

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
held on
Thursday 4 OCTOBER 2018
In **BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Brian Conway; Max Downie; Kathleen Fiddes; Emma Galloway; Andre Groenewald; Richard Henderson; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Dominic Simmons; Graeme Bruce; Neil Gardiner; Ricky Henderson; PC Ali Murdoch

APOLOGIES : Jack Kerr; Hugh Watt; Jim Polasik; Ken Shade

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Moira Caesar; Tim Johnson

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING : Approved

AGENDA : Approved

POLICE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER : PC Ali Murdoch in attendance

- There is now a “Coffee with a Cop” being held once a month at Carlyle's on Main Street. This will be held on every second Wednesday of the month between 09.00-10.00. Numerous posters have been distributed.
- Garage in Glenbrook broken into twice - pedal cycles stolen.
- Fork lift truck stolen from inside a barn at Buteland Farm
- Oil stolen from a domestic oil tank on Glenbrook Road
- Oxfangs Community Police Team has a new speed reducing measure in the form of a very realistic looking cut-out policeman which will be used at various locations with a view to encouraging safer driving.
- No hate crimes
- No vandalism or anti-social behaviour

Tim Johnson reported that, recently, approximately 40 youths had been around and about his property. When he called the police he was told that he “wouldn't get anyone for about two hours”. He went on to list dates and events since 5 May when similar events had occurred. Large groups of up to 30 youths go up into the woods past his house – they can sometimes be threatening and abusive. He feels that these events, when reported, are not being recorded as crimes in Balerno. He also reported that a girl was chased through the village by a group of girls. He asked P C McLeod what will happen next?

PC McLeod will check the calls made to the police by Mr Johnson and also the call handlers' notes and calls. He will discuss all of of this with his chief inspector.

SIGNAGE : Ian Hynd reported that

- CEC is happy with the Balerno Village signs from the A70 but don't like the “Fair Trade” part of the sign - “it is not legal”.
- Traders in Main Street are submitting an application to Visit Scotland to be registered as businesses and tourist attractions.
- “Gateway” signs have been ordered.
- “Fair Trade” signs will be acquired but will have to be approved by a Traffic Order.
- It was suggested that the 30 mph sign at the entrance to Balerno should be moved further west on the A70 as should the electronic speed sign.
- Copyright payment of £25 per sign to be paid by BCC?
- SUSTRANS : discussion brief to be ready by the end of October and submitted by the end of November.

TRANSPORT

- **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINTS** : It was suggested that we could have two in Balerno, located in the top car park.
- **BUSES** :
- £100,00 was not enough to provide a service; got nowhere with Horsburgh; any new route **MUST** be well used.
- The number 40 bus service runs from RIE to St John's, travels along the A71; goes through Kirknewton; run by Horsburgh, subsidised by West Lothian

COMMUNITY PLAN : Nothing to report

- **FARMERS' MARKET** : Saturday 13 October
- **CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS** : CEC requires to carry out a risk assessment for two trees at the top of Main Street.
- **DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE** - applications to be in place by tomorrow, 5 October.

PLANNING : Ian Hynd has an interest in two applications.

- **GLENBROOK** : Site inspection on 3 October
- 40 people attended, including Sean Fallon from CEC Planning
- Reporter minded to ask for more information
- Will not report before Christmas
- **WEEKLY LISTS** : no sensitive applications
- **PPCA/CALA LETTER** : good idea to take up the offer from CALA - we should agree to meet them.
- Richard will contact Phil Thomas, Chairman of South West Forum.

BUSINESS FORUM : Dominic has not had contact with Jim

PHRP : No report

CULTURE AND SPORT : No report

EDUCATION ETC... : Ricky Henderson reported the following :-

- The next stage of the SW schools review is the outstanding issue of the catchment review for the local primary schools.
- There will be a statutory consultation period and public meetings will be held.
- Decision will be made at full council meeting in March next year.
- Proposals are that the Cherry Trees/Newmills/Pilmuir will transfer from Currie Primary School to Dean Park Primary School; Blinkbonny/Kinleith Mill and parts of LRW will transfer from Currie PS to Nether Currie PS.
- LETS : operational difficulties were experienced over the summer
- 33 new FTE janitorial posts being created
- Music tuition may be moved to a "fee paying" basis - Finance Committee agreed to go out to consultation.
- CEC needs to make savings of over £106m over the next four years

HEALTH : No report

TRANSPORT + ENVIRONMENT : No report

COMMUNICATIONS : Richard will write a piece for November's C+B News about SIGNAGE

BVT : Busy September market - 550 people attended; at October's market there will be music in Main Street and a Poppy stall

CORRESPONDENCE : Bus services 27 and 28 are not routed through Hermiston Park and Ride

COUNCILLORS : GRAEME BRUCE reported the following :-

- Crash barrier rusty railings near Bridge Road traffic lights - contract being checked at the moment; “Guard Rail” to be installed possibly at the end of November.
- Fence at the path to Dalmahoy by the side of the new houses at 484 LRW has been removed.

TREASURER : No report

AOB : December's BCC meeting : it was agreed to hold an informal meeting of BCC on 6 December, after the lights ceremony, with a meal at the Grey Horse at about 8.15 p.m..

***PLEASE EMAIL TONY TO LET HIM KNOW
WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND***

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

**THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER @ 7.00 P.M.
IN BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**