

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 6 SEPTEMBER 2018
In BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT : Tony Allen; Brian Conway; Kathleen Fiddes; Emma Galloway; Richard Henderson; Ian Hynd; Marion Milne; Dominic Simmons; Hugh Watt; Graeme Bruce; Ricky Henderson; P C Ali Murdoch

APOLOGIES : Jack Kerr; Andre Groenewald; Jim Polasik; Ken Shade

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC : Moira Caesar; Tom Inglis

MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING : Approved - proposed by Ian Hynd, seconded by Hugh Watt

MINUTES OF AGM ON 7 JUNE APPROVED

AGENDA : Approved with addition of letter to Hugh from Balerno Bowling Club and note of Finlay Anderson's resignation.

POLICE REPORT FOR AUGUST : PC Ali Murdoch in attendance; only three items to report :-

- Two vehicles stolen from house in Blackadder Drive (CALA Newmills Road development) - rear window of back door of house was broken and car keys stolen. One car recovered nearby.
- Vehicle scratched while parked in Larchfield Neuk
- Three suspicious people seen within gardens of a house in Dalmahoy Crescent. Males made off shortly after householder saw them.

Richard had received a reply from Chief Inspector Alan Carson who suggested that there should be a more visible police presence in Balerno in general and at the Farmers' Markets in particular to "reinstall confidence". PC Murdoch stated that the police have a good relationship with Lothian Buses.

Hugh Watt asked PC Murdoch about the permitted speed within the pedestrian zone in Main Street. The current signs in Main Street indicate 20 mph however it was felt that the speed limit should be 5 mph within the pedestrian area. Do we need a speed hump?

SIGNAGE : Richard had received a letter from CALA re signage, christmas and Balerno Business Forum.

- Road Signage : CALA will fund road signage, similar to that in Colinton and Juniper Green
- CALA has contacted CEC re permission
- What next? Do we leave CEC to organise, do we do it ourselves or ask CALA to do it? We would save VAT if it was done through CEC or CALA. Graeme will liaise with CEC.
- CEC officials insist that there will be no indication of "commercial centre".
- Visit Scotland has been contacted directly by the local traders for signage.
- The Tennis and Bowling Clubs signs - these are separate issues; Scottish Government funds available up to a maximum of 50%; CALA may contribute towards this cost. Bowling Club, Tennis Club, Scout Hall and church will all be indicated on one "fingerpost" sign. The sign should be in place by July/August next year.
- "Communities Link Fund", funded by Sustrans, aims to encourage walking and cycling. This could include two paths to the Pentlands for which the signage costs would be included in the total funds. A brief needs to be designed for submission by the end of October. Ian Hynd will do this with help from Hugh Watt and Tom Inglis.

BALERNO BUSINESS FORUM :

- Dominic, Jim and Tracy had met to discuss and design the brochure. Dominic showed us an example of what the brochure would look like.
- May need financial help from CALA(?) for illustration, printing and distribution costs.
- It is hoped that the brochure may be ready by the end of November.

SCHOOLS CATCHMENT REVIEW : Catchment review between Dean Park Primary School and Currie Primary School still to begin.

Concern was expressed about the reduction in facilities at the local Primary and High Schools

GOVERNANCE : Resignation of Finlay Anderson, a nominated member of BCC. As there is no prescribed procedure for replacing nominated members, Tony will write to Finlay asking if he could recommend a “permanent replacement representative” for Balerno Community Centre.

TRANSPORT TO ST JOHN'S : Susan Webber had asked a question of the council. Richard read out the Council's reply which briefly stated that ...**RICHARD - COULD YOU INSERT HERE WHICH PARTS OF THE LETTER YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED, PLEASE?.....THANK YOU**

COMMUNITY PLAN : Nothing to report.

SEPTEMBER FARMERS' MARKET : BCC had taken a stall at the last market in August which was well attended. Will take ½ a stall this month. Moira Caesar will attend. Lord Provost will attend the December Farmers' Market to present the Fair Trade Village re-accreditation.

PLANNING + DEVELOPMENT :

- CALA would like to meet us to discuss their possible developments in Currievale and behind their Newmills development.
- CALA has dispositions on the fields between Mansfield and Harlaw Roads, behind Harmeny School
- **GLENBROOK DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL :** Richard has written regarding the appeal in relation to the delay of CEC to give a decision.

PHRP, CULTURE + SPORT, HEALTH, EDUCATION : Nothing to report

COMMUNICATIONS : Dominic will issue all members with guidelines on how to access and use Google Drive. He requested more material for the website and Facebook.

BVT :

- Farmers' Market this Saturday, 8 September
- Harlaw House - issues re parking; stakeholders to be consulted
- Christmas lights - what date is switch on? Thursday 6 December?

CORRESPONDENCE : CEC proposals to replace TROs with map based system indicating changes

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS : Rusty railings at LRW traffic lights - out to tender

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

**THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER @ 7.00 P.M.
IN BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL**