

Bertha Park Residents Community Group

Minutes from the Bertha Park Residents Community Group (BPRCG) AGM held on Wednesday, 4th September, 2024 at The Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

In attendance:

Chairperson, Gordon Davidson (GD); Treasurer, Michele Osborne; Committee members: David Walters, Heather Anderson, Alice Davidson, Kate Croft, Andrew Stevenson and Anne Stott; plus 9 residents

Apologies:

Councillor Grant Laing; Councillor Clare McLaren; Secretary Gemma Crawley; David Halliday, John and Isabel Birrell, Julianna Szalmasine Fuleki, Morag Hutchison.

Welcome from Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the office bearers, committee members and residents for their input throughout the year.

Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 2023 AGM had been circulated in advance and were adopted at the meeting as a true record of this meeting. Proposed by D. Walters and seconded by C. Kennedy.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

No matters were raised from the minutes.

Election of Office-Bearers

The following were elected / re-elected into the following positions:

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| Gordon Davidson | Chairperson |
| Katalin Gyugyi | Vice-Chairperson |
| Gemma Crawley | Secretary |
| Michele Osborne | Treasurer |

Election of Committee Members:

The following were elected / re-elected onto the committee:

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| Kate Croft | Alice Davidson | Morag Hutchison |
| Andrew Stevenson | Heather Anderson | Anne Stott |
| David Walters | Katie Jones | |

Financial Report

The Treasurer gave an overview of our financial position and apologised for not having copies of the accounts to hand for the meeting, but would provide them for circulation with the minutes. The meeting adopted the accounts. (Accounts attached).

Overview of the year's activities

The Chair presented a couple of slides that covered the activity that the group had been engaged in since the last AGM

- Successfully applied for PKC Funding for the group - just under £9k
- Bertha Blethers now a weekly gathering - approx 10-15 people attend
- Assisted with gaming equipment for the Youth Group
- Distributed over 54 Warm Welcome items to 18 homes
- Assisted Anne Stott with some of the initiatives she has brought to Bertha Park

- Co-ordinated the communities response to the bus timetable changes and visit from our MSP
- Ran 4 taster session for Pre-school children
- A regular self funding Exercise class is now in place
- Worked with the landowner to improve the path to Bertha Loch
- Acted as liaison for the community with the Factor - ScreenAutumn acquired by Taylor & Martin
- Canvassed for a refresh of the SUDS pond risk assessment - unsuccessfully
- Group invited in to meet with PKC heads of dept and talk about our local issues
- Traffic tubes were installed on Geddes, Mercer and Caesar to gauge volume and speed of traffic.
- Have actively chased adoption of our Roads by PKC
- Organised 5 Digital Learning sessions for residents via PKC Community Learning Team.
- Represented the community on the Link Road SWECO consultation meeting
- Bins located at Draper are shortly to be re-sited and a new covered bin installed in their place.
- New noticeboard delivered for the West Village courtesy of PKC Community Payback Team.
- Helped co-ordinate the Big Conversation PKC initiative in our area
- Worked with Springfield to get junction marking in Draper / Calico / Invictus
- Have monthly calls with Springfield re issues and their status
- Conducted 5 letterbox drops across the development
- Worked with School on issues and attend regular meetings with school management

Anne Stott remarked that a lot of positive results had been achieved throughout the year and on behalf of the residents thanked the committee for all their hard work in achieving these outcomes.

Forthcoming initiatives

The Chair gave an overview of what initiatives were in the pipeline for the forthcoming year so far:

- Plans are underway to host a Bertha Park Christmas Market on 30th November, 2024 in The Hub and Starfish Cakes. Diverse range of stalls and a visit from Santa! The Group have applied to the Developers Fund to see if they can fund a small gift for the children from Santa. Local business are willing to support this initiative.
- CIF Funding application in for a Family Fun Day for summer 2025
- Seeking funding for Bertha Blethers again via PKC Warm Welcome Fund when it opens.
- In dialogue with our Community Police representatives to get the B9993 speeding issues curbed. Have agreed to come up with their speed guns now and again to highlight that police are aware of speeding on this road and hopefully catch some "speeders"
- Dialogue continuing with the new Factor - had a face to face meeting and a walk round the development. They were quite shocked with what they saw. Recent feedback from T&M is that they have raised their concerns over quality of work in Bertha Park with Nurture's national director. Will keep everyone posted.

