

Baldernock Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 8th November 2021 via Zoom

Present: Anne McNair, Celia Burns (secretary), Peter Langhorne (treasurer), Fiona Howie, Fiona Grier (Baldernock Tartan), Elspeth Fulton (minutes), Niall Logan (Baldernock History Hroup), Lesley Wiseman (Baldernock Community Development Trust), Elaine Reid Jill Carr, Headteacher, Baldernock Primary School, Gary Pews, Councillor, Kathryn Ellis, Baldernock Childcare.

Geraldine Perriam, Baldernock Amenity Society

Residents: Helen Burnet, David Ralston, Bill and Pauline Boyd, Liz Campbell, Alison Hazell, Antoinette Imrie

Apologies: David Wootton, Chairperson

Anne chaired the meeting in David's absence.

AGENDA

1.Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes approved -proposed by Anne and seconded by Fiona Howie.

Matters arising: Item re residents' concerns about standard of driving to and from Balmore Golf Course- Celia has contacted the Golf Club.

2.Treasurer's report: Nothing further to add to report to AGM. Payments have been made for indemnity insurance, printing for welcome packs, data protection certification and membership of Stop Climate Chaos. EDC have asked for grant paid in error to be returned. Current balance in account is £887.01

Celia said that the sailing club had contacted her with a request for funding; she had advised that a written request would be required.

3.Police Matters: Antoinette raised a concern she had had about a car and its occupants parked all day from 9am to 4pm for several days. The police had checked the circumstances and did not identify any significant concerns.

Celia said that she would contact the designated police officer for this area to see if there were any issues for discussion by the Community Council.

4.Correspondence: Celia advised that the bulk of correspondence concerned planning matters.

There was correspondence regarding parking in Old Balmore Road, which had blocked the entrance to Viewfield; the residents asked that people parking there did not do this in future.

5.Planning: There were two new planning applications – one for an extension in Paterson's Laun, Balmore, and one for the nursery at Langbank. The latter consisted of an extension to the building and the creation of a one-way system from the entrance. There were no objections expressed to either application.

Action: Anne to check the details.

The application for change of use to garden ground at Newlands, Balmore, was refused by the local authority. There was concern expressed about the developments taking place and the presence of livestock, which should be registered.

Action: Anne to check re licensing and registration of livestock.

Tree planting by Caledonian Estates: Since the meeting on 19th October letters/ e-mails noting the Community Council's concerns had been sent to local MSP and Councillors.

Celia had telephoned Paul Schofield of Galbraiths (the agent representing Caledonian Estates). He had said that he would be contacting the tenant farmers. Celia had asked him to put his response to the Community Council in writing.

Local councillor Paul Ferretti had said that the proposal is at the pre-application stage, and he may contact the Scottish Government.

Rona McKay, MSP, had said she would draft a letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs.

Torrance Community Council had commented on the impact of the proposed plans on local wild life, but not on local farms, which was disappointing.

Anne McNair noted that Paul Schofield had failed to respond to the Community Council's question as to why the land under consideration was described as grazing/unproductive land on the plans. There was therefore a fundamental flaw at the beginning of the process. All Paul Schofield had done was explain the process.

Antoinette and David said that there had not been a proper response to the points made to Galbraiths, and none of the farmers had received an answer to their representations to Galbraiths.

Anne observed that the Local Development Plan referred to the importance of the local landscape, and the local authority is one of the parties included in the consultation. Cllr Pews said the plans had gone to elected members and he believed the Council had responded. He would try to find out more.

Anne noted that Scottish Forestry, which disbursed grants, had a register of Applications for tree felling and planting. This would give the Community Council the opportunity to comment at the application stage. The Community Council could also write to the Minister for Rural Affairs.

Elaine commented that there were plans for tree planting over the larger local area. Planting had started near Bearsden. There had also been an application for building 800 houses submitted to Glasgow City Council, which had been refused.

Fiona Grier suggested that we should be liaising with Milngavie and Bearsden Community Councils.

Geraldine suggested contacting the local press – it would be more likely to be printed if a couple of paragraphs were written, accompanied by photographs. The Scottish Land Commissioners should also be made aware of the plans.

Antoinette suggested that information about the plans with before and after photographs could be put on the Baldernock website. Anne had distributed photographs of recent tree planting in the local area which could be used.

Action: Letters to Minister for Rural Affairs and Milngavie and Bearsden Community

Councils.

Consider press release and photographs for local press.

Letter to Scottish Land Commissioners

Information to be put on Baldernock website – Fiona Howie

6. Baldernock Amenity Society: Geraldine said that there were no developments to report regarding Dougalston. The people on the golf course had not heard anything. 'Love Dougalston' continued to be active.

The Amenity Society was still working on a report and Paul Bishop was giving talks on Dougalston.

The Amenity Society was concerned about the plans for tree planting.

7. Broadband: Lesley said that voucher letters should be issued soon. Permission was being sought to put up posters publicising the need to redeem the vouchers.

8. Baldernock Primary School: Jill thanked those who had participated in the survey. Work was ongoing to develop the outdoor space, and the possibility of erecting a polytunnel was being investigated. Primaries 6 and 7 were doing a project on World War 2.

9. Baldernock Child Care: Kathryn informed that provision had been closed this week due to Covid restrictions – it was a very small staff team. The AGM was scheduled to take place on Monday 22nd November and parents were being encouraged to attend.

They were planning a Christmas event, possibly on December 11th.

10. Baldernock Community Development Trust: Lesley informed that the AGM was scheduled to take place on Saturday 27th November, followed by a pub quiz.

The Church Hall has been cleared out and someone has offered to run a club for primary aged children. If this goes ahead it might lead to a club for older children.

11. A.O.C.B. Equipment is available for litter picking.

The local calendar is selling well.

The Woodlands Trust will make trees available for planting along rights of way. There is no limit to the number of organisations who can apply. There are between 30 and 50 trees to be planted by groups of volunteers.

Alison Hazell said that Torrance Community Care has 50 trees to plant.

Elsbeth asked if meetings could be held in the Church Hall in future. There was agreement with this, and Celia said she would contact the Church's Session Clerk.

It was noted that the hall would require to be cleaned before and after use.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.

