

*Baldernock Community Council*

Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom

**Present:** David Wooton (Chairperson), Celia Burns (Secretary), Anne McNair, Peter Langhorne (Treasurer), Elspeth Fulton (minutes), Fiona Howie, Fiona Grier (Baldernock Tartan Group), James Beattie, Niall Logan (Baldernock Local History Group), Cllr. Gary Pews, Jill Carr (Headteacher, Baldernock Primary School), Lesley Wiseman (Baldernock Community Trust).

**Residents:** Helen Burnet, Liz Miscampbell, Rosalind Jarvis

**Apologies:** Baldernock Amenity Group.

**AGENDA**

**1.** Minutes of previous meeting: A correction was made to the designation of the History Group. The minutes were then approved, proposed by Peter and seconded by Anne.

**2. Matters Arising:** Celia advised that she had not heard from the Sailing Club, having advised them to submit a request for funds in writing. Caledonian Estates proposal for tree planting – Celia said that Cllr. Paul Ferretti had written to the Minister for Rural Affairs. There had been no information regarding a response.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Payment had been made for a printer cartridge; there had been no other expenditure this month. The overpayment of £765 made in error by East Dunbartonshire Council had been repaid, leaving a balance of £858.87. The annual insurance payment would be due soon. Peter will compile the annual financial report shortly.

**4. Police Matters:** Celia had telephoned Constable Emma Davidson, who had sent a general report. Celia will provide information on the surgery held locally by police officers in the Newsletter. At present it is only publicised on Twitter. Niall observed that this provided only limited access to people in the local community.

**5. Correspondence:** Celia said that information had been received about an Active Travel Conference via Webinar on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Sandra Wilson has been involved with this issue and was informed.

Information was received regarding a consultation by Forestry and Land Scotland. Celia will submit a written response.

A strategy document by the Gambling and Licensing Board was received. Fiona Howie said that she had looked at this. There was very little change from the last strategy, and she did not think there was anything which required comment. Celia will acknowledge it.

Stop Climate Chaos have organised various seminars. If anyone wishes details about these, they should contact Celia.

**6.Planning:** Planning application for nine houses in former garden centre, Balmore- Anne said that she had submitted a summary of everyone's comments in the form of comments rather than objections. Comments had been mixed, with some happy for what they see as an improvement to the current site, and others expressing reservations. Rosalind said that it was another set of very large houses – the local area was no longer socially mixed. It was noted that there was no requirement for social housing in smaller developments.

Valley Kennels: Planning consent had been given for a house overlooking Bardowie Loch. There were conditions attached to the consent and the allocated planning officer is checking that the construction is in accordance with the conditions.

Newlands, change to garden ground: This application was refused; the applicant has appealed. This is currently under consideration.

Caledonian Estates tree planting: Cllr. Pews informed that the Council had sent comments to Galbraiths, the agents for Caledonian Estates. Celia said that the Council's comments had mentioned the golf course, but not the impact on local farming. She asked if the Council's comments were available on the Council website. Cllr. Pews said probably not, but he would check.

Celia said that Galbraiths had still not contacted local farmers. Anne said that there should have been consultation with them.

Given that there appeared to have been no response to either the MSP or Councillor, the Community Council should write directly to the Minister for Rural Affairs.

**ACTION -Celia**

Land for sale opposite Barraston Holdings: Fiona Howie raised this – she had noticed that there were forty-nine acres of what was former grazing land for sale, advertised as suitable for tree planting. Celia said that she had spoken to one of the local farmers about this. The land had not been tenanted or farmed for some time and had become very rough.

Recent applications:

High Blochairn -conversion from barn to dwelling house

13 Croft Road, Balmore- rear extension

No objections were expressed to either of these applications.

**7. Local Housing Strategy Conference:** Celia informed that this would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January from 10-3.30. Elspeth and Anne will share attendance.

**8. Broadband:** Lesley said that there should have been a response from Open Reach just before Christmas. Open Reach said that there had been an overwhelming demand for vouchers, and that they would get back to us in January. This was yet another episode in a frustrating process. Open Reach will choose which areas to respond to in January. Lesley wrote to Rhona McKay, MSP., requesting her intervention. Ms McKay has written to the relevant parties.

**9. Baldernock Primary School:** Jill Carr said that they were back to implementing mitigations against Covid, although this had not involved major changes. There was handwashing and mask wearing, and no mixing between buildings. Parents were reminded of the guidance, including the advice not to gather outside the school.

**10. Baldernock Child Care** – There was no update.

**11. Community Development Trust:** Lesley reported that Sally Stanley had joined the Board, following the resignation of Jean Langhorne. The Trust had been rebranded as Baldernock Trust and has a new logo. A leaflet is to be produced. Jane Logan continues to work with Keep Scotland Beautiful. The two main projects to be tackled are the Church Hall and the school nursery building.

David said that he would pursue the matter of a quotation for the work to enable disabled access to the Church Hall.

**ACTION -David**

**12. Any Other Business:** James raised the issue of speeding on Balmore Road. He said he had sent e-mails to the Council, and had not received a response. Cllr Pews asked James to furnish him with the details, and he would follow this up.

Lesley said that she had contacted the Council three times in the last four months regarding field/roadside drains, and had also received no response. She agreed to forward the details to Cllr Pews.

Fiona Howie suggested that the Community Council maintain a list of road problems.

This led on to a discussion about the addresses in the area, as the location of problems could be misunderstood due to addresses being inaccurate. This inaccuracy was a serious problem, if the emergency services could not find properties – this had happened to Fiona in the past. Royal Mail also appeared to have addresses which were wrong.

Fiona said she had been working on a list of addresses for the area, and would resume this work. Ultimately the local authority is responsible for the accuracy of addresses.

Fiona Grier provided an update on the Baldernock Tartan goods. The products, via Baldernock residents, had been distributed worldwide. There were only 13 scarves left and the tea towels had sold out. A decision would be made about the next order – whether to order more lambswool, or twill, which is suitable for making kilts, caps and ties.

Peter congratulated Fiona and the Tartan Group on their success.

Celia asked Ros about the Welcome Packs. Ros said there were a few houses outstanding; although they had been sold, they were not yet reoccupied.

David advised that he would be moving from the area, and this would therefore be the last meeting he would attend. Those present thanked him for his time as Chairperson and for work undertaken for the Community Council.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2022:**

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> March, Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> May, Mon.11<sup>th</sup> July, Mon.12<sup>th</sup> September, Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> November**

