

# Bertha Park Residents Community Group

**Notes and updates from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th May, 2024 in The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.**

## **In attendance:**

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Committee members: Morag Hutchison (MH), Alice Davidson (AD) and Kate Croft (KC) plus 11 residents.

## **Apologies:**

Vice-Chairperson, David Walters (DW); Treasurer, Michele Osborne; Secretary, Gemma Crawley; J. Birrell, Cllr Laing and Cllr McLaren.

## **Welcome from Chairperson**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and intimated that the Vice-Chair had been in touch with the Chair to say that he could no longer devote the time to his vice-chair role due to work and family commitments. DW has intimated that he was prepared to stay on the committee but would need to step back from the Vice-chair role with immediate effect. The Chair thanked DW for all his efforts during the start up period of the group and the work he had put in across several issues over the last couple of years.

## **Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Approved by Morag H. and seconded by Alice D.

## **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

A residents raised the issues of the "traffic tubes" and why they were not installed as per the timescale. The chair responded stating that he had been in correspondence with PKC who apologised for the delay which was caused by waiting for the equipment to be released from another site.

## **Chairperson Report**

GD stated that the agenda items would cover his report.

## **Updates on Initiatives**

### **Events**

A resident had produced a business plan highlighting the opportunity for the group to host some events within Bertha Park which in turn would generate revenue for the group and reduce the reliance on PKC for funding. GD summarised the business plan to the group and highlighted the possible events the group could host, from a farmers market to laser fireworks. The two main issues were funding of the initial licences and insurance estimated to be £2.5k and the provision of the group generating enough volunteers to run these events. It was decided to take it one step at a time and that the Chair should approach the Developer Fund held by PKC to ascertain if they would be willing to support this initiative by providing the £2.5k to get the initiative up and running. GD to liaise with resident regarding the Business plan prior to liaising with PKC. The group thanked the resident for pulling the plan together - clearly a lot of effort and knowledge had gone into its compilation.

### **Youth Group**

**Our** Tayside YMCA youth worker gave an update on the activities of the youth group. The Wednesday youth group continues and a new Friday group for primary 5-7 has started with encouraging numbers attending. Also being planned is some Summer Activities along with the possibility of some

trips during the summer. Tayside YMCA has applied for funding to provide some food for the group throughout the summer months and hopes to bring a Family Fun Day to fruition.

GD intimated that Springfield have asked if the residents would like them to contribute to any group ran event or should Springfield just do their own thing. Residents decided that Springfield should just do their own thing.

#### **Parent and Pre School - Bertha Bairns**

Four tasters sessions have taken place and a further four are planned for the 18th and 25th of May. Leaflets were distributed around every household and posters are up in appropriate positions. After the tasters session have been held, then feedback from attendees will be sought and the way forward formulated.

#### **Bertha Blethers**

Continues - albeit without any contribution to lunches / activities as the funding has all been spent. Bertha Blethers attendees now bring their own lunch and the exercise classes are now self financing. Digital Classes continue and the last two are 23rd and 30th of May. GD will be applying for renewed Warm Welcome funding for Bertha Blethers 24/25 should PKC continue to run their initiative.

#### **Update on Issues**

##### **Notice Board for West Village**

PKC have intimated that it is nearly finished. GD to liaise with PKC.

##### **Bus Timetable**

New Bus timetable comes into force from Monday, 13th of May, 2024. GD intimated that residents should pay particular attention to the "labels" on the timetable which designates when buses will run. Clarified that #PKSchool only runs when the schools are **NOT on**.

##### **BP Link Road**

Not expected to start prior to 2025 and will be finished after the Destiny Bridge has opened.

##### **Traffic Monitoring**

See matters arising.

##### **Factor**

GD opinion was that the recent factor work carried out during their two visits in April was off a slightly better standard than before. GD had not been in touch with ScreenAutumn recently. A resident raised the point that Duff St. communal grass areas had not been cut. GD to raise with ScreenAutumn.

#### **Updates from Springfield**

Bertha Way lights are always on - sub contractor looking at this

New Bin is looking to be situated at the Geddes Avenue end of the large grass area. Springfield will take emptying cost on board until adopted by PKC. This is now ordered with quite a lengthy lead time 7-8 weeks.

Bins in Draper are now on the bin emptying regularly - have been monitoring

Springfield to build a "bund" to stop water egressing from their spoil "mountain" not to the path to the East of their East Village compound.

Barrier gates for the SUDS crossing have been ordered - awaiting delivery.

Tactile paving to be installed at the pavements that link Draper/Invictus/ Calico - contract issued to sub contractor.

Next Call with Springfield scheduled for July.

#### **AOB**

Discussion took place around safety at the bus stop. GD intimated that the primary school pick up and set down is now done from an area in Adamson Avenue. A query was raised if the bus stop was to be converted into a lay-by bus stop. GD intimated that he had no knowledge of this. It might be reassessed when the primary school is being built but no guarantees.

A resident raised the issue of sound barriers to baffle the sound from the new link road. GD intimated that he had asked that the group get sight of the final designs and are able to comment on planting surrounding the road and also access between the East and West village - didn't want the new road to be seen as cutting the connection between the two villages.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 4th June in The Hub 15 Adamson Ave at 19:30**

Meeting closed at 20:55.