

Minutes of Baldernock Community council meeting on 14th July 2025

PRESENT

Liz Campbell, Mags Harwood, Elaine Reid, Fiona Greer, Christine Lyons, Mary Phil, Ros Jarvis, Elspeth Fulton, Celia Burns, Mandy Bryan, Jane

APOLOGIES

Lesley Wiseman, James Beattie

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MEETING

Additional in attendance Elaine Reid.

Minutes were proposed by Liz and seconded by Fiona.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mags reported £381.41 balance in the bank account. OUTGOINGS paid £117.47 for insurance, £25 to Golf Club for hosting the last meeting, £9.50 for bank charges.

There was a discussion re opening a different bank account in order to avoid bank charges. Unfortunately, the only charity account found was with Virgin money and Ros reported difficulties in dealing with them in the past. A vote was taken and it went in favour of staying with the same bank (Bank of Scotland)for the foreseeable future.

PLANNING

Application for an extension to Viewfield in Balmore village. It was agreed the only people it might affect were the Ritchie who live next door. Ros agreed to email them to draw their attention to the application.

PAVEMENT CLEARING AND MAINTENANCE

Mandy has complained again to the East Dunbartonshire council via their website. There has been no positive action taken and the pavement continues to be non existent in places due to undergrowth and silt. Celia provided Mandy with a direct email address for the relevant person responsible. Mandy will follow this up with additional photos and will also email the local MSP about the situation.

Concerned was expressed from Elaine and Mandy that nobody knew if the proposed active travel corridor was still planned to go ahead from Dobbie's roundabout to Torrance. Celia suggested she could contact Active travel organisers to see what the current situation was.

TREE PLANTING

There is a new person in charge of the tree planting at Galbraiths in the name of Hamish Robertson. He needs some time to gather previous correspondence and clarification of the situation. Celia will contact him again and request the walk through that was promised but has never happened.

Liberal Democrat representative adam.harley@scotlibdems.org.uk has asked to be kept informed of any changes or action required.

There have been wildlife surveys carried out noting rare birds both on the red list and amber list. RRSPB were contacted and proved most unhelpful saying the birds would relocate if trees were planted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LEAFLET

Liz bought along a mock up of the proposed leaflet which was well received. The format, colours and words were enthusiastically supported. It was suggested by Fiona that perhaps the primary school should be mentioned and there was a general discussion about the map being a contemporary design denoting things like the Tennis Club and Golf club etc. Liz has taken the ideas and will return to the designer to discuss and perhaps modify.

There was a further discussion re the distribution of the leaflet and if it could be included with the church magazine and.....

TORRANCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It was discussed as to how active they are and the successful events they are putting on, such as the VE Day celebrations and the recent street market that was extremely well attended. The next street market is due on the 9 th August and this date should be added to the community newsletter.

WELCOME PACKS

Ros has ran the welcome packs since 2010 and understandably would like some help. She requested either an assistant or representatives of the community that could help deliver the boxes. Three volunteers came forward for different areas and their emails were given to Ros. Mandy for Bardowie, Fiona for Back o hill, Mags for Balmore.

Within the box is information on local businesses and it was felt this could be updated. Celia suggested making a note on the newsletter requesting information from anyone in Baldernock that may like their business promoted if of any use to the local community.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

WOOD SPLITTER. After some interest, only one buyer came forward with a bid of £75 . Nigel Miscampbell will purchase the wood splitter and the funds will go into the community council bank account.

PAINTING OF ROAD SIGN. It was agreed the sign looks very smart and a nice job was done. Thank you to Lesley for organising.

CONTACT MARK. Mark is to be contacted re the film from the school and for the update on the fire hydrant locations.