

Summary of BCDT meeting held on Wednesday 6th January via Zoom

Ongoing lockdown restrictions constrain community activities, but the committee continues to hold regular online meetings to discuss ways in which BCDT can support the community, and, wherever possible, make progress with existing projects. There has been little of note occurring over Christmas and New Year, however, work has been done on the Broadband project, and Openreach has now been supplied with a list of all the addresses in the parish that would benefit from a network upgrade to provide gigabit-capable connection to the internet. Please look out for updates on this project and help us to make it happen as quickly as possible. For more information, contact Lesley at lesley.wiseman@hotmail.com.

Slow progress has been made to identify ways in which new premises for Baldernock Childcare might be provided, and the church hall improved for community use, but it is hoped to make more rapid progress on these projects in 2021.. For more information on these projects please get in touch with us at baldernockcdt@gmail.com.

Many volunteers in the parish have used their daily exercise to pick up litter, and the roads and footpaths have been kept relatively pristine throughout the pandemic. Their efforts are very much appreciated. It is hoped that a community clean up can be organized when life gets back to normal. The Trust is a Keep Scotland Beautiful community hub and can provide litter licking equipment to residents at any time. For more information, contact Jane at jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk

A calendar for 2021 is being planned, with an emphasis on pictures depicting our farming community, so take a camera out on your walk, and send the pictures to Jane at jplogan@yahoo.co.uk.

It is still planned to obtain trees for planting around the parish from The Woodland Trust, however, any community planting event will obviously have to wait until conditions are suitable. For more information, contact Jean at jean.langhorne@btinternet.com.

Baldernock Active Travel continues to explore ways in which cycling, walking and sustainable travel can be encouraged in the community, and has supported the aspirations laid out in the council's Local Plan for improved facilities. Suggestions, including exploring support for a car club, were discussed. For more information, contact Ros at tofk@btinternet.com.

Any comments or suggestions are most welcome and should be made via email to baldernockcdt@gmail.com