

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 7 FEBRUARY 2019
In BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Dominic Simmons; Marion Milne; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Hugh Watt; Ian Hynd; Kathleen Fiddes; Jim Polasik; PC Jamie Baillie; Jack Keillor - Project Manager, CEC, Street Lighting; Elaine Doherty, Rab Connelly, Kirsten Riach - City Fibre

1. MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING : Approved with the following amendment under EDUCATION/CATCHMENT REVIEW : amend "EIS" to "Education Scotland"

AGENDA : Approved

2. APOLOGIES : Jack Kerr; Ken Shade; Tony Allen; David Brewster; Neil Gardiner; Gordon Lindhurst

PRESENTATIONS :

LED LIGHTING - Jack Keillor, Project Manager, CEC Street Lighting :

- Mr Keillor explained the installation programme of LED lighting in Edinburgh in general and Balerno in particular.
- The current "yellow" lights only last four years and will no longer be made after 2021.
- Every light in Balerno which is not already LED will be changed. Only the light bulbs themselves will be changed, not the columns.
- Life of an LED bulb is 100,00 hours.
- Lights "self report" when they fail.
- Running costs of new LED lights far cheaper than current yellow lights.
- If trees and hedges are obstructing the installation of the new lights, letters will be sent to the owners asking if they will cut their trees and/or hedges.
- CEC has the right to cut them and charge the owners.
- Work in Balerno planned to start in May/June this year. Pentlands Ward should be completed by June/July.

CITY FIBRE : Elaine Doherty + Rab Connelly :

- Work will be starting in Balerno next week, 11/2/2019.
- City Fibre will be coming around delivering leaflets explaining about the work to be carried out.
- "Metro Network" will be going through the city centre and to all homes and businesses.
- Full fibre network will go "all the way to your home" - it will be taken to the pavement where there will be a "toby". City Fibre should spend no more than three days outside anyone's property.
- Vodaphone will be the service provider - provision will be up to 900 megabytes per second.
- After the 5-year build, the network will be opened up.
- There will be no line rental and no telephone call charges.
- 6-8 weeks after City Fibre has completed their work at each property Vodaphone will come in and start selling.
- To be connected from the toby to each property, an agreement will have to be signed with Vodaphone.
- Up to 900 megabytes per second will be available.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME : None

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES :

POLICE REPORT report for January :

- **HOUSEBREAKINGS :** Marchbank Drive - 3 bikes stolen from garage; Lovedale Road - patio door forced open; Blackadder Drive - persons disturbed, possibly intent on stealing vehicle from address but made off on seeing CCTV doorbell. Enquiries ongoing to identify suspects from CCTV.
- **NO ASSAULTS; NO HATE CRIMES**
- **THEFTS :** Two thefts, both at CALA homes on Ravelrig Road :theft from vehicle on building site; diesel stolen from vehicles
- **VARIOUS MINOR INCIDENTS** at Currie Rugby Club, Lovedale Crescent,Crosswood Avenue, Bavelaw Road, Johnsburn Road
- **GOOD NEWS** - Threatening and abusive behaviour in Malleny area on 27.12.18 - youth identified from CCTV and now Cautioned and Charged.

SIGNAGE :

- Signs scheduled to be delivered tomorrow, 8 February.
- Volunteers required to put the signs up.
- Relocation of sign to the west of Balerno to be decided.

TRANSPORT :

- Constant complaints about the lack of a bus service to St John's.
- Graeme hopes to have an update for the BCC meeting in March.

GOVERNANCE :

- Community Centre doesn't want to nominate a representative.
- Currie Rugby Club - need to encourage the Rugby Club to nominate a representative.

6. PROJECTS :

COMMUNITY PLAN :

- Richard suggests that we publish the Plan this May.
- Shorter version would cost about £400; longer version would cost about £1,500 for 500 copies.
- Graeme will enquire if the Council printing services could be used. He will also find out if we can have access to Neighbourhood Partnership money to cover the costs of printing.

PLANNING :

- 1 Cockburnhill Road - appeal documents are on Planning website.

BUSINESS FORUM :

- Brochure still in preparation
- Malleny Arms has been sold - the new owner will be carrying out a complete refurbishment. It is to be a 4-bedroom hotel - "a pub with rooms".

ROADS : Jim reported the following :-

- On Harlaw Road, near the bridge, the fence is falling down.
- On Cockburn Crescent there are hedges which are encroaching on the paths.

COUNCILLORS : Graeme reported that the two benches at the roundabout are being refurbished.

TREASURER : Bank balance £2,190

FARMERS' MARKET ON SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY -

This may not now take place on Saturday because of the high winds which have been forecast. Decision will be taken tomorrow morning, Friday 8 February.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 7 MARCH @ 7.00 P.M.
In Balerno High School