

Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Notes and updates from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th November 2023 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

In attendance:

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Treasurer, Michele Osborne (MO) plus 18 members of the public.

Apologies:

Linda Grant, David Walters, Gemma Crawley

Welcome from Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Talk from Safer Communities - Gill Liversedge

Gill gave an insight into the work her team does and highlighted some of the issues they have seen in Bertha Park. Gill explained that they work closely with the school and also with retail owners in the area. Gill left some leaflets with key contact numbers and mentioned that if anyone sees anything they think worthy of reporting, then they should contact the appropriate number in the leaflet.

Chairperson Report

GD intimated that all of what he would be reporting on, is covered within the other agenda items.

Vice-Chairperson Report

In the absence of DW - GD intimated that DW had reached out to the housing associations within the development. Kingdom had responded and are checking out the situation if they do in fact incur any factoring charges and will respond back to DW. No response at this time from Simple Life.

Secretary's Report

GC had tendered her apologies - nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

MO appraised the meeting of the continual challenges in setting up our Bank Account - constantly having to prompt the bank to respond and get things moving. Hopefully everything will be through shortly and we can transfer the funding monies over to our account from the Riverside account.

Funding / Initiatives Update

Bertha Blethers - due to start on 16th November. Have organised soup and sandwiches via Starfish Cakes - so supporting local businesses. Will take place every Thursday thereafter until the end of March 2024.

Youth Group - BPRCG have provided bean bags, xbox, game pass to this initiative which is run in conjunction with The Hub and Tayside YMCA. The first taster session was on the 14th November, followed by the 21st Nov then 5th and 12th Dec.

Parent & Pre-School Group - HV agreed to run another survey for us in order to ascertain would like the group to develop and when would be best to hold the group. Questions to be finalised and passed to HV

Warm Welcome Items - items have been identified: wheat filled hot bottle, slipper socks, flask and warm blanket. Agreed to initially ask those attending Bertha Blethers then open it out to the wider residents. Include idea for residents to nominate others to receive these items.

Update on Issues

Factor - AGM had taken place with mixed reactions from residents, but in the main the feeling was that we have to give SA the chance to deliver what they have promised. We are awaiting the minutes of the AGM which will be circulated once they arrive. At the AGM SA intimated that Nurture will be onsite twice a month through the winter period but we will only be charged for one visit per month. GD also intimated that SA are adamant that they stated that it was the "October groundworks fees" that would be waived for October - not all of the October fees - this is being disputed with SA.

Upper Springlands

Upper Springlands are having to relocate due to their properties being built on a flood plain. It is anticipated that they will move to Bertha Park in the future.

Road Adoption

GD mentioned that this would be raised at the Groups meeting with PKC council on the 24th of November.

Bus Service

GD ran through the results of the bus survey and thank HV for the work he put into this project. Response was 342 out 530 dwellings and clearly showed that we needed to retain our existing service with a huge support for the service running later into the evening and with an increased service. Will be raised at the meeting with PKC. GD has sent the survey report to our local councillors.

Paths

PKC Greenspace via David Stubbs has indicated that they had no funding to improve the path up to the loch from the bottom SUDS pond. GD + 2 Committee members had met with Andrew Barrie from P&K Countryside Trust that morning, and Andrew agreed that it would be good to improve the path to improve accessibility for all to the countryside. Agreed to set up a working group with BPRCG, Greenspace, P&K Countryside Trust, the Developer,

Development Fund and the Land Owners. Andrew to organise and liaise back with BPRCG. It may be something that the Development Fund could help with.

History of Bertha Park Meeting

Bertha Park is built near the site of a roman fort and Neolithic burial site. GD has been in contact with the West Stormont Historical Society. They will be hosting a meeting on the history of Bertha Park at the Luncarty Church Centre, Marshall Way, Luncarty, PH1 3UX on Monday, 11th December starting at 19.30. All residents are welcome to attend.

AOB

1. GD asked the meeting if anyone was skilled in website development and maintenance as our Community Council has a skills gap now that one of its committee members had stepped down. Anyone interested to contact GD at chair.bpresgroup@outlook.com
2. David Nicol raised the issue of very poor parking on a Sunday morning at the PYFA event held on the astroturf at the High School. Car blocking crossings, parked on pavements and generally abandoned in the area - even though there is parking at the other side of the school. DN has arranged to meet the organiser the following Sunday and will report back to us at our next meeting.
3. Defib has gone missing at the school - school investigating and ascertaining how to replace it.
4. GD intimated that Bertha Park High School were providing a 2-Course Lunch for residents in the school on the 19th of December - 20 max - names to chair.bpresgroup@outlook.com
5. BPRCG meeting PKC - confirmed for 24th November at 10:00 in the City Chambers.
6. GD updated the meeting on a call with Springfield - Jordana and Dale.
 - SUDS pond - not enough material changes to merit another Risk Assessment. The weirs should not be used as walkways and Springfield will be putting up signage to inform people of this. GD intimated to Springfield that they will probably be ignored and that a pupil from the school had quite serious face injuries after falling down the muddy bank which leads onto the weir.
 - Completion of roads in the Mercer/Draper/Consul area - Springfield intimated that works should commence 20/11 to raise ironworks in preparation for final road surface.
 - Springfield will be erecting a Christmas tree again at the entrance to the development on or before 1st December.
 - Springfield will have Santa visiting the development on 13th December.
7. The local Community Learning team have offered to host some "digital" skills sessions for residents who would like to increase their knowledge in this area. A meeting has been diarised for early January 2024.

Next Meeting is on Tuesday, 5th December at 19.30 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.