

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
Thursday 1 NOVEMBER 2018
In **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Kathleen Fiddes; Emma Galloway; Andre Groenewald; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik; Ken Shade; Richard Henderson; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Dominic Simmons; Graeme Bruce; Neil Gardiner; Hugh Watt; Susan Webber

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING : Approved

AGENDA : Approved

APOLOGIES : Max Downie

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Moira Caesar

POLICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER : No police present. Main points from Police Report are as follows :-

- Theft of tools from secure building on Cockburn Farm, 31/10/18
- Theft from vehicle on Glenbrook Road - thermal imaging scope was stolen, 10/10/18
- Speed check carried out at Bavelaw Road, educating drivers on their attitude to the speed limits
- No assaults
- No hate crimes
- Threatening and abusive behaviour - member of the public was sworn at whilst walking through Currie Rugby Club, 16/10/18
- Threatening and abusive behaviour - disgruntled customer at Balerno Fry, 18/10/18
- Female bitten by dog - enquiries ongoing to speak to dog owner, 28/10/18

SIGNAGE : CALA has instructed the supplier to prepare the signage; CALA will install the signs after liaison with CEC.

TRANSPORT :

- Footpath to the Pentlands will be linked to the autonomous vehicles.
- There followed a discussion regarding the route the Path to the Pentlands would take - it should be the shortest route possible.
- KEN SHADE reported that the original plan was for the path to go from the bus terminus up to Thriepmuir. The road itself is very dangerous for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. "Mansfield Road is the core path". There is support from the landowners to proceed with the brief.
- Big problems with dog walkers dealing with their dogs' "deposits".
- Emma reported that there had been a meeting on Monday regarding Harlaw House, its ownership and community management. Parking will be a major problem. The next stage is to talk to the landowner.
- 44 Buses - "No change", "nothing can be done"

EDUCATION - CATCHMENT REVIEW :

- Dean Park should reflect current community council boundaries.
- There will be a meeting on 14 November organised by CEC Education Department.
- Currie Primary School is full.
- Should we prepare a draft submission?
- It's very important for everyone to complete the online consultation.

COMMUNITY PLAN :

- FARMERS' MARKETS : BCC has taken a stall on two occasions, both of which have been successful. Should we book a regular stall at the markets?
- Lord Provost attending December market. Unfortunately no stalls now available. However if one becomes available then we would like to take it. If not, could we borrow a gazebo from the Gala Committee?

- CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS :
- CEC has confirmed that they will replace the lamp standard at the south end of Main Street into which the christmas tree lights can be plugged.
- There will be two trees - 1 x 12', 1 x 15'.
- CALA will pay for some lights.
- Trees need to be ordered by mid-November.
- Jack and Hugh will help dig a hole for one of the trees.
- Lights will be switched on at 6.30 p.m. on 6 December, followed by a BCC meal in the Grey Horse at 8.00/8.15.
- Volunteers required for Stewarding on the night.

POLICE AND FIRE : see POLICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER above

- There has been another note from Tim Johnston reporting incidents on 16 and 27 October.
- Levels of the reservoirs are low and the mud is creating dangerous conditions. There have been reports of owners going into the mud to rescue their dogs and the owners themselves getting stuck in the mud.

PLANNING :

- CALA : It was agreed that we should write to CALA agreeing to meet them to discuss their plans for the land at Currievale, from Ravelrig Road down to the railway line and as far east as Baberton Golf Club. CALA owns the Balerno end of the land and has an option with Miller for the other section of land.
- A Planning Sub-Committee was appointed - Richard Henderson, Ian Hynd, Jim Polasik, Hugh Watt, Ken Shade, Moira Caesar
- 572 LANARK ROAD WEST : Ken Shade will look into the background of 572 LRW. BCC won't object to the shed/garage application but will object to the history of this development and the site owner.
- GLENBROOK : the reporter has asked CEC to respond to his queries. Papers are now on DPEA website.

BUSINESS FORUM : Sharon may be calling a meeting of the Forum shortly.

PHRP : Last week's meeting was cancelled.

CULTURE AND SPORT : No report

COMMUNICATIONS : No report

BVT : Next Farmers' Market on Saturday 10 November.

CORRESPONDENCE : None to report

COUNCILLORS : **GRAEME BRUCE** reported the following :-

- Crash barrier rusty railings near Bridge Road traffic lights : latest update - worked to be carried out in December
- Fence at the path from LRW into Dalmahoy Crescent, which had been taken down, has to be put back up as the path needs to be resurfaced.

TREASURER : Bank balance £3,110.24; petty cash £2.73

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER @ 8.00 P.M. APPROX.

INFORMAL MEETING AND MEAL TO BE HELD AT THE

GREY HORSE, MAIN STREET ****

**AFTER THE
CHRITMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON IN MAIN STREET @ 6.30**

****** IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO -
PLEASE EMAIL TONY TO LET HIM KNOW
WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND**