

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 6 OCTOBER 2022
at **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Phil Thomas; Graeme Bruce; Emma Galloway; Ian Hynd; Ken Shade; Paul Cockburn, C&B News; Brian Conway; Marion Milne; Neil Gardiner

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : None

APOLOGIES : Dominic Simmons; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik; Hugh Watt; Martin Petty

AGENDA : Approved

Balerno Community Council expressed its condolences to the Royal Family on the death of the Queen.

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

4. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING : Approved

5. AGM : Thursday 3 November at 7.00 p.m.

6. FINANCE : £6,649.32p; £8.41 petty cash

7. POLICE - No police present therefore no report

8. CURRENT ISSUES :

- **RESILIENCE** : Richard has heard nothing; Stephen Jenkinson should have an update.
- **Community Groups Meeting** - proposed for 1 November, TBC
- **GREEN BRIDGE** : Phil gave an update ;
- bridge is being constructed in sections; should be installed in 2-3 weeks' time; delivery on site early November; CEC pleased with progress to date; if there is a surplus of funds these could be applied to the pathways around the bridge; there will be a ramp at both ends of the bridge to allow wheelchair access; does the bridge comply with Scottish Government Access Code?
- **ENVIRONMENT** :
- **SIGNAGE** : Application for consent for signage has been submitted.
- **PATHWAYS** : All landowners have been informed re pathways - no adverse comments.

- **MALLENY HOUSE AND GARDEN** : No news re plans for Maleny House received to date.
- **MARCHBANK PARK - SALE OF LAND** : Our MP and MSPs have been approached re the restrictions of complaint process. Joanna Cherry's office will look into this. It is to be hoped that a change can be made so that a Community Council can make representation on behalf of a resident.
- **LAND ADJOINING 4 DEANPARK AVENUE** : No update
- No indication from Scottish Water when they will start their "big dig".

10. PORTFOLIO REPORTS :

- **PLANNING** : BCC should consider looking at a "community plan" - Balerno needs more car parking areas - there is a huge deficit in car parking facilities in Balerno. Could one of these be on Bavelaw Green where Scottish Water should be digging their "big hole".
- **572 LRW APPEAL** : Many conditions have been attached to the application.
- **CITY PLAN 2030** : Going to the Planning Committee in November
- **NEW VILLAGE AT DALMAHOY** - this land is outside of the Green Belt.
- **PHRP** : new car parking spaces are being created at Thriepmuir.
- **20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD** : Neil will ask Daisy where this project is going. It was suggested that this should be discussed at the next Community Group meeting at the beginning of November.
- **CAR PARKING AT SCOTMID** : CEC says it doesn't own the car park. If CEC doesn't own the car park land then we need to find out who does. It was suggested that a 2-hour parking limit should be imposed.
- **POST OFFICE** : A Post Office will be opening in Currie at the former Splash Bathrooms premises.

15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS :

GRAEME reported the following :

- BCC had asked Graeme to request a visit by CEC to Main Street regarding the street signage.
- Main Street has been visited by officers - 13 visits since March; 4 penalty notices issued in September.
- Officers said that the signs comply with the regulations and legislation.
- If BCC has further concerns it should write to CEC noting our concerns.

It was suggested that the Main Street plans from the early 2000s should be sought regarding the entrance to Main Street with a view to discouraging drivers from entering Main Street.

NEIL reported that the 63 bus service will be taken over by McGills of Greenock - it will be called Eastern Scottish.

TONY asked the two councillors if there is an end date for the completion of the tram line works.

16.AOCB :

- Thank you to Balerno Gala for taking on the Balerno Christmas Tree Festival
- Does BCC want to have christmas trees in Main Street again this year? We have no sponsor.
- It was agreed that we should go with Caring Christmas Trees.
- Tree light switch on - provisionally Thursday 1 December.
- Brian will co-ordinate the christmas trees in Main Street.
- Will DPPS choir be involved?
- Apple Day on Saturday in Main Street

**NEXT MEETING :
THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022**

AGM @ 7.00 P.M.

followed by Business Meeting in