

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

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**PRESENT :** Dominic Simmons; Marion Milne; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Hugh Watt; Ian Hynd; Kathleen Fiddes; Brian Conway; PC Andrew Gillies; David Brewster; Neil Gardiner; Tony Allen; Ricky Henderson; Martin Petty, member of the public

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING :** Approved with no amendments

**AGENDA :** Approved

**APOLOGIES :** Jack Kerr; Ken Shade; Jim Polasik

**PRESENTATION BY SCOTTISH WATER :** Steven Greenhill, Colin Lindsay, Adam Warner

- Scottish Water is planning to replace a trunk main in Bridge Road and in Lanark Road West because of the age and condition of the cast iron mains pipes.
- Work is planned to commence on 28 May 2019. It is hoped that the main part of the work in Bridge Road would be carried out during the school summer holidays to avoid disruption to the school buses parking outside the school on Bridge Road.
- Water pressure in Currie is low, partly as a result of the pipes “furring up” and partly as a result of the additional housing.
- SW also wants to replace the water pipes in anticipation of future housing developments, up to 25 years ahead.
- It is anticipated that the work will take 26 weeks.
- Two-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation in 100m sections during this time. They will operate 8.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. on Sunday.
- On Monday - Saturday the lights will operate automatically; however there will be an operator on site to manually operate the lights in order to prevent a long build up of traffic.
- Two options are available to SW to replace the water pipes :-
- OPTION 1 : Up Bridge Road from the roundabout then east/right on to Lanark Road West towards Currie.
- OPTION 2 : Up Bridge Road from the roundabout then behind the school, up by the Rugby Club and on to LRW east of the traffic lights.
- Option 1 would be quite straightforward.
- Option 2 would require the felling of some trees, disruption to the Rugby Club and surrounding areas. This option would also involve additional engineering challenges and associated costs.
- Scottish Water customers in Balerno and Currie will all be informed by Scottish Water of the work to be carried out, the temporary traffic lights, etc..by mail to all households.
- SW informed BCC that the City of Edinburgh Council dictates when SW can carry out the work and the hours they can work.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME :** Martin Petty attended to hear the presentation by Scottish Water and had his questions answered to his satisfaction..

### **POLICE REPORT report for February :**

- **HOUSEBREAKINGS** : 7 in February
- Lanark Road West - jewellery stolen after persons entered property through unlocked door
- Ravelrig Gait - attempt made to enter property
- Dalmahoy Crescent - property broken into by breaking window - car stolen
- Glenbrook Road - 2 housebreakings : garage broken into and house broken into and car stolen
- Harlaw Road - 2 motorcross bikes and helmets stolen from garage
- **ASSAULTS** : none recorded
- **ROAD SAFETY** : vehicle accident in Cockburn Crescent. Roads Policing Officers attended - multiple Road Traffic offences detected - report submitted to Procurator Fiscal.
- **THEFTS** : Two thefts with enquiries ongoing to trace suspects.
- Theft of motor vehicle from Ravelrig Park. Response Officers observed vehicle acting suspiciously in Greenbank area of Edinburgh; enquiries were made at an address which identified the vehicle was stolen. Vehicle quickly recovered using Tracker technology. PC Gillies recommended that it is a good idea to fit a tracker to your car. This makes it much easier to find if stolen and it can reduce insurance costs.
- **ASB/INCIDENTS OF NOTE** :
- Window broken at Balerno Community Centre - enquiry ongoing
- Memorial Bench in Johnsburn Road damaged - enquiry ongoing
- Drugs warrant executed (7/3/19) at an address in Balerno which led to the recovery of approximately £1,000 worth of cannabis. Person reported to the PF.
- **GOOD NEWS!** : There appears to have been a reduction in youth calls to Balerno. Five calls received in relation to general ASB between 01/02 and 22/02. Since 22/02 there have been no calls to police.

### **TRANSPORT :**

- Progress is being made with regard to bus services to Livingston.
- Ricky and Neil have secured £250,000 of funding towards these services.
- BCC should be involved in the consultation process.
- When the service was last run in 2016 West Lothian contributed £60,000; CEC contributed £50,000.

### **GOVERNANCE :**

- Vacancy still exists at Currie Rugby Club.
- Balerno Community Centre no longer wishes to have a representative on BCC.
- Vacancy at Balerno Parish Church

### **PROJECTS :**

#### **COMMUNITY PLAN :**

- A few comments have been received.
- Hope to launch the Plan in April
- Cost will be £100 for 100 spiral bound copies.

#### **SIGNAGE :**

- Signs have been received.
- CEC has to let us know the cost of installing the signs - Neil will ask.
- Ian hasn't yet heard back from SUSTrans yet regarding their signage grant scheme.

#### **PLANNING :**

- 1 Cockburnhill Road - reporter visited site on 4 March. Report expected within the next 2-3 weeks.
- SESPlan supplementary Guidance - Green Networks : Balerno is not within any of the Green Networks. Why is the A70 corridor not within this?

#### **BUSINESS FORUM :**

- No update

**PHRP :**

- Hugh attended a Forum meeting.
- Mountain biking centre at Lothianburn Golf Club proposals were discussed.

**SCHOOLS CATCHMENT AREA REVIEW :**

- Report is in the public domain.
- This will go to full council next week.
- Recommendation is to accept the original proposals.

**HEALTH :** Currie Community Council want to hold a meeting re Health - invitation would be extended to all the “valley” communities.

**TRANSPORT + ENVIRONMENT :**

- Two low loader commercial vehicles and a white van have been parked in the top car park for about six weeks.
- Complaint from local resident - fast food vans are speeding down Main Street - which is a PEDESTRIAN precinct - almost knocking down the resident.

**COUNCILLORS :**

- Graeme reported that he had received complaints re speeding.
- The “pop-up” Bob and Kirsty “police officers” to be placed in Balerno to discourage speeding.
- Volunteers would be required to instal and secure the pop-up police offers.
- Hugh will speak to Jack and Jim when they are both back from holiday.

**TREASURER :** Bank balance £2,760.44; petty cash £32.28.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING :**

**THURSDAY 4 APRIL @ 7.00 P.M.**  
**In Balerno High School**

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