

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 2 May 2019
In **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Marion Milne; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; Graeme Bruce; Hugh Watt; Ian Hynd; Kathleen Fiddes; Brian Conway; PC Simon Wotton; Neil Gardiner; Tony Allen; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik; Ken Shade; Phil Thomas, Currie Chieftains; Scott Simpson for Balerno Parish Church/Andre Groenewald; Jill Gilland for BVT/Emma Galloway;

Elaine Doherty, City Fibre; Eamon Carlin, AMEY

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING : Approved with no amendments

AGENDA : Approved

APOLOGIES : Dominic Simmons; Ricky Henderson; Susan Webber; Gordon Lindhurst

POLICE REPORT report for April :

- Police plan to attend every future Balerno Farmers' Market in an attempt to provide a presence and provide better community engagement.
- Housebreakings : Shed broken into in Marchbank Gardens; CCTV camera cables cut at shed in Bavelaw Castle grounds - likely to have been with a view of commit theft.
- Thefts : Thefts from a motor vehicles in Cairns Drive - various items stolen from within insecure vehicle; shoplifting from Scotmid, Main Street
- ASB : youth hit a complainer's door at Mallyen - enquiries ongoing but positive identification likely
- No assaults
- No hate crimes

- THE FOLLOWING WERE REPORTED BY BCC MEMBERS ;
- Two incidents of indecent exposure at Bavelaw Castle
- Speeding around the Rigg Road
- Kids hanging around outside Scotmid buying drink
- Two low loader trucks have been parked for some considerable time in the top car park. One is parked across two disabled spaces.

CITY FIBRE : ELAINE DOHERTY

- City Fibre partners are AMEY
- The build has been slower than City Fibre would have liked. Adaptations need to be made.
- AMEY had employed sub-contractors who had to be put off the job as the standard of their work was not acceptable.
- The last two weeks have been spent reinstating work already carried out as the quality was not up to standard. No additional construction will be started until the reinstatement is satisfactory, when work should resume.
- Repairs being carried out in Thriepmuir Avenue and Mallyen Avenue.
- Hope to start work again next week, 6 May.
- AMEY dealing with all complaints from local residents.

AMEY : EAMON CARLIN

- Once a year AMEY give over time and attention to local projects.
- They would like to replace the Green Bridge for Balerno community and are very keen to be involved in this project.
- They can provide us with the manpower and resources we would require, but not the money.
- AMMEY and BCC need to have discussions with CEC and Roseberry Estates, the owners of the land at either side of the bridge.
- First step should be for BCC to approach CEC.
- Galvanised or aluminium bridges are best. Wooden bridges require high maintenance.

PHIL THOMAS, CURRIE CHIEFTAINS

- Mallyen Bridge - the road surface over the bridge becomes cracked in winter.
- If the bridge is not maintained it will have the same problems as the Green Bridge but worse.
- A sapling has seeded itself in the bridge. As the bridge is listed, CEC will have to examine it.
- The short stretch of road up to the gateway is in need of repair. The road is the responsibility of CEC.
- Car park at Mallyen Park is council owned. Maintenance is very poor.
- Over the Easter break there were groups of about 50 youths marauding over the pitches.

BCC AGM : AGM will be held on 6 June, prior to the regular BCC meeting. CALA would like to attend this meeting to update BCC on their plans for Currievale.

COMMUNITY PLAN : 50 copies are available for libraries and other relevant locations.

FAIR TRADE : signs are not yet installed. CEC has not agreed to them as they say it is advertising.

SUSTRANS : 20 June is the deadline for application proposals for Paths.

PLANNING : nothing of note in the Planning lists

BALERNO BUSINESS FORUM:

- Jim handed round a draft copy of the Brochure. There are four spaces on the brochure for advertisements, possibly local traders. These could help fund the project.
- CALA could distribute to new home owners; copies will be placed in the library, Post Office, Scotmid, etc....
- Any comments and feedback to Jim and/or Dominic. Has anything been missed out?

PHRP : Next meeting at the end of May.

EDUCATION : Catchment Review - Any P1 and P2 children in the Cherry Trees will be able to attend Currie High School if they wish to.

TRANSPORT : BUSES - Options for bus services are being evaluated then these will go out to tender.

BVT :

- Farmers' Market on Saturday, 11 May
- AGM on 26 June in Ogston Hall

CORRESPONDENCE : Letter from CEC re swimming lessons at BHS on Monday and Thursday evenings.

COUNCILLORS :

- Graeme had had a meeting with the Gala Committee. It was agreed that bunting was a good idea and that it should go ahead.

TREASURER : Bank balance £2,585.44; petty cash £32.28.

- BCC's Liability Insurance has increased from £82.50 to £84.00. It was agreed that this should be renewed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 6 JUNE @ 7.00 P.M.
In Balerno High School

BCC AGM

followed by

BCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
