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## Minutes of Baldernock Community Council Meeting held on 12 May 2025 at Balmore Golf Club.

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**Present:** Celia Burns, Liz Miscampbell, Lesley Wiseman, Mags Harwood and Fiona Grier.  
Christine Lyons, Mark Hazell, Jane Logan, and Jill Carr.

**Apologies:** James Beattie, Mandy Bryan and David Ralston.

**Amendments to minutes of previous meeting:** A subgroup will be formed to produce the proposed Community Council pamphlet. There are currently 54 children on the school roll. The map of the water hydrants that Celia had been sent by the Fire Service will be put on the website. **Mark** agreed to action this.

Minutes were approved by Celia and seconded by Mark.

Mandy Bryan was nominated and proposed by Celia to join the Community Council, this was seconded by Lesley.

**Treasurer's Report.** Mags reported that since the last meeting the school had been given the £173 grant, and the golf club hall hire had been paid. The current bank balance is £888.38. The Bank of Scotland has started to charge us a monthly service charge and charges for withdrawals etc. **Mags** will discuss with the bank whether they could waive these charges.

**Correspondence.** Councillor Colette McDiarmid has written to inform us that the Glenorchard Gap will be resurfaced in 2028. This section of Glenorchard Road has recently been patched up.

**Planning.** A rear single storey extension has been applied for at Glenorchard Cottage. A side extension encompassing a garage, sauna, gym and bathroom has been applied for at South Bardowie Farm. No objections were raised for either of these applications.

**Pavement clearing and maintenance:** Mandy has cleared pavements at the Branziet. She has requested for other areas to be cleared by EDC.

**Tree planting:** Danny of Back'O Hill Farm had met a representative from Galbraiths who had told him that the planting was going ahead. No one on the community council was aware of any planning application. **Celia** will contact Galbraiths.

**Litter pick:** It was decided to wait until next March to organise the clean up. The Golf Club could be used as a base.

**Torrance Community Council:** Celia has met with Kay Sheridan their Chair, who is a powerhouse. They recently organised some very successful VE Day celebrations.

**Baldernock Primary School:** Jill reported that it had been a very busy term. The P6 and P7 classes had been to a residential at Lockerbie which the children had thoroughly enjoyed. 8 children are moving up to Douglas and there are 8 new children joining Baldernock after the summer. The school would like to fundraise for their own bus which would cost approximately £18,000. The average price for bus hire is £500 to £600 for a single trip. Jill can borrow Douglas Academy's bus if it is not being used, and could use EDC's fleet, but it costs £1,000 to get their qualification to drive. The PTA has organised a Ladies Night Fundraiser in the Caldwell Hall. Jill will ask if she can get permission to organise a crowd funder. The P5, P6 and P7's have made a wonderful film on land use in the area. Jill felt it would be good on the website. Mark will pop into the school to look at the film.

**AOB:** The Tartan project has £2626 in their account. Consideration being given to the type of tartan to be produced and what new items could be made eg ties, caps, bags etc. The Baldernock scarf has been given to the *Shetland* costume designer, so hopefully it will be used in the series.

Baldernock Development Trust organised a Swop and Search event at the Sailing Club recently which was well received. Their Facebook page is being developed. People are being encouraged to place free swops on the site.

The Rights of Way subgroup are planning to clear local pathways, the Mealybrae will probably be the first one that will be tackled.

No one attended the Network Project for River Restoration meeting. **Celia** will ask Kay for details.

Liz will head up the pamphlet project. It will cover the role of the Community Council and encourage others to join the committee. It will be a one-off leaflet. Lesley agreed to join the group.

The planning application for Baldernock Church is still being worked on. The signpost outside the church needs to be repainted. Lesley will look into this.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 14 July at 7.30 in the Golf Club.

