

Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Notes and updates from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th April 2024 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

In attendance:

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Michele Osborne (Treasurer) and Secretary, Gemma Crawley (GC) plus 23 members of the public. Also in attendance were Clare McLaren, local councillor and Robin Crawford from PKC Community Learning.

Apologies:

Vice-Chairperson, David Walters (DW)

Welcome from Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

Proposed by Kate Croft and seconded by Morag Hutchison. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Group.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

No matters were raised from the minutes of the last meeting.

Robin Crawford, Community Learning, PKC

Robin Crawford attended the meeting to inform the group about a series of digital skills sessions being held for residents.

These will cover topics such as basic setting, screen background, internet safety, email account, website safety, etc. The sessions will run from 9.30 – 11.30 am and start on 18th April.

Chairperson Report

GD stated that the items included in his report will be covered within other agenda items.

Updates on Initiatives

Bus Service

Stagecoach have released the new timetable for the No. 4 service from Bertha Park into Perth. The first bus into Perth leaves at 07.54 and the last bus returning is at 18.20. GD has written to Margaret Roy in PKC Transport Team for their guidance regarding the position with buses designated at #PKSchool and whether they will run during school holidays.

Parent and Pre School - Bertha Bairns

Four taster sessions will be run. The morning session will cater for 0-3 years and the afternoon session will cater to 3-5 years. The sessions will start on Saturday, 20th April. These sessions are being funded from Council Investment Funds.

Bertha Blethers

Bertha Blethers has 10-15 regular attendees. An exercise class and lunch is included. The current sessions end on 28th April. The attendees are keen to continue these sessions and are happy to pay £20 for a 5-week programme for the exercise class and have the option to bring along their own pack lunch or purchase from Starfish who have agreed to maintain their existing discounted offering.

Update on Issues

The Factor has provided an updated map showing the areas that have now been adopted and will be included in the ground maintenance programme. They have also provided a ground maintenance schedule.

ScreenAutumn are talking to Simple Life about including their areas.

Road Markings

Road markings have been painted at Trajan, Puis and at some other junctions.

Litter Picking

PKC have now provided litter picking equipment. GD has spoken with the High School to see if they would like to be involved.

BP Link Road

GD has asked Grant Laing if BPRCG could be involved and comment on the final design of the link road. Preliminary work will commence this week with test bore holes and pits being dug. It is envisaged that the Link Road will not open until after the Destiny Bridge.

Traffic Monitoring

PKC have agreed to install 'traffic tubes' to monitor the traffic using Geddes Avenue and the speeds vehicles are travelling at.

New Notice Board

GD has chased PKC regarding the new notice board. Springfield have agreed to install this notice board on receipt.

Paths up to Bertha Loch

The landowner has laid road plainings on the paths up to Bertha Loch.

Bins behind Commercial Premises

A joint effort between Starfish and BPRCG, Kingdom have cleared the build up of waste from the bin area. Kingdom have also installed signage notifying residents of the correct bins to use for their waste. PKC have also written to residents notifying them that they may be liable for a £500 fine if they are found to be 'fly tipping'.

School children accessing flats

It has been mentioned that school children are using the 'service' button to gain entry to the stairwells in the flat near the high school and leaving litter and making residents feel intimidated. The matter has been raised with the high school and they will reiterate that this behaviour is unacceptable. If this continues, residents are asked to ring 01738 452300 to report incidents to the school.

Updates from Springfield

It is hoped that a new bin will be installed in Geddes Avenue at the communal car park area 3 and Springfield will arrange for this to be emptied until the roads are adopted by PKC.

Bins in Draper are now included in the ScreenAutumn ground maintenance schedule for emptying.

The soil stored by Springfield in their East Compound is causing flooding on the path and some times the path is impassable. Springfield are looking into solutions to this problem.

Barrier gates are to be installed on SUDS weir to prevent pedestrians using the weir as a crossing.

Tactile paving will be installed on Calico, Draper and Invictus to try to prevent delivery drivers parking on the pavement or using these roads as cut-throughs.

AOB

It was mentioned that the drains are full of mud from water running off the fields. It was suggested that this situation may improve once the fields are growing crops.

Next Meeting is on Wednesday, 8th May 2024 at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.