

## **Summary of BCDT directors' meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The ongoing covid restrictions continue to hamper any attempts at organizing community events or making significant progress with projects, however, that doesn't mean that BCDT is doing nothing.

Work continues on compiling photographs for the 2022 calendar, and the beautiful photographs submitted so far will be considered for inclusion in the final design. Many individuals continue to pick up litter in the parish, and, in spite of the large number of people now using the backroads of the parish for their daily exercise, the roadsides are relatively tidy. If you wish to borrow equipment to assist with litter picking, it is available from Jane, contact [jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk)

It is hoped eventually to identify areas which would benefit from more tree planting, particularly as many diseased ash trees which might present a hazard to the public are currently being felled. Residents are encouraged to contact the Trust with suggestions for sites, and types of trees which would be suitable. The Trust is currently actively investigating sources of saplings and researching ways in which this can be an ongoing project involving as many interested parties as possible.

Organisations such as the Woodland Trust, Future Forest Network and Reforesting Scotland will be consulted about how best to achieve this. In the event that covid restrictions continue to prevent public gatherings, planting could be done informally by family groups, or couples.

Work on the project to provide new premises for Baldernock Childcare continues very slowly, and slow but steady progress is being made on Baldernock's Community Fibre Partnership which should make ultrafast broadband available in every part of the community.

It is hoped that some work may take place to improve facilities at the Church Hall. Directors visited the hall and identified areas which needed prompt attention, and, if the hall is to be used as a polling station in May, it is hoped that the Church will be in a position to open up the hall in good time to allow work to start on the improvements.