

# Bertha Park Residents Community Group

**Notes and updates from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 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 3 Committee members.

## **Apologies:**

Councillor Grant Laing

## **Welcome from Chairperson**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for not sending an email reminding the group of the meeting.

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

Proposed by Alice Davidson 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.

## **Chairperson Report**

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

## **Updates on Initiatives**

### **Bertha Blethers**

Bertha Blethers is continuing and the exercise class prior to Blethers is now self financing.

### **Bertha Bairns**

All pilot sessions have been conducted. MO will ask attendees for their feedback on the sessions and activities to assist in suggestions on future plans.

GD thanked Michele, Anne, Alice, Kate and Christine for their help in running these sessions. He also thanked the company owners who provided the activities.

### **Youth Club**

The youth club continues to run and a new session has been introduced on a Friday. Tayside YMCA hope to run some events throughout the summer.

GD has received a request to upgrade the X-Box game pass to the Ultimate subscription costing £119. The group approved this spend,

## **Update on Issues**

### **Factor**

A meeting is scheduled with Stephen Davis on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Discussion is expected to include the weeding of communal planting and the existing issue 'proof of attendance and work done'. Gareth McPherson a BPRCG member will also attend.

### **Springfield**

#### **Play Area**

It was mentioned that the trampolines have been removed and the existing holes have half filled in with sand. One of trampolines had to be removed due to changes in ROSPA guidelines for safety due its proximity to a slope and other was removed because the safety edging around the trampoline was in a poor state of repair and caused a danger to users.

#### **Road Safety**

Additional 20mph signs have been requested for Mercer Street.

#### **SUDS Pond**

The gates/fencing to prevent the public from using the path across the weir are ready for installation. This is a Springfield initiative to stop pedestrians using the weir to cross SUDS pond. Springfield say that the weir was never designed for pedestrian usage.

#### **Bertha Park Events Proposal**

Andrew from Starfish has approached the group with a proposal to run events on Bertha Park. PKC have indicated that they are willing to consider this proposal. A figure of £3,500 has been suggested as a start-up amount to cover the necessary licences and insurances. GD and MO will meet with Andrew to discuss his proposal in further detail.

#### **Link Road Public Exhibition**

A public exhibition on the layout and design for the Bertha Park link road to the Discovery Bridge has been suggested for 24<sup>th</sup> July in the Hub. To be confirmed.

#### **Updates from Springfield**

##### **Lidl Discussion**

Lidl would like to schedule a drop-in session to gather views of BP residents on the proposed new Lidl store proposed on the land opposite where the 208 bar was, near McDiarmid Park. To be confirmed

##### **SSE Pylon Strengthening Work**

SSE will be conducting pylon strengthening work throughout BP over the next few weeks. Some area will be inaccessible for public safety. SSE will communicate plans to residents directly.

## **AOB**

### **High School**

The latest issue involving pupils from the high school appears to be pupils getting their haircut in the stairwells of the flats and leaving the hair lying on the stairs. Residents have complained to the high school but have received the usual response that the high school isn't responsible for the behaviour of pupils whilst not on school premises.

### **Vacant Vice-Chairperson Post**

Applications are welcomed from anyone interested in joining the BPRCG Committee as the Vice-Chairperson.

**Next Meeting is on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.**