

WHAT'S NEW IN BALDERNOCK in November 2020 - Baldernock Community Council

Content – Help required and available, Dates, Baldernock Community Council AGM, Baldernock Community Development Trust, Broadband for Baldernock, Baldernock Amenity Society, Storytelling event, Baldernock Tartan, Baldernock Childcare, Litter Pick, Calendar and green bins Balmore.

www.baldernock.org.uk -The community website provides content on all aspects of Baldernock and local information. if you have something to submit, please email: baldernockcc@gmail.com If you would like to be involved in updating the website, please get in touch. ***Baldernock Tartan for Christmas – see below!***

Local Help – As we enter the winter and further restrictions please be aware that there are those in the community willing to help others with delivering shopping and picking up medication. Please feel free to contact us through baldernockcc@gmail.com

Springburn Foodbank - There are opportunities to give to local foodbanks and a plastic box for the Springburn Foodbank is provided at the entrance to Solid Rock Cycles, at Colbeg on the Balmore Road. As the present crises persists, food banks are increasingly needing our support.

The Lodging House Mission working with the homeless in Glasgow – please support through buying Christmas cards - www.charitycardsonline.com/lhm or telephone (details below)

Dates for your Diary – further details of these events below.

Mondays to Fridays – Baldernock Childcare – details below

Sunday 1st – and following Sundays Baldernock Parish Church – services can be heard via their web-site <http://www.stpaulsmilngavie.org.uk>

Friday 6th – 6 pm - Storytelling event – part of this year's Scottish International Storytelling Festival – told by local Kate Langhorne – zoom invitation and further details below.

Sunday 8th – Remembrance Day – Sadly there will be no special service but East Dunbartonshire Council will be laying a wreath at Baldernock.

Monday 9th – AGM – Baldernock Community Council -7.30 via Zoom. If you wish an invite to the meeting please email baldernockcc@gmail.com

Monday 30th – Baldernock Community Development Trust – AGM – see details below.

Information on the above events and local organisations.

Baldernock Community Council – This has been a busy time for the council over the planned Synetiq site (details in the September Newsletter) The council have persisted in pursuing EDC for clarification on this planning application. They have also been active in keeping the Polling Station local and in jointly looking at the provision of broadband in the area. Please contact baldernockcc@gmail.com for further information or any concerns you may have.

Baldernock Community Development Trust – The AGM of the Trust will be held via zoom on Monday 30 th November, at 7.30pm, which all members are warmly invited to attend. If you would like to become a member of the trust please complete the application form at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/bcdt> where you will also find more information about the Trust and its activities. The AGM is an opportunity to hear about those activities during the past year. Most recently, in addition to progressing its major projects (see Strategic Plan at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/bcdt>) the Trust has:

Applied to the Woodland Trust for free native trees and hedging (please get in touch with Alison if you have a place for planting, at alison@hazell.org.uk).

Become a Keep Scotland Beautiful Community Hub, with equipment for litter picks available at any time for residents to clean up their local area. Keep Scotland Beautiful are gathering data on types of litter and fly tipping: please send details of this kind and any photos to Jane at jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk.

Created a 2021 Baldernock Calendar, to celebrate the beauty of

Baldernock and to raise funds for BCDT. That calendar quickly sold out and Jane Logan, who brought the first calendar to life, is looking for photographs for the 2022 calendar, especially those showing 'farming in Baldernock'. Please send your photographs (by July 2021 at the latest) to jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk.

Offered support to an East Dunbartonshire East/West Active Travel Campaign which hopes to secure Sustrans funding to explore opportunities to link Milngavie, Baldernock, Lenzie, Lennoxton, Strathblane and Mugdock in a continuous loop for 'active travellers' i.e. those on foot, bicycle and wheelchairs. For more information please contact Ros at tofkb@btinternet.com.

Agreed to host a live online storytelling event (details above).

Initiated a Community Fibre Partnership with Openreach to bring ultrafast

broadband to all parts of Baldernock (details below).

There is more information about Baldernock Community Development Trust and its activities at <https://www.baldernock.org.uk/bcdt>.

Ultrafast broadband for Baldernock

A Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) with Openreach has been initiated, with the support of Baldernock Community Council and Baldernock Community Development Trust, to make full fibre broadband available in every part of the community. The need for better broadband in Baldernock was highlighted recently in the Scottish Parliament by our MSP, Rona Mackay: <https://twitter.com/RonaMackayMSP/status/1314248190879727616> and <https://www.facebook.com/ronamackaymsp/videos/338654737215765/>.

The costs of the Baldernock CFP network upgrade should be wholly covered by UK and Scottish Government broadband vouchers, which Openreach can apply for on behalf of the community. Households will be asked simply to visit a dedicated webpage to pledge their voucher. Please look out for details of this process along with more information about the CFP in future email updates. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Lesley at lesley.wiseman@hotmail.com.

Baldernock Amenity Society - East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) has now published the proposed Local Development Plan2 (LDP2). The Council invites representations from community groups

(LDP2). The Council invites representations from community groups and local residents from now until **15 January 2021**. Further information can be found on the EDC website at: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-standards/planning-policy/local-development-plan-2>

The owners of the Dougalston Estate, British Land, had submitted a proposal to EDC for rezoning Dougalston from green belt to permit the development of mixed housing, retail, glamping and leisure facilities at Dougalston, as well as reducing the size of the golf course. EDC councillors have rejected this plan. Baldernock Amenity Society is encouraging as many people as possible to make representation to EDC in support of their decision to reject the proposed rezoning. British Land's proposal is *not* a planning application. Their submission was a proposal to rezone the area to permit development. The Community Council and Baldernock Amenity Society have protested this proposal.

