

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 3 MARCH 2022
at CURRIE RUGBY CLUB

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Brian Conway; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; Ian Hynd; Jack Kerr; Marion Milne; Phil Thomas; Hugh Watt; Graeme Bruce; Paul Cockburn (C+B News)

APOLOGIES : David Brewster; Martin Petty; Jim Polasik; Ken Shade; Neil Gardiner

2. AGENDA : Approved

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

4. MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING : Approved with the addition of the following note :
“Graeme to follow this up with CEC, asking the council to review the signage”.

MATTERS ARISING :

- Look in to the possibility of imposing a time limit in the Scotmid car park. Graeme to find out from CEC if time restrictions can be applied to this car park.
- 20 Minute Neighbourhood : Daisy said that CEC would like to attend one of our meetings to give a presentation to the community. Graeme will liaise with CEC.

5. CEC GUIDANCE RE CC MEETINGS : Nothing to report

6. FINANCE : £6,358.42; petty cash £8.41

- Hugh can't pay anything yet as he hasn't been given a credit or debit card. He is having trouble obtaining a card from the bank to enable him to make payments.

7.POLICE : No police report.

8.PROJECTS

SIGNAGE : Ian Hynd gave an update :-

- He has received quotes for the “Gateway to Balerno” sign from Marsons - £294 - this was the cheapest. Agreed by BCC that Ian should order; the sign will be sent to CEC
- Village “Orientation” sign at the Community Centre - Ian had received two quotes - Marsons : £3,150 + £1,600 to fit/install + VAT; Signs Express : £2,140 + £675 to fit/install + VAT
- Ian will email BCC when he has received the third quote.

- Advertising Control permission has been applied for in the name of BCC.
- Once Planning Consent has been received Ian will order the sign from the company agreed by BCC.
- Jamie Buchanan-Smith and Simon Thompson haven't yet been approached regarding the pathways.
- BCC will notify the Roseberry Estate, the Barrs, the Flemings, Jamie Buchanan-Smith and Simon Thompson.
- Tony will contact printing companies to enquire about the cost of printing a large copy of the Pathways map. He will liaise with Graeme re. using CEC facilities.

GREEN BRIDGE : This project was started by BCC; delivery of the project is now in the hands of Balerno Pathways which is bearing the risk. Phil provided the following update

- Things moving ahead well - the old bridge has now been removed, the site is more open.
- Two very similar options for the construction of the bridge are available.
- There is a self seeded tree which needs to be removed; CEC has no objection to it being removed. However it has to be removed before the start of the bird nesting season, approximately 31 March.
- CEC would prefer a planning application to be made to replace a bridge with a bridge.
- Application should be made by BCC; the fee is £440; BCC would be charged 50% of this fee.
- There followed lengthy discussion about whether BCC should submit the Planning Application on behalf of Balerno Pathways or if Blaerno Pathways should submit the application itself.

MARCHBANK PARK :

- Nothing to report

9. ENVIRONMENT :

QUARRY BLASTING : Graeme reported that CEC is looking at using the services of a contractor to carry out a survey of the blasting. Graeme will inform residents of when blasts are scheduled to take place.

REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS : Graeme hasn't received any feedback.

CONDITION OF ROADS : Cockburn Crescent - delayed in procurement; work will probably now start in April; Ravelrig Road : the whole length of the road is being resurfaced; work should be completed by next week (w/c 7 March)

10. BALERNO POST OFFICE UPDATE : The current temporary arrangements will run until May.

12. COVID 19 UPDATE : Nothing to report. BCC's thanks were offered to Currie Rugby Club for accommodating our meetings since Balerno High School cannot be used. It was hoped that we may be able to use BHS from August 2022.

12. SALE OF GREEN SPACE LAND : Does BCC wish to complain on behalf of an individual?

13. PORTFOLIO REPORTS :

- PLANNING :
- There had been email exchanges between the Reporter and Rapleys re their application for development of land on Ravelrig Road.
- Retrospective application for a fence at a property in Newmills Road has been refused. This will probably go to appeal.
- Dean Park Primary School : Concern has been expressed about the possibility of classrooms being built on the playing fields.

14. COMMUNICATIONS : Nothing to report

15. COUNCILLORS AND OFFICE BEARERS :

Graeme reported the following :-

- Street light failure in Bridge Road : Scottish Power is responsible for fixing the problem.
- Water leak west of Newmills Road : problem ongoing; apparently the drain has been inspected.
- NEIL reported that there will be speed checks on Ravelrig Road.
- TONY reported that there are huge potholes in the access road between Harlaw Farm and the car park.
- When more car parking spaces are created at Harlaw and Thriepmuir, the existing spaces need to be realigned.

17. AOCB

- HUSTINGS : It was agreed that BCC is happy to host this event. If it goes ahead it will be held in Balerno Parish Church, probably during the last week in April.

NEXT MEETING :
THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022
@ 7.00 P.M. AT CURRIE RUGBY CLUB
