

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

held on
Thursday 2 MARCH 2023

at **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Stephen Jenkinson; Emma Galloway; Brian Conway; Phil Thomas; Jack Kerr; Dominic Simmons; Ken Shade

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Jim Polasik; David Brewster; Hugh Watt; Neil Gardiner; Fiona Glasgow; Paul Cockburn

AGENDA: Approved

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

4. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING: Approved

5. FINANCE: No Finance report as Hugh Watt not in attendance.

6. POLICE -

- There will be a police presence at Balerno Police Station this Sunday, 5 March, from 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. to liaise with local residents and to mark bikes. It is hoped that the police will be providing Ward crime statistics.

7. GOVERNANCE: Re Planning Sub-Committee: It was agreed that the Planning Sub Committee would meet as and when necessary, i.e., when relevant planning issues arose.

8. CURRENT ISSUES

LOCAL PLACE PLAN: It was proposed that BCC would attend the Farmers' Market on 11 March to find out what the community wants. It was suggested that a questionnaire should be drawn up.

SW COMMUNITIES' CORRIDOR: nothing to report

RESILIENCE - Warm and Welcoming Spaces: Stephen is having a meeting on 9 March with the officers who set up the service for a briefing report.

GREEN BRIDGE:

- **PHIL** reported that the bridge is in place but is not yet ready to be used; ramps are yet to be installed.
- He is having a site meeting on 13 March with Craig Dunlop of CEC to discuss the possibility of providing a path from the bridge along the riverbank.
- It was suggested that BCC should ask Balerno Pathways Ltd if they would facilitate this.
- **OPENING DATES, ETC...:**
- It was hoped that the bridge would be open for use by the end of March and that the formal opening would take place in May, possibly 20 May.
- Richard has written to the Lord Provost asking if he would be willing to officially open the bridge.
- It was suggested that an event should be made of the bridge official opening -
- e.g., with the help of the History Society, an exhibition in the Community Centre of the history of the bridges and display panels of Bavelaw Burn; a video being available of the bridge being installed
- Include Balerno and District School Pipe Band
- Include events to encourage families to attend, e.g., a treasure hunt
- **BAVELAW GREEN BRIDGE** is the proposed name of the new bridge.
- CEC should be asked if they will formally adopt the bridge.
- **SAFETY ISSUES:** Does CEC have the power to say that horses and motorbikes are not to be allowed to use the bridge?

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS:

- Potholes still really bad in Main Street, Johnsburn Road and A70/Lanark Road West.
- **BALERNO WALKABOUT:** CEC Chief Executive plans to come out to Balerno to undertake a walkabout.

MAIN STREET SIGNAGE: nothing to report

HARLAW ROAD LAND RECLAMATION: nothing to report

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

10. PORTFOLIO REPORTS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTRE:** no progress; Post Office is temporarily located in St Mungo's church, 9.30-12.00 on Wednesdays.

14. COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

15 COUNCILLORS:

- **STEPHEN** reported that at the Council Budget meeting last week -£11m has been allocated for potholes and road repairs. The council intends to purchase and/or lease two machines for the purpose of repairing the potholes and roads.
- Richard asked the councillors “What proposals does the council have to deal with the problem of weeds in the paths across Marchbank Park?”

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023

@ 7.00 p.m.

IN

BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL