

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF**  
**BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
Thursday 1 SEPTEMBER 2022  
at **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

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**PRESENT** : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Phil Thomas; Graeme Bruce; Stephen Jenkinson; Emma Galloway; Ian Hynd; Jack Kerr; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt; Paul Cockburn, C&B News; Martin Petty; Jim Polasik; Fiona Glasgow

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** : Easton Miller

**APOLOGIES** : Dominic Simmons; Marion Milne; Neil Gardiner

**AGENDA** : Approved

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

**4. MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING** : Approved

**5. AGM** : Notice will be placed in C+B News

**6. FINANCE** : Present balance : £6,698.33 (includes grant of £634.94)

**7. POLICE** - Presentation re NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH by Easton Miller

- Mr Miller came to Balerno three years ago from Cheltenham where he was involved in NW; he formed a NW group in Kingfisher Park; joined the board of NW Scotland, based in Stirling
- as there is “nothing behind all the NW signs”, Mr Miller would like to invigorate NW in Balerno
- Ken Shade used to run a NW scheme; Ken Stephen was heavily involved in setting up a NW scheme in Balerno
- Scottish ALERT system - anyone can sign up to this service to receive alerts on whichever subjects you choose, e.g. scam alerts
- Police weren't able to attend recent breakins at Thriepmuir as it was “too remote”

**8. CURRENT ISSUES** :

- **RESILIENCE** :
- Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of energy prices on families and businesses
- It was suggested that an audit should be carried out of the venues available in

Balerno to accommodate residents who are unable to afford to heat their homes; audit should start with the buildings that CEC is responsible for.

- Venues could include the community centre, library, churches, rugby club, scout hall - could CEC help to co-ordinate this facility?
- BCC needs to be seen to be taking action “before the tsunami hits”
- **GREEN BRIDGE** : Phil gave an update - making progress; on schedule; date of installation - some time in October
- **ENVIRONMENT** :
- **Weeds and vegetation on the verges on the LRW bends** - Neil has said that he will get the weeds and vegetation cleared so that the verge is suitable for walking on.
- **Weeds in Balerno** : CEC has a machine which will remove the weeds.
- **Signage** : Advertising consent has been suspended - CEC said that “the correct fee had not been paid”. Apparently the fee scales on the website were incorrect!
- **MALLENY HOUSE AND GARDEN** : Still no tenant
- **MARCHBANK PARK** : It is hoped that the upgrade plans will be approved.
- **LAND ADJOINING 4 DEANPARK AVENUE** : Stephen has heard nothing. “It is to be hoped that this sale will not proceed.”
- **DEAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL** : An exhibition of the new classroom plans will be held on Friday 9 September in the school.
- **20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME** : Urban Studies department at HW University is interested in this project.
- **LAND SOUTH OF CAR PARK ON BAVELAW ROAD** : Nothing to report
- **MAIN STREET ISSUES : PARKING**
- Councillors will ask CEC about the possibility of “2 HOUR PARKING” signs being placed in the car parks.
- CEC teams have been out to Main Street but haven't committed to meet BCC members, councillors and business owners regarding the problems of parking and driving in Main Street.
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**10. PORTFOLIO REPORTS** : Nothing to report

**15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** :

**GRAEME** reported the following :

- **The 63 bus service will continue** - there will be one bus every 90 minutes, Monday - Saturday.
- **The Dalmahoy Junction** : a full set of traffic lights will be installed; there had been a very bad accident recently.
- **Bins** : If the strike goes ahead next week, the grey bins won't be emptied for six

weeks.

- Johnsburn Road pavement is to be inspected with a view to it being repaired/resurfaced.

**FIONA** reported that she had attended a meeting about bus services - there is a national problem of lack of drivers.

**STEPHEN** reported the following :

- Trees on Ravelrig Road had been cut.
- He had attended a “Spaces for People” meeting where the removal of the bollards on Lanark Road had been discussed.

**TONY** asked the councillors if there was any progress on the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the LRW at Stewart Road.

#### **16.AOCB :**

##### **Review of Rural Speed Limits :**

- BCC had made recommendations within Balerno
- Proposals are out for consultation.

**Planning :** Ken expressed his concern regarding a planning application for two “lodges” on the East Rigg Road.

**NEXT MEETING :**  
**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022**  
**@ 7.00 P.M.**  
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