

# Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Notes and updates from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2024 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

## In attendance:

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Michele Osborne (Treasurer) and Secretary, plus 10 residents.

## Apologies:

Councillor Grant Laing, C. Patterson, G. Crawley

## Welcome from Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

Proposed by M. Hutchison and seconded by A. Davidson. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Group. One resident raised the issue that they could not open the link to the minutes. Chair to send .pdf to said resident.

## 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

### Christmas Market

Discussion took place regarding a Christmas Market to be held in Bertha Park. It would be an indoor market located within The Hub and Starfish Cakes. The number of stalls would be limited due to the space available. Agreed to charge stall holders £15 per stall with a date of Saturday, 30th of November agreed. Holding the market in these establishments negates any need for the Group to have public liability insurance for the event. Significant input into the project has been given by one of our residents and the meeting voted unanimously for Andrew Stevenson to co-opted onto the Bertha Park Resident Community Group committee with a specific remit for events in addition to general business. Next steps was for the Chair to organise a meeting between himself, Andrew and Anne Stott from The Hub.

### Bertha Blethers

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

### Bertha Bairns

Follow up feedback to the "taster" sessions being sought.

### Youth Club

No Youth Club due to holidays but Tayside YMCA have various activities going on throughout the summer which have been advertised via our FB Page.

### Family Fun Days

Both The Hub and Tayside YMCA are in discussions regarding a possible Family Fun Day organised for the 20th of July.

### **Springfield Family Fun Day**

Springfield are tentatively looking to host a Family Fun Day the week before the schools go back early August. More information will be supplied once details known.

### **Picnic in Oor Wee Park**

PKC Families empowering Communities team are running two picnics on Wednesday 10th July and 7th August from 11:30-1.30pm. Poster are up and advertised via email list and Facebook. Need to book in advance

### **Update on Issues**

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

SWECO are holding a Public Exhibition of design and layout of proposed Bertha Park Link road to the Discovery Bridge on Wednesday, 24th July in The Hub.

Some chatter around a Underpass / Crossing being located at the Bus Stop - no official information as yet. Hopefully be included in as part of the above.

#### **Factor**

The Chair presented copies of Attendance / Work Carried out sheets that can be supplied by the Factor as proof of attendance from Nurture and what work has been carried out when. The meeting felt that this was a step in the right direction, but many issues still outstanding.

Springfield have committed to providing another bin at the top of the SUDS pond near the car parking area. The Chair highlighted that the residents would need to agree to the additional cost of getting this emptied. This would need to be done by the Factor.

### **Springfield**

#### **Vehicles using pavements as short cut**

In the West Village, the connecting pavements between Draper, Calico and Invictus are being used by vehicles as a short cut between these streets. This is an area where there are terraced houses with their front door almost immediately on to the pavements in question, therefore causing a real safety risk. The issues was raised with Springfield and tactile paving and signage has been installed in order to try and dissuade drivers from using this area. Some of the signage erected was contradictory and Springfield have agreed to remove the signs which state "If not on foot use a different route".

#### **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 and will be up soon.

#### **Street Lights**

Springfield have again been reminded about street lights that a permanently on within the development.

#### **Vermin**

The Chair had also highlighted the areas to Springfield where residents were experiencing vermin.

#### **Landscaping**

The chair has reminded Springfield of their promise to tidy up the area of common ground on the park side of the pond immediately to the left as you walk down to the wooden bridge.

## **AOB**

### **SSE Pylon Work**

This work has commenced but resident felt that the signage to indicate the park was closed was inadequate and the fencing to close the path ineffective. Group to write to SSEN.

### **Noise pollution**

A complaint had been received from a resident regarding the noise in Brydie Avenue construction area. The noise starts around 07:00 and is very loud and disturbing resident very early in the morning. Chair to investigate PKC guidelines and advise resident.

### **Bertha Park Primary School**

A short discussion took place regarding the timescales around the building of the Bertha Park Primary School. Group to seek an update from PKC.

### **Drains**

A resident raised the issue of smelly and blocked drains in the Bertha Way and Duff Street area. Group to raise with Springfield.

### **Committee Members**

The Chair asked if anyone would be willing to step forward to fill the vice-chair position. No volunteers for this position, but Heather Anderson intimated her willingness to join the committee and help out - the meeting unanimously approved Heather being co-opted onto the Bertha Park Resident Community Group committee.

**Next Meeting is on Tuesday, 6th August, 2024 at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.**