we can claim the cost of the new sign from the scheme.

ORIENTATION BOARD : This will be displayed on the BCC stall at the Farmers' Market on Saturday.

GREEN BRIDGE : Phil gave an update :

- All going well
- Bridge has been ordered - estimated time of delivery end of September
- Some of the path network will need to be refurbished at some stage.

PATHWAYS GROUP - The group has been in touch with the National Trust and the Roseberry Estate; still needs to contact Simon Thompson and the Buchanan-Smith family.

MARCHBANK PARK + DPPS:

- Ian has a plan to organise the banner and the celebrations.
- Richard will send a letter to DPPS offering our congratulations on the school's 50th Anniversary.

10. COMPLAINT TO CEC RE SALE OF GREEN SPACE LAND : Richard has written to Gordon MacDonald.

11.PORTFOLIO REPORTS :

PLANNING : Rapley's Ravelrig Road application has been refused.

PHRP : Nothing to report

CULTURE, SPORT AND HEALTH : Very successful Children's Gala - Congratulations were offered to the Gala Committee for making it happen; new members would be most welcome.

14. COMMUNICATIONS : Nothing to report

15.COUNCILLORS AND OFFICE BEARERS :

STEPHEN JENKINSON, our new CEC local councillor, attended his first BCC meeting.

GRAEME BRUCE reported that there had been a motorbike accident at the weekend on the sharp bend by Ravelrig Hill. The bike rider had been quite badly injured.

16.AOCB : Nothing

NEXT MEETING :
THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2022
@ 7.00 P.M.