

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 5 MAY 2022
at CURRIE RUGBY CLUB

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Ian Hynd; Phil Thomas; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik; Marion Milne

APOLOGIES : David Brewster; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt; Dominic Simmons; Paul Cockburn;

2. AGENDA : Approved

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

4. MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING : Approved

5. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGM :

- It is to be hoped that, after the school summer holidays our meetings will be able to be held in Balerno High School once again.
- Marion will enquire of Edinburgh Leisure re the process of booking a room in the high school.
- Our thanks to Phil who has agreed that we can meet in the Rugby Club for our June meeting.
- AGM - provisional plan to hold our AGM in September in BHS

6. REQUEST FROM CEC RE PLATINUM JUBILEE : No contact from any groups

7. FINANCE : Accounts are currently with David Sloan, Auditor.

8. POLICE : No police report. There have been several complaints re ASB, noise, litter and vermin.

- David Kay, who attended our April meeting to complain about trees being removed, made a complaint about glyphosate being inserted into the tree stumps to seal them. "This is the only way this can be done." He had also reiterated his previous complaint that since the gate in the wall by the "green bridge" will be open all the time, this will leave the cottages and their residents open to vandalism.
- There appears to be disagreement among neighbours in Main Street re tables and chairs on the pavement. Does this require CEC permission?
- Noise from bin and glass collections early in the mornings
- Huge problem of food waste and rubbish left by school children in Main Street and path behind Scotmid. Residents have approached CEC but got nowhere. BCC will take this up with our new councillors
- Problem with rats and vermin : BCC will take this up with the new councillors.
- ASB : Woman was assaulted in Main Street; door was broken.

- W/c 30April/1 May : mob of about 30 youths at the Rugby Club set leaves and wood on fire; fire brigade attended and put the fire out.
- BCC needs to make contact with the police and request that they deal with these complaints and that they attend some of our meetings.
- Phil will contact Sean Scott, senior policeman for Edinburgh.

9.PROJECTS

SIGNAGE : Dominic has a half size version of the orientation sign

PLANNING : Rapley's Ravelig Road proposed development - awaiting Reporter's report

GREEN BRIDGE : Phil gave an update :

- planning approval through
- site has been substantially cleared
- responses awaited from companies putting bridge together
- bridge should be put in place early in September
- need to decide on a name for the bridge

MARCHBANK PARK :

- Ian said that he will look after the DPPS 50th anniversary celebrations.
- Meeting of stakeholders group re picnic bench, etc to be installed by CEC and funded from the compensation money for the mismanagement of the sale of land.

COMMUNITY CENTRE :

- Lease has been transferred to BVT which now has access to funds to install solar panels, heating, etc..

POST OFFICE : The Moores would only be interested in running a Post Office if they could combine the PO with their business.

10. ENVIRONMENT :

- Cockburn Crescent - road resurfacing in progress
- Grass cutting being carried out well

11.COVID 19 UPDATE : Nothing to report

12. COMPLAINT TO CEC RE SALE OF GREEN SPACE LAND : Richard to write

13.PORTFOLIO REPORTS : Nothing to report except for Balerno Business Forum. It was suggested that this should be wound up.

14. COMMUNICATIONS : No traffic on Facebook page

15.COUNCILLORS AND OFFICE BEARERS : Nothing - no councillors present - election day today.

16.AOCB : Tony brought to our attention an email he had received from Health Visitor at Pentlands Medical Centre re projected number of houses in Balerno in the next ten years. It was suggested that Tony reply along the lines "...CityPlan 2030 makes no provision for housing development in this area". Tony will send his draft reply to Richard.

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NEXT MEETING :
THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022
@ 7.00 P.M. AT CURRIE RUGBY CLUB