

## Baldernock Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Baldernock Church Hall, Balmore

**Present:** Celia Burns (Secy.), Peter Langhorne (Treasurer), Niall Logan and Fiona Grier (Tartan Group), Elaine Reid, Lesley Wiseman (Baldernock Trust), Elspeth Fulton (minutes), and Anne McNair, who chaired the meeting.

**Residents:** Ros Jarvis, Fiona Howie, Daniel Holmes, Marie Brown, David Ralston, John Ralston, Mary Phin, Liz Miscampbell, Catriona Gemmell, and Jill Carr, Head Teacher, Baldernock Primary School.

**Apologies:** Geraldine Perriam, Christine Lyons

### Agenda:

- 1. Minutes of last meeting:** These were approved – proposed by Liz Miscampbell and seconded by Lesley Wiseman
- 2. Matters Arising** were covered in main agenda.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Peter reported that the financial position remained healthy. The grant approved for the school was paid, and the hall rental. There is currently a balance of £623. Insurance and membership fees were still to be paid.
- 4. Police Matters:** Celia said that she had contacted Constable Porteous, who had submitted a general report; there was nothing specific to Baldernock.  
Liz Miscampbell complained about the difficulty of safely crossing the main road through Balmore, due to the volume and excessive speed of the traffic. Comment was made that perhaps a pedestrian crossing would be considered, given the additional residents there would be once the new houses being built were occupied.  
Anne said that there should be additional monies available to the Council, and she had been in contact with the planning officer.

Celia said that problems with speeding and the roads generally had been repeatedly raised by the Community Council and local residents with the Roads Department, who had not implemented any changes.

Elsbeth suggested that the Community Council write to the Chief Executive for East Dunbartonshire Council, outlining the issues raised with the Roads Department, listing the solutions proposed by residents, and highlighting the lack of response by the Roads Department.

Action: Celia

Fiona Howie noted that East Dunbartonshire Council are still naming the Linn Road Bardowie Road, despite Fiona's communication with the Council. There has been more success with Google maps, where the road is named correctly. Fiona informed that a map of this area on the Scottish Government website shows an inappropriately extended Haughhead Road.

- 5. Correspondence:** Celia informed that a survey was received from SEPA, which she had completed.

Request for assistance with tree planting on golf course: David Anderson had contacted Jill Carr.

Information was received from Nature Scotland advising that Bargeny Hill was being designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and requesting comments from the Community Council; the Council welcomed the move. Celia to write response.

The Police's Cold Case Unit have sent a letter seeking any information with regard to a missing person found in this area in 2011.

- 6. Planning:** Anne said that there was no further information with regard to the application for the new house in Glenorchard Road, adjacent to Scottish Water land, discussed at the last meeting.

There was an application for a house in Dowan Road, currently a barn, for a renovation and extension. The immediate neighbours had submitted comments. Fiona Howie commented that access to the site with building materials may be a problem, and this point had been made to E.D.C.

- 7. Treeplanting:** Danny Holmes, Marie Brown and David and John Ralston informed that they had received visits from an agent from Galbraiths, agents for Caledonian Estates. They informed that there had been some

revisions to their original plan, but these were not particularly significant in terms of the area which would be affected by the plan. They had asked for a copy of the revised map, but this had not been forthcoming to date, despite pursuing the matter.

It was agreed that:

- Elspeth to reconvene the sub group dealing with the tree planting to consider further action
- Sub group to contact Scottish Forestry to be with regard to the procedure for applications
- Celia to contact chairperson for Torrance Community Council for support; their initial response concentrated mainly on the implications for wildlife in the area.

**8. Litter Pick and Community Café:** Celia said that this would take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. There would be free soup, rolls, tea and coffee. The Community Council would pay for this and the rent of the Church Hall.

Home baking would be available to buy, to raise funds for the school.

**9. Roads:** Liz Miscampbell and Mary Phin said that Glenorchard Road was in a poor state, with water pouring down the road, which created a hazard for pedestrians and traffic, particularly if it iced over. The road lighting was outdated. Anne informed that the Council had a schedule for road maintenance, which was on the E.D.C. website.

Other residents complained about flooding at Craigmaddie, and the Ford Road being in a really bad state. Ros Jarvie said that she had contacted Councillor Collette McDiarmid about the ditches which needed clearing in Tower Road, and had shown her them. Fiona Howie said that contractors had blocked the drains in Fluchter Road.

**10. Baldernock Primary School:** Jill Carr expressed her appreciation for the grant from the Community Council. She said that this year was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Baldernock Primary School. A celebration was planned in the school grounds, and applications had been made for grants to obtain large tents/marquees. She asked if anyone had large tents which the school could borrow? They were also exploring ideas for entertainment.

Celia undertook to include an appeal for large tents in the next Newsletter, and to approach a local resident whom she thought might be able to help.

**11. Baldernock Trust:** Lesley informed that the golf club would be open for Baldernock residents to meet on the first Friday of every month. The outdoor sketching was scheduled to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Work on the provision of broadband was now underway. The trust was trying to organise a café for local teenagers and employ someone to run it.

**12. Baldernock Tartan:** Fiona Grier said that there were no developments to report and that there was still a small stock of items to buy.

**13. A.O. B.:** Elaine informed that Baldernock Church, which is under threat of closure, had been redesignated from a category B to category A., which appeared positive. The Church Hall is in Category B, and therefore likely to close.

**Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**