

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

held on
Thursday 4 MAY 2023

at BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Jim Polasik; Neil Gardiner; Brian Conway; Phil Thomas; Jack Kerr; Dominic Simmons; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Cathy Michie

1. APOLOGIES : Stephen Jenkinson; Emma Galloway; Martin Petty

2. AGENDA : Approved

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

4. MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING : Approved

5. REPRESENTATIONS BY MAIN STREET RESIDENTS : Graeme had spoken to the relevant council officers and companies who deliver to Main Street during anti-social hours. He asked the companies to request that their drivers do not deliver to Main Street between 7.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m.. He will make enquiries about having a sign installed "NO DELIVERIES BETWEEN 7.00 P.M. AND 7.00 A.M."

6. BALERNO CHILDREN'S GALA : There followed a general discussion regarding the excessive fees being charged by CEC for the licence to hold the Gala. Richard asked Graeme to find out from CEC what is the total licence fees income and what are the administrative costs for granting these licences. For example, West Lothian has no charge for granting a licence; Midlothian charges £234; Fife charges £90 for three years.

7. FINANCE : £6,403.33; £8.41 Petty Cash; TOTAL = £6,411.74

8. POLICE - No police in attendance. Graeme had attended a Juniper Green Community Council meeting where the police were in attendance. The police had informed the meeting that statistics were available which could be broken down by area.

9. GOVERNANCE : Nothing to report re AGM arrangements.

10. CURRENT ISSUES :

- **PLANNING** : nothing to report
- **PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL PLACE PLAN** : event at WHEC on 19 May re Local Place Plans
- **RESILIENCE** : nothing to report
- **GREEN BRIDGE** : Phil reported that the bridge is in place; it has been a challenge finishing off the two end ramps; the contractors declined to become involved; alternative quotes are very high; applications for funds have been submitted; hopefully money will be received very shortly.
- **ROADS AND PAVEMENTS** : Lanark Road West between Bridge Road and the sharp bends will be resurfaced in this financial year; Cockburn Crescent has been resurfaced.
- **SIGNAGE** : drawings need to be sent to a contractor
- **HARLAW CAR PARK** : Graeme will request an update and a timetable of work on this project; trees have been taken down; Phil, Tony, Richard, Dominic and Ian will meet to discuss how to take this forward.

11.COMPLAINT TO CEC RE SALE OF OPEN SPACE LAND : nothing to report

12. PORTFOLIO REPORTS : Nothing to report

13. COMMUNICATIONS : See Richard's report in C&B News

REPORT FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, CATHY MICHIE :

Mrs Michie reported that, while walking recently on a Saturday in the community woodland near Buteland with her husband and grandson, a man blocked their way and stopped them from walking along the path. He said he was part of Planetary Healing and that they couldn't go any further as there was "a ceremony going on". He said that they could walk through "on Monday". Mrs Michie said that chanting could be heard.

There followed a general discussion about the legitimacy of the public not being allowed to walk through this community woodland.

14 COUNCILLORS :

- Graeme said that he had reported the various potholes in and around Balerno.
- Neil reported that it now a year since there had been a meeting of the PHRP committee. He has asked when something will be happening. There followed a general discussion re CEC and PHRP Committee.

NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023

@ 7.00 p.m.

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BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL