

Baldernock Community Council

Minutes of meeting, 11th September 2023 held in Baldernock Church Hall.

1..Present – Lesley Wiseman (Chair) Celia Burns (Secretary) Mags Harwood (Treasurer)

James Beattie. Members of the public.

2 Apologies – Elaine Reid, Niall Logan, Fiona Grier, Anne McNair, Elspeth Fulton, Collette Mcdermaid, Ros Jarvis.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – It was noted that the grass and verges had been cut on the footpath towards Torrance. Celia as yet to write a letter to the council concerning this. Further actions to be completed concerning tree planting and Councillor attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes – Lesley Wiseman, seconded by Mags Harwood

5. Treasurers Report – Mags Harwood reported that the balance in the bank was £1069. A grant of £765 has recently been received from EDC. There is an invoice from ICO regarding Data protection and a payment of the £40 was agreed. There have been no changes to the data base held by the Community Council. Mags to check that donations of £20 have been made to the church for use of the hall over the past year and will make payment for tonight.

6. Police Matters – Gillian Porteous community police has written a general report but added her apologies for not attending the meeting and reports there have been no crime reports raised in Baldernock since the last meeting. The community policing team are moving around the area with a speed gun. Officers recently carried out a Road Traffic Initiative where several drivers were issued with tickets with regards to various road traffic offences such as No insurance and no MOT.

7. Correspondence – Antoinette Imrie asking about signs for her event – Byre Festival in the dome on the Muir, on Saturday 23rd September. It was thought we were not the relevant agency to ask. Notification from EDC regarding Register of Electors and possible visitation of households. Notification of Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament 2023. Email from Scottish Civic Trust regarding My Place Awards. Funding for local projects. Liz MisCambell has written to the roads department regarding Craigmaddie Road, where in parts the holes are so deep and dangerous. It was agreed that Celia would also write to ask for an assessment. It is a danger to cars, and especially bikes.

8. Planning - TP/ED/23/0411 | Change dormer roofs from flat to pitched and form a balcony to rear of property. Alterations to window / external door arrangements | Stelane Balmore Road Balmore East Dunbartonshire G62 6ES

TP/ED/23/0474 | New dormer windows and creation of raised balcony | Boclair View
Balmore Road Balmore East Dunbartonshire G62 6ER

TP/ED/23/0473 | Proposed slurry tower | Laverock Hill Farm Balmore Road Balmore East
Dunbartonshire G64 4AH. TP/ED/23/0261 | Installation of solar panels to roof | Birch House
Craigmaddie Road Bardowie Milngavie East Dunbartonshire G62 6EY. TP/ED/23/0496
| Proposed erection of outbuilding (for storage purposes) | Hexagon House Craigmaddie
Road Milngavie East Dunbartonshire G62 6EY Earlier application -

TP/ED/23/0006 | Demolition of existing house and erection of a two-storey dwelling with
detached garage and new access. | 10 Langbank Holdings – still awaiting decision.

There were no objections to the above applications. A question was raised about the
application for the house next to the water works. Anne not present and we will await her
report.

9. Report from Tree planting – Elspeth is on holiday, but we are aware she has prepared a
press release to await application approval. It was agreed to await her return to assess
recent developments. An email has been received and was read out, from Cllr Collette
McDiarmid as below.

‘Unfortunately, the Council does not have any powers with regards to tree planting and
therefore no approval by the Council is required. If a landowner intends to plant using the
Forestry Grant Scheme and the site is in excess of 10 hectares, then the Council is contacted
by Forestry Scotland for comments to feed into that process. We have previously been
involved in informal discussions regarding planting around this area and were expecting to
have received a formal consultation request from Forestry Scotland by now. We have
contacted them to ask what the current status is and if we should expect a request for
comments in the near future however, they have advised that there are no live requests at
the moment. Should we receive a request, officers would make comment on topics such as
access, biodiversity and soil. We would really only have grounds for objection if an
inadequate level of information was provided or if the scheme was likely to have a negative
impact on international and national protected species or habitats (we would expect that
Forestry Scotland would not grant-aid woodland creation that had such an impact in any
event).

Further information can be found on the following page of Forestry Scotland website
<https://forestry.gov.scot/about/consultations>.

10 . Broadband – Lesley Wiseman reported that out of the 450 houses due for connection,
90 are now complete and all others will be connected in time. It was pointed out that
Balmore Village is still not connected. Lesley to investigate.

11. Baldernock School – Jill Carr gave a report. 7 children went onto Secondary School, and 5 have entered at primary 1. There are now 48 children at the school with a hope that the numbers will increase for next year. There are 3 classes. They recently received the Silver Award in – Rights for Respecting School. On Friday they are doing a sleep over in tents in the school grounds. The 150 anniversaries at the end of last year was a great success with around 250 people present. There is a problem with the Septic tank which is slowly being fixed.

12. Baldernock Trust – They are involved in a variety of community projects. The first Fridays of the month gatherings in the Golf Club House. A reminder that there is free Social Membership at the club for Baldernock residents. Yoga classes are now in progress on a Thursday night at a cost of £5. The Baldernock Callander is now for sale at a price of £10. Thanks to Rosie Wiseman and Jane for putting this together. All proceeds will go to the trust. A young Baldernock resident maybe interested in the opening of a youth café for local teenagers. The AGM of the Trust is on Friday 6th of October in the Golf Club.

AOB – There was a house break in in Balmore but seems no police action was taken. Mags Harwood gave her apologies for the AGM in November but will give full financial report.

Next meeting of the Community Council the AGM on 13th November 2023