

Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Minutes from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August, 2024 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

In attendance:

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); plus 8 residents.

Apologies:

Councillor Grant Laing, Councillor Clare McLaren, Secretary and Treasurer

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.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

Chairperson Report

After the co-option of Andrew Stevenson onto the committee as Events Co-ordinator, the chair present a notification of interest from Andrew and his directorship with Starfish Cakes & Bakes Ltd. The meeting noted the declaration and agreed the contents and the understanding that if any indirect or direct interest is materialises, then Andrew would abstain from voting on any such matters.

Updates on Initiatives / issues

Christmas Market

The Chair passed over to our Events Co-ordinator who gave an overview of progress so far. Promising progress has been made in attracting stall holders - with a few other possibilities in the pipeline. Events Co-Ordinator to draw up a one page "T&Cs" for stall holders. The Chair has approached Springfield to try to co-ordinate their Santa visit with the event on the 30th of November, 2024. Fallback position would be that we would need to source "Santa" ourselves. Two organisations have Santa suits that they were prepared to loan us if required. Discussion around provision of presents for children on the day. Agreed to split into two categories 0-5 and 6-10. One of the attendees agreed to have a look at some possibilities for presents, while the Chair intimated that he would be seeking funding for the event via the Developers or CIF funding.

Group's Public Liability Insurance

The Group has submitted the relevant documentation to PKC who can supply PLI insurance at very competitive rates. Awaiting quote.

Olympic Family Fun Day

This took place a couple of weeks ago and was attended by over 100 people throughout the day. Great feed back from those that came along and thanks to Matthew and the team from Tayside YMCA ,Anne Stott and those in the community for helping out and or attending. This event was funded by SSEN as a result of the park closure due to overhead line works.

Link Road Public Exhibition - Exhibition has taken place with a number of residents attending; over 40 feedback forms submitted. SWECO who are working on this project for PKC have indicated they may be able to support our Youth Club with funding for additional equipment.

Weeds on B9993 - With this road being adopted by PKC, the Group has written to our councillors asking them to use their influence to get rid of the weeds.

Traffic Tubes - have been installed on Geddes Ave, Mercer Street and Caesar Avenue by PKC as part of a Traffic Audit to gauge volume of traffic, speed of traffic and type of traffic. Once the data has been collected and analysed, it should give us a good indication of the traffic volumes and the speed that they are driving at.

SUDS Weir Barriers - Gates installed either side of the weir - Springfield have intimated that mature bushes will be located either side of the gates along with signage.

Vehicles using pavements as short cut - “If not on foot...” signs at Draper have still to be removed - site staff didn’t realise they were located so high on the lamppost.

Vermin - Area at the bottom of Gib Place / Croll Gardens where vermin has been reported close to housing has been trimmed back in attempt to reduce the issue.

Ground Maintenance - Area on left just past the park near the wooden bridge over the burn at the bottom of the SUDS pond - Has been strimmed back and now turfed.

Notice board - New notice board from PKC for West Village had been delivered. Group co-ordinating with Springfield re getting it put up.

Underpass - from Bus Stop under B9993 coming out on the other side of the road. PKC confirmed it was part of the Bertha Park Masterplan and that Springfield are responsible for delivering it.

Bins at Draper - communal seating area - Springfield propose to remove the two “open” bins from this area and relocate them to the SUDS pond area. They also propose to replace these two bins with a single enclosed bin - Chair to liaise residents in the immediate area facing the benches and report back to Springfield.

Taylor & Martin (new Factor T&M)

ScreenAutumn have been acquired by Taylor & Martin. Stephen Davis has resigned from his position with this company due to travel and family reasons. The Group have had communication that Rob Armstrong will be replacing Stephen Davis as our point of contact for T&M. The Chair and a resident have a meeting set up with T&M on Wednesday, 14th of August, 2024

Park Closure Signage - The group have been in touch with SSEN to ask if the signage that the park is closed could be more prominent and that the area is “policed” by the contractor. Incidents of kids playing in the park have been noted, when the park should be closed. Also some people circumventing the pathway closure signs and still using the paths.

AOB - Response to issues raised:

Builders Noise Complaint - regarding noise at Brydie Avenue due to the building of the new houses. The Group established that PKC guidelines were:
Mon-Fri 07:00-19:00 and Sat 07:00-13:00 - no noise on a Sunday
This was communicated back to the specific residents.]

Community Police Officer

P&K D Division of the police have confirmed that our Community Police Officer is Mark Peebles mark.peebles@scotland.police.uk who is based in Pitlochry. Any incident that needs an immediate response will come from the closest police unit which normally would be Perth.

AGM - The Chair indicated that our next meeting on Tuesday, 4th September, 2024 will be our AGM. We currently have a vacancy for a Vice-Chairperson and a committee member. If any would like to express an interest in these positions, then they should contact the Chair on chair.bpresgroup@outlook.com

Frequency of group meetings - The meeting also agreed that due to the slow progress of some of the issues we are trying to resolve and the parties involved, that at the forthcoming AGM, that the Group's committee will recommend that we adopt meeting every second month rather than monthly.

Capability Scotland Facilities- A member of the public asked about progress with the plans to relocated its current facilities in Isla Road to Adamson Avenue. Chair: no update, but would seek an update from Capability Scotland.

Next Meeting is our AGM on Wednesday, 4th of September, 2024 at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.