

# Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Notes and updates from the Inaugural Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth

## **In attendance:**

Acting office bearers: Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Vice-Chairperson, David Walters (DW), Treasurer, Michele Osborne (MO) and Gemma Crawley (GC) plus 24 other members of the public.

## **Apologies:**

Linda Grant

## **Formal Adoption of the Constitution**

As there was a quorum of five acting office bearers, there it was decided that a vote could be conducted on the formal adoption of the Constitution.

The group unanimously agreed to adopt the Constitution in its current form.

## **Election of Office-Bearers**

Acting Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are willing to be formally elected ...

Chairperson	-	Gordon Davidson
Vice Chairperson	-	David Walters
Treasurer	-	Michele Osborne
Secretary	-	Gemma Crawley

All Office-Bearers were proposed by Kate Croft and seconded by David Halliday. Office-Bearers were duly elected.

## **Election of Committee Members**

The Group are entitled to elect up to seven Committee Members. The following are willing to be formally elected to the Committee ...

- Kate Jones
- Morag Hutchison
- Kate Croft
- Alice Davidson

All Committee Members were proposed by Lindsay Brown and seconded by Colin Brown. Committee Members were duly elected.

## **Bertha Park High School**

Stuart Clyde, Head Teacher of Bertha Park High School attended the meeting to provide an update on actions being taken to curb the behaviour of student's behaviour outside of school property. He expressed a strong desire for the school and students to become good neighbours to residents on Bertha Park.

## **Finance**

GD updated the Group that MO will investigate the process for setting up a bank account for the Group.

## **Funding**

GD gave an update on the Group's funding activities. GD Informed the Group that the following funding is currently available ...

Bertha Blethers	-	£2,546
Warm Packs	-	£952

The following funding requests have been submitted for consideration ...

Recreational Activities	-	£1,962
Parent / Pre-School activities	-	£1,708

GD stated that there could be a possibility of accessing funds from the Developers Fund, which could be as much as £38,500.

## **Factor – Screen Autumn**

GD and DW met with the new manager to discuss ongoing issues submitted by residents. The following issues were discussed ...

- Landscaping areas covered by Screen Autumn
- Risk assessment for pond
- Play park maintenance and replacement of squirrel, sand and swings
- New date for Screen Autumn AGM

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## **Issues Update**

### **Bus Route**

Springfield have covered some of the costs for the Bertha Park Bus Service 4 up to the end of May 2024. Discussions are ongoing with PKC and Stagecoach as to the way forward on this issue. It was suggested that a survey was circulated to residents to identify bus usage at different times during the day.

### **Road Adoptions**

Miller Homes are now offsite, and some road markings have been installed.

At the Springfield development in Dundee, it appears that roads have been adopted in a phased manner.

### **Tractors and state of Roads**

Concern was raised regarding the speed of tractors removing the harvest from the fields and also the amount of mud left behind.

GD will liaise with his contact regarding responsibility for road cleaning and ask that tractors slow down on the development.

### **Facebook Pages**

It was suggested to merge the two Bertha Park Residents Facebook pages. This may assist in wider participation in residents' meetings and other activities.

GD is attempting to collect existing email addresses collected previously.

### **AOB**

#### **Issues with speeding at roundabout and bus stop**

Concern was raised regarding individuals speeding near the roundabout and bus stop. It was felt that it would be helpful to install a footpath on the opposite side to the bus stop. A pedestrian crossing may assist with speeding in both areas.

A child was recently hit by a car at the junction of Geddes Avenue and Bertha Way. There appears to be confusion regarding road markings and how to navigate the junction, which unfortunately, resulted in this accident.

#### **Luncarty, Redgorton and Moneydie Community Council (LRMCC)**

DW gave an update from the latest LRMCC meeting. He updated that the A9 has two lanes open, both ways with a speed restriction of 40 mph. This will be increased within the next month or two until the work is completed on the bridge in 2024. The bus stops both north and southbound will open in mid September. A new path has been created, with a zigzag design. GB advised he had not given up hope on a bridge over the road. It is certainly going to be difficult for people with buggies, wheelchairs or any mobility issues trying to cross a wider than before A9.

The next meeting of the LRMCC will be held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00 in the Luncarty Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Dog Warden**

The Dog Warden visited approximately four weeks ago and issues raised were regarding dog fouling, dog waste bins. It was stated that dog waste bags should be available at both the Community Hub and the Premier store.

**Next Meeting is on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth**