

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BALERNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

held on

Thursday 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

in BALERNO COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT : Kathleen Fiddes; Richard Henderson; Phil Thomas; Brian Conway; Ian Hynd; Jack Kerr; Jim Polasik; Emma Galloway; Graeme Bruce; Tony Allen; Ken Shade; Hugh Watt; Stephen Jenkinson; Paul Cockburn, C+B News

APOLOGIES : Neil Gardiner; David Brewster; Martin Petty

2. AGENDA : Approved

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :

- BALERNO PATHWAYS : Richard Henderson, Phil Thomas, Hugh Watt, Emma Galloway, Ian Hynd
- CURRIE RUGBY CLUB : Phil Thomas
- PURCHASE OF POLICE STATION : Ken Shade
- BALERNO VILLAGE TRUST : Emma Galloway
- ST MUNGO CHURCH : Emma Galloway

4. MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING : Approved

5. FINANCE : £3,035.86 in bank; £8.41 petty cash; Total : £3,044.27. Our grant from CEC has not yet been received. This usually arrives in August. Graeme will follow this up.

6. POLICE ISSUES :

- Graeme reported that the police had been in attendance at Thriepmuir as travellers were parking in the car park. It would be appreciated and helpful if CEC could inform BCC of these events. Could our councillors follow this up?
- **SALE OF POLICE STATION** : Ken had declared an interest. He had written to Police Scotland asking what the current situation is since the police station had been taken off the market. The response he received was that "Police Scotland is considering its options."

7. GOVERNANCE : Ken said that he thinks BCC should know all those BCC members who are also BVT members.

8. COUNCILLORS AND OFFICE BEARERS :

- Graeme reported that Long Dalmahoy Road is now open.
- He also reported that the 3G pitch is being relayed in October. Phil reported that CEC has agreed to put the funding in place. The pitch will be out of action for

about 6 weeks.

- Stephen reported that the travellers have now been cleared from the car park.

9.. CURRENT ISSUES :

- **PLANNING** : BVT has applied to have the trees outside the Community Centre removed. There followed a lengthy discussion about the trees' planned removal and that BCC had not been consulted about this application. BVT was asked to communicate and consult with BCC in relation to the planned removal of the trees and what they will be replaced with.
- To improve communication and consultation with BCC, it was suggested that, to provide more transparency to BCC, BVT should provide BCC at its monthly meetings with an update of current and proposed BVT activities and planning applications relating to Balerno and its community. This was agreed by those present.
- **RESILIENCE** : Stephen reported that arrangements will be the same as before.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE** : Lights Switch On will be on 5 December; the tree will be put up on 4 December; Richard has been in touch with the Pipe Band and DPPS choir.
- **TRANSPORT - 32 BUS** : Good reports on this new service; there has been a slight route change.
- **GREEN BRIDGE** : Phil is waiting for the last element which is the pricing of the “off ramp”. He hopes to receive this by Monday next week (9 September). Phil will then inform CEC that all their requirements have been met.
- **FIREWORKS CONTROL ZONE IN BALERNO** : This will be restricted to an area around the SSPCA centre.

NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

@ 7.00 p.m.

in BALERNO COMMUNITY CENTRE