

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 10 JANUARY 2019
In BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Dominic Simmons; Marion Milne; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; David Brewster; Graeme Bruce; Neil Gardiner; Tony Allen; Hugh Watt; Ian Hynd; Susan Webber; Kathleen Fiddes; PC Ali Murdoch; Sgt Kieran Dougal. **MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC :** Phil Thomas

1. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING : Approved with the following amendment under PLANNING “A Planning Sub-Committee was appointed - Richard Henderson, Ian Hynd, Jim Polasik, Hugh Watt, Ken Shade, Moira Caesar”

AGENDA : Approved

2. APOLOGIES : Jim Polasik; Andre Groenewald; Brian Conway; Ken Shade

3. PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION WITH CALA RE CEC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2019 : Derek Lawson representing CALA and Robin Matthew representing PPCA, Planning Consultants

- ◆ A map was provided indicating the land currently owned by and/or under contractual arrangements to CALA along the “A70 corridor”, north from Ravelrig Road in the west to Riccarton Mains Road in the east.
- ◆ CEC requires to undertake a formal review of its Local Development Plan to align it with the new housing requirements. New land will need to be identified to meet housing requirements.
- ◆ Process due to begin shortly. CALA will be putting forward their plans. Included in these plans will be a link road to the Newmills Road development and to Curriehill Station as well as proposals that buses could run from Balerno via the station and then on to Heriot Watt.
- ◆ CALA wishes to engage with the communities, build upon BCC’s Community Plan, assist with funding and avoid conflict.
- ◆ Among the major local issues to address are transport, traffic and road safety; affordable housing; environmental improvements; local employment/economic growth.
- ◆ If mixed use development, what should be included, over and above housing? Open space; new education facilities; land for medical facilities; better public transport facilities, e.g. at Curriehill Station, community hub?
- ◆ “CALA is seeking the views of local communities in the area to help shape a mixed-use long-term sustainable vision for the locality with environmental limits that will address existing local concerns as well as creating opportunities for local residents in the future.”

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME : Phil Thomas reported that the 3G Pitch is becoming increasingly hard. The maintenance contract has come to an end - there has been a hold-up in acquiring a new maintenance contractor. “The pitch has not been maintained for several months.” There is now a risk of injury. Heriot Watt/Oriam pitch is maintained and serviced weekly.

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES :

POLICE REPORT : report for November and December 2018

- ◆ Various **break-ins** in both months - Bavelaw Mill Farm, Mansfield Road and Balleny, Dalmahoy Crescent, Fairbairn Street, Gifford Crescent, Gillon Drive
- ◆ **Assault** in Scotmid car park - enquiries ongoing
- ◆ **Thefts** - fuel from excavator on Mansfield Road; tools from CALA site at Ravelrig Road; Whitelea Crescent

- ◆ **No Hate crimes**
- ◆ **ASB/Incidents of Note** - Livestock worrying - dog owner charged after sheep were killed in the Marchbank area; vandalism to defibrillator casing at Dean Park PS; threatening and abusive behaviour - Malleny area

SIGNAGE : Proceeding

TRANSPORT :

- ◆ It was suggested that the current 30 mph speed limit should be extended west of Hannahfield and that rumble strips and chevrons should be placed on the road surface at this location.
- ◆ 20 mph section of Bavelaw Road should be extended to Bridge Road
- ◆ **BUSES** - no news; nothing yet happening with the money which had been allocated.

EDUCATION/CATCHMENT REVIEW : This is on schedule to go to full council in March. Education Scotland will be visiting Balerno High School, Currie Community High School, Dean Park Primary School, Currie Primary School and Nether Currie Primary School.

5. PROJECTS :

COMMUNITY PLAN ; progressing

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS : "People thought it was worthwhile." Well attended; no vandalism; numbers down from 2017 - 500 in 2017, 250 in 2018. Cost of lights exceeded CALA's contribution.

PLANNING :

- Glenbrook Road - decision site specific, based on Green Belt
- Cockburnhill Road - refused but likely to go to appeal
- City Plan - meeting in Currie Library - good constructive meeting
- SWCF meeting - defend the Green Belt

BUSINESS FORUM : Brochure progressing

PHRP : Nothing to report; Meeting cancelled again at short notice.

COUNCILLORS :

- ◆ Neil Gardiner : Application for house to be built in Green Belt in Ratho refused.
- ◆ Graeme Bruce : Mansfield Road, up to SSPCA, to be resurfaced.

TREASURER : Bank balance £2,562.44; petty cash £339.24

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY @ 7.00 P.M.