Online consultation sessions for residents of Torrance and Baldernock regarding LDP2 are scheduled for the following dates:

5 November 10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

23 November 7.00 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.

There are also sessions for Milngavie (including Dougalston) on the following dates:

4 November 2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

19 November 7.00 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.

Residents can join sessions for any area, whether they live there or not.

If you would like to join one of the sessions, send an email to: development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

You will be sent joining instructions.

We would encourage as many people as possible to register for one of these sessions. Baldernock Amenity Society has also registered an objection to the application by **Synetiq** for an End of Life Vehicle dismantling plant in Balmore. As many residents will know, this plant is already operating prior to the application being considered. EDC have postponed the Planning Board hearing.

Online Storytelling Event in Baldernock- As part of this year's Scottish International Storytelling Festival, BCDT are hosting

a live storytelling session on the evening of Friday 6th November. year Join 's in via Scottish Zoom, at International 6pm to listen Storytelling to this Festival, seasonal BCDTand are rather hosting gory old tale, told in both Gaelic and English by Kate Langhorne, from Balmore. Afterwards, you will have a chance to share any of your own stories or memories of Baldernock history or folklore.

Kate has been funded to do this storytelling session with her local community as part of the Big Scottish Story Ripple, where in return for a FREE event, participants should offer a good deed back to their community on or before St Andrews Day (30th November); continuing the ripple of kindness.

The story will be recorded and the link made available at a later date, for those who miss it. For more information, contact Kate at ceitaduthchasworks@outlook.com

Zoom link to join in:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84224386783?pwd=ZEg3a01aVHVmWExmY1hKUXU3NjZCQT09&fbclid=IwAR0F033p50IHDFIgrqBiKt2ZAF_RxM-rILzCcsj--tv-2FxicLOBqCedCY

Green Bins Balmore - They will be lifted in Balmore on the 5th November 2020 and this will be the last lift of the year for the green waste.

Baldernock Tartan - Following feedback from recent newsletters, we are very close to having our very own Baldernock tartan woven, hopefully, in time for Christmas. Most interest is for throws and stoles so these will be the initial items for sale, in a lovely brushed lambswool weave. Throws at £80 and stoles (half the size of a throw) at £40. Material also available at £35 per metre.

Other items will be considered and produced at a later date. If you are interested in buying a throw, stole or cloth, please contact:

fionahowie@btinternet.com or loganniall@yahoo.co.uk

Baldernock Childcare are continuing to enjoy the Autumn term. Our picturesque surroundings for outdoor learning and our refurbished playrooms inspire and encourage creativity, curiosity and imagination, allowing children to develop at their own individual pace. We have some availability within the nursery, which is open

every day between 9am and 2pm. We also have spaces available each day in the Afterschool club (3pm - 5.55pm), and would love to welcome some more children into our afternoons of playing with friends, relaxing, enjoying the outdoor space and taking part in many new learning experiences - for example, a recent afternoon spent foraging in the countryside! Please contact us if you would like more information: edbaldernock@glowmail.org.uk or 01419552343/07703677977.

Keep Scotland Beautiful community hub - If you have picked up any litter at all (even a crisp packet) or reported any fly tipping in the past month, could you please let Jane know ASAP. The Scottish Government needs data returned to justify the investment in equipment distributed to the hubs so we need something to put on the data sheets!

2022 Calendar - The 2021 calendar proved way more successful than anticipated, and sold out within a month of going on sale. Lesson learnt, will print a lot more next year. To that end, could all you budding photographers get some good seasonal pictures to use next year. The theme will be **Farming** so any pictures reflecting that aspect of our parish would be much appreciated. Pictures need to be landscape format, and also welcome would be pictures of any wildlife you encounter in the parish. Pictures to Jane at jp.logan@yahoo.co.uk by August at the latest.

Lodging House Mission – contacts for Christmas Cards - A summary of the alternatives is noted below. Call Helen English on 0141 552 0285 to request a brochure or place an order. Email enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk Write to Lodging House Mission, 35 East Campbell Street, Glasgow, G1 5DT Order online at www.charitycardsonline.com/lhm This link also appears on both Facebook and our web page.

Prayers – some local families and individuals are gathering together on-line to pray for our community and beyond. If you would like to join this group or contact them please email baldernockprayers@gmail.com

Points of Contact

Email – Baldernock Community Council baldernockcc@gmail.com

Facebook – Baldernock Community Development Trust – including the **Trusts Swop and Share Facility** baldernockcdt@gmail.com

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Twitter - @Baldernock

Note from Editor - Baldernock Community Council collects, uses and stores personal data such as names, addresses and emails, in order to pursue the community objectives set out in our constitution and to keep you informed of community news and activities. All personal data will be kept securely and we will inform you in advance of any data which will be shared with others.

Minutes of a Community Council meeting are considered a public record and will be made publicly available and archived. Other documentation presented at meetings may also be treated in this way.

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