

Baldernock Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 8th January 2024

Present: Celia Burns (acting chair), Anne McNair, Elaine Reid (minutes), Mags Harwood (Treasurer), James Beattie, Liz Miscampbell, Fiona Grier, Lesley Wiseman

1 Apologies: Niall Logan, Kathryn Mellor, Geraldine Perriam

2 Minutes of Previous meeting: Proposed by Lesley Wiseman, Seconded Fiona Grier.

3 Matters Arising: Regarding Bardowie Tennis Club, Elaine Reid clarified that the present membership stands at 60. At this time the title deeds for the tennis club have still not been sourced.

4 Financial Matters: Mags Harwood said that £35.34 had been spent on printer cartridges. £923.57 in the account at present. Other expenses anticipated are the hall let, litter pick (last year was £200), Insurance £111.

Last year money was given to Baldernock Primary, and we can anticipate another request this year.

5 Police Matters: Celia has had no report from the police about specific incidences in Baldernock.

Correspondence: a) Celia has received correspondence from , Gateley Hamer, a Construction/ Installment firm. They have been asked by Vodaphone to raise the height of a mast in Craigmaddie woods. Before they apply for planning permission, they are seeking the views of the Community Council. Fiona Grier said that the mast at present is not obtrusive. Celia will contact Galliford Try.

b) Defibrillator. Discussion took place about where this could be best sited. It was thought that the nature of Baldernock was so dispersed that it would be difficult to identify an optimum site.

6 Planning: Anne McNair. Reference to barn conversion in Dowan Road. Report on the planning site showed this was REFUSED. In fact, permission has been granted with conditions. It is still showing on the site as refused.

Application for 10 Langbank Holdings has now been granted permission with conditions. Baldernock Community Council had put in a submission. Various people have been consulted and there were no objections.

Glenorchard Road. Application for a new dwelling house. Baldernock Community Council put in an objection. It is still shown on the site as awaiting decision. Anne will try to find out more about it.

Anne will continue to check online site for anything new.

Elsbeth Fulton raised a point about SynetiQ on Balmore Road. A condition of their planning permission being granted was that their high powered lights would not be in use all the time, but they are. Anne says that this is up to the planners, but she will remind them. Lesley Wiseman suggested that it might be an idea to check other conditions to see if they have been adhered to.

7 Roads: Glenorchard Gap. This refers to a large section of Glenorchard Road that has not been resurfaced. Celia said she would thank Collette McDermott for progressing the repairs, and will mention the 'gap' to the Roads Department. Lesley Wiseman suggested that the clearing of ditches could also be mentioned. Anne McNair suggested that the present road restrictions at Balmore could be mentioned, where there are traffic light controls which the signs say will only operate during night time.

Lesley pointed out that there is still no progress with a crossing place at Balmore on the A807.

Anne pointed out that the developers of the new houses were obliged to contribute to this as part of the Planning permission, as the new houses must be accessible to public transport. Anne will speak to the Planning Department.

8 Litter Pick 2024: Discussion took place about where this could be based. The Church hall could be used if it has not been sold, but alternatively the sailing club could be used. Suggested dates are Saturday 23rd March. Soup and sandwiches provided by the Community Council.

Lesley Wiseman suggested that there could be a litter picking week. Celia will email Jackie Gillespie regarding litter picking equipment.

As our next cc meeting is not until the 11th March we may have to have a meeting to talk through practical points for the Saturday. Notes were made of the event from last year.

9 Church Hall – future accommodation: Consideration was given to where the Community Council could meet once the church hall had been sold. The Golf Club may be a possibility. Celia will contact them about this.

10 Baldernock Trust: Lesley gave an update on Broadband. There are now 262 adresses which can obtain full fibre broadband, with another 63 to be connected soon. Only 54 not yet done. Permission from the householders in Station Road in Bardowie will need to be given as it is a private road.

2025 Calendar - The trust is looking for photos for the calendar.

Lesley asked that the community council use the online calendar to publicise events.

1st Friday Gatherings at Balmore Golf Club – the next one is a quiz night on the 2nd February.

11 Thank you to Peter and Elsbeth Cards were signed to thank them for their efforts.

12 AOB: Tree Planting: Elspeth said that the group who have been working on this have completed their report. A response had been received from Caledonian Properties, stating that the proposed planting area has been reduced. The report will be sent to Scottish Forestry to outline the community council's reasons for the grant application to be refused. Although the planting proposals have been reduced there will still be an impact on local farmers and the environment. A press release has been prepared by the group for the appropriate time.

Anne will contact Paul Schofield of Galbraiths to see if the plan is still going ahead.

Bridleway in Lennox Forest: Lesley said that part of this is blocked by boulders, and she had difficulty passing on foot. She wondered who had responsibility for signage etc. The core path may be the council's responsibility. Celia will follow this up.

Signage: Celia wondered if signage could be introduced at strategic points in Baldernock. She will discuss this with Jane Logan.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11th March Balmore Church Hall