

Baldernock Community Council

Minutes 11 March 2024

Present: Celia Burns, Anne McNair, Liz Miscampbell, Mags Harwood, Fiona Grier, Lesley Wiseman, James Beattie.

Apologies: Elaine Reid, Kathryn Mellor, Christine Lyons, Niall Logan

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Proposed by James Beattie and seconded by Mags Harwood.

Matters Arising: Celia has contacted the Roads Department regarding repairing the area on Glenorchard Road that has not been resurfaced. Several deep potholes.

Celia will discuss possible local signage with Jane Logan.

Financial Report: The account balance is £923.59. Hall lets of £100 and welcome pack expenses of £78.35 to be paid to Ros Jarvis.

Police Matters - Mobile police unit was recently up at the church. Unsure now often it will be at the church, Celia will check with the police when and where it will next be in the area. Local police stations are being closed in Milngavie and Bishopbriggs. Kirkintilloch PS being kept open.

Correspondence: As we are members of Stop Climate Chaos we have been sent a request from the Scottish Rural College for residents to complete an ecological conservation survey. Celia will include details of this in the next newsletter.

Email from Imrie Tree Limited regarding an ash tree at church. Celia will forward it to church.

Planning: The height of the Craigmuir mast on Bargeny Hill has been examined from an airport perspective and due to the proposed extra height (from 14 to 24 metres), a request for lights on the mast has been submitted. The new mast will be placed on the existing base. Access is required 24/7. Concerns were expressed regarding vehicular access in the area. Planning has been sought for a mast on Bargeny hill and Celia has contacted Jackie Gillespie regarding this as this area has recently been given SSSI status.

Application regarding internal changes and decking at 1 Allander Avenue, the footprint is the same. No issues.

New house application on Glenorchard Road on the old Scottish Water site, may be on the next Planning Board agenda. The Community Council objected previously in terms of the scale, density, privacy, protection of trees and overshadowing. A revised planning application has been submitted but the only change has been to the height

of the garage. Anne will copy the original objection to the planners and add that storage of building materials will be an issue due to the size of the house frontage.

Roads.Potholes have been patched on Fluchter Road. Celia has contacted the Roads Dept regarding repair to the potholes on the “Glenorchard Gap”.

Community Council Archives.Thanks to Fiona Howie for looking through the Community Council filing cabinet and taking important documents to the EDC archive. Some items available to look through on table if anyone wants them. Financial information pertinent to the last seven years to be given to Mags.

Litter Pick.Event is on Saturday 23 March, starting at 10am from the Church Hall. Tabards, litter pickers and bags will be available. Geoffrey will advise people where to go. A free cafe will be open from 11am to 1pm offering soup, a filled roll, juice, tea and coffee. Everyone welcome to attend. Posters to be displayed at Church, School, Play area and Church Hall. Banner to be located.

Active Travel.Information and presentations regarding the proposals to provide an active travel corridor between Torrance and Milngavie were given at the Golf Club on 21 February. Deadline for responses was 3 March. Positive developments were pedestrian crossings in Balmore and Bardowie, 30mph speed limits along the A809, footpaths would be cleared and where possible would be 3metres wide (Balmore poses a problem). It was felt that the crash barrier should be retained in Balmore. The speed that cyclists can travel at was a concern. Query over where funding for this was coming from. These points are to be raised.

Church Hall.The hall will be put on the market in April. Celia will approach both the Golf Club and Sailing Club regarding using their premises for our meetings.

Woodland Planting.No application for grants for the planting trees has been submitted.Caledonian Properties has intimated that they would be interested in improving Glenorchard Estate. The old drive up to the house has become very overgrown and fallen trees are now blocking the path, bridges crossing streams could be improved and the Walled Garden wall could be improved. Elspeth and Mags volunteered to meet with someone from CP to walk through the estate to discuss possible changes.

Baldernock Trust.The last two Friday gatherings at the Golf Club were well attended. An hour of the first was a quiz night organised by the Trust and the second one was a fundraising bingo night for the tennis club. Next two gatherings will be opportunities to meet up with friends and neighbours for a drink. Over 400 households have now had full fibre broadband installed, another batch of 22 households is about to go live and work continues to connect others. A Youth Cafe is being organised in April by Kate. Details to follow in April newsletter. Reminder to send in local photographs for the 2025 calendar. The Trust continues to explore

ideas for a new nursery building proposals will be shared asap. An online shared calendar of events has been set up and displayed on the Baldernock website.

AOB. Marion Thompson from Torrance CC has informed us about a green algae problem on Bardowie Loch. SEPA and EDC have both said that they can't treat it. The treatment is Bardowie Sailing Clubs responsibility. Boundary changes for Scottish Parliament; Celia will follow up on this regarding any developments.

Flight path project that we were asked to be involved with; Fiona Grier will check on this.

The password has been changed on the CC website. Mark Hazell has sorted out the problem. Celia will let Lesley and Mags know what it is.

A change of use application has been received for Easter Fluchter or it may be Wester Fluchter to remove conditions and change from agricultural use. Anne will look into this.

Japanese knotweed is a problem within the area, it is particularly bad along the river. Council has been informed of this in the past.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 May at 7.30pm.