

Baldernock Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2023 in Baldernock Church Hall

Present: Celia Burns (Secy.), Peter Langhorne (Treasurer), Elaine Reid, Niall Logan (Baldernock and Torrance History Group), Alison Hazell and Lesley Wiseman (Baldernock Trust), Fiona Grier (Baldernock Tartan Group), Elspeth Fulton (minutes), Anne McNair and James Beattie.

Fiona Grier chaired the meeting.

Residents: Matthew Partidge, David Ralston, Christine Lyons, Mags Harwood and Liz Miscampbell,

Apologies: Geraldine Perriam, Jill Carr (Headteacher, Baldernock Primary School) and Isobel Thompson.

AGENDA:

1.Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: Elspeth noted that there were typing errors which she would correct. Subject to this, the minutes were approved by James and seconded by Peter.

2.Financial matters: Peter said that the financial report for the year had been completed, and the annual grant received. Some small bills were due to be paid; when this was done a balance of £1061.94 would remain.

Celia informed that the expected request from Baldernock School for a grant for play equipment had been received. The amount requested was £296.21. Peter noted that this was a similar sum to that given last year. It was agreed that this should be granted.

3.Police Matters: Celia said that she had been informed that the police do not have the resources to enable a representative to attend Community Council meetings. No information has been received from the local officer.

4.Correspondence: East Dunbartonshire Council are holding a consultation on the Council's Economic Strategy.

An e-mail was received from an EDC Community Development Worker, Linda McGavin, to inform about a leaflet being prepared on available Warm Spaces for people in the community. She was looking for suggestions for Warm Spaces in the area, and advised that funding from the Council had been allocated to assist with provision.

An invitation was received from Stop Climate Chaos to an event at the Scottish Parliament at 6pm on 8th February. Names were due to be submitted by 10th January.

5. Planning: Anne McNair spoke about the planning applications which had been received since the last meeting. Most of them appeared non-problematic. There was an application from Scottish Water for a substation to house electrical equipment, an application for a garage replacement, and another for a garage extension. Anne did not perceive any difficulties with these.

There were no comments or objections in relation to these applications.

There was an application for a rear extension to a house on Laverock Brae, for which permission had been granted.

There was a recent application from Barraston farm, which Anne said she had not had the opportunity to look at in detail.

The application which she saw as problematic was for a proposed house in Glenorchard Road, Balmore on land previously owned by Scottish Water. She noted that planning permission in principle had been given for the construction of a house on the site. This permission was for a one and a quarter or one and a half storey house. The current application was for a large house which would extend across the full breadth of the site, and would be two to two and a half storeys high.

Anne distributed a draft objection to the application.

There was discussion about the application. It was accepted that the proposed house was too large for the site, and out of proportion in relation to surrounding properties. Concerns were expressed about possible problems with drainage, the extension of the plans beyond what was considered to be the boundary with Scottish Water's property, what would happen regarding the brick structure on the site, the possibility of there being structures/contaminants underground (mentioned in the planning permission in principle), and the encroachment on neighbours' privacy.

Anne said that she would incorporate the comments made into the objection. It was agreed that the revised objection should be submitted on behalf of the Community Council.

Mags Harwood informed that there was an application for a small porch for Crosslands in Balmore.

6. Tree Planting on Balmore Golf Course: An e-mail from The Golf Club had been forwarded to the Community Council by Jean Langhorne. In February or March, the club expects to receive 410 saplings from the Woodland Trust, and asked for assistance from the community in planting these. It was agreed that the request would be passed to the school, and a request for volunteers included in the next Newsletter.

Niall Logan commented that the management of the trees on the golf course could be improved.

7. Roads: Elaine stated that there was nothing new to report from the Roads group.

8. Broadband: Lesley said that Open Reach have been working in the area. Telegraph poles have been erected. Residents in Craigmaddie Gardens have objected to these and have planned a meeting. Broadly speaking, if connections are currently underground, they will remain so, and if connections are reliant on telegraph poles, further poles may be required.

9. Baldernock Trust/ Litter Pick: The Litter Pick is planned to take place on March 25th. A request will be made to the Council to close Craigmaddie Road on the day. Celia suggested that the Community Council arrange for lunch for the volunteers at the Golf Club. It was agreed that the Community Council would fund the Litter Pick expenses and the lunch.

A.O.B.

Anne provided an update on the Association of East Dunbartonshire Community Councils. The Association had not met for about four years. It was therefore decided that it should close down. The balance remaining in its accounts was donated to the East Dunbartonshire food bank.

Elsbeth said that, in respect of the proposed tree planting by Caledonian Estates, there was no grant application as yet to Scottish Forestry, according to the website. Anne noted that the grant scheme had been subject to criticism on the grounds that large companies were getting large sums of money for carbon capture.

NEXT MEETING: March 13th at 7.30pm