AoB

Meeting frequency was discussed and in particular, the time it takes for organisation to respond to requests or give feedback. It was felt that due to meeting monthly, a lot of old ground was covered with not much progress being made. The meeting therefore decided that the Group should meet once every two months moving forward.. Committee meetings can be held between times as required.

Discussion took place regarding continuing issues with the school children at the play park. It was mentioned that at our last AGM, the Headmaster from Bertha Park had talked about being good neighbours and some incidents throughout the year had done little to foster this approach. Although it was not all negative with the school putting a very good concert and christmas meal that some residents attended. Chair will raise with the school during a scheduled meeting and also ask the Community Wardens if they could come up on a few lunch breaks and patrol around the park.

Dog Poo and lack of its disposal was discussed. It's terrible that dog owners either don't pick up their dogs mess or pick it up, bag it and simply drop it on the ground. Chair to ask Dog Wardens to visit the development and become more visible and also ask for more signage.

Next Meeting is our AGM on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024 at 19.30 at the Community Hub, 15 Adamson Avenue, Bertha Park, Perth.

Meeting Schedule for this year:

Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024

Then for 2025

Wednesday, 5th February, 2025

Tuesday, 8th April, 2025

Wednesday, 4th June, 2025

Tuesday, 5th August, 2025

Wednesday, 8th October, 2025

Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025

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Annual Bank Account Reconciliation (September 2023 - August 2024)

Account Number : 25930164
Sort Code : 80-22-60
Bank of Scotland, Perth

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| Income | | |
| Bank Complaint - Compensation | 25.00 | <u>25.00</u> |
| Warm Welcome Fund (PKC) - Bertha Blethers | | |
| Hire of Space (The Hub) £20 per 2 hr session x 22 weeks | 440.00 | |
| Provision of activities, crafting, board games, jigsaws, etc | 300.00 | |
| Promotion flyers to advertise this activity | 90.00 | |
| Lunch: Soup and Sandwich (£6.50pp x 12 = £78 per week x 22 weeks) | 1,716.00 | |
| | | <u>2,546.00</u> |
| Warm Welcome Fund (PKC) - Warm Packs | | |
| Warm throw to use through the day and to augment bedding at night | 280.00 | |
| 1 ltr Thermos flask so that pre-boiled water can be stored for later use - rather boiling the kettle multiple times. Will reduce energy consumption. | 280.00 | |
| Pair of sock/slippers | 196.00 | |
| Wheat filled hot bottle (safer alternative to hot water bottle) | 196.00 | |
| | | <u>952.00</u> |
| Parent and Pre-School Sessions (PKC) | | |
| Hire of The Hub community space for 2hrs per week @ £10 per hour = £20 x 34 weeks | 680.00 | |
| Safety equipment, educational materials and toys | 300.00 | |
| Refreshments and snacks for parents and children £10.00 per session x 34 weeks | 340.00 | |
| Activities to give variety to weekly events | 300.00 | |
| Production of leaflets etc | 88.35 | |
| | | <u>1,708.35</u> |
| Youth Group | | |
| Xbox series X interface with existing Media Wall | 479.99 | |
| Additional 3 controllers to facilitate multi-player gaming | 164.97 | |
| Xbox Ultimate game pass per annum | 79.99 | |
| Bean bags x 6 | 300.00 | |
| Dart Board and two sets of Darts | 98.97 | |
| Refreshments @ £15 per week x 50 weeks | 750.00 | |
| Production of leaflets etc | 88.35 | |
| | | <u>1,962.27</u> |
| Developers Fund | | |
| 12 Hub Sessions for Meetings | 300.00 | |
| | | <u>300.00</u> |
| | | <u>7,493.62 Total Income</u> |
| Expenditure | | |
| Bank Complaint - Compensation | 0.00 | <u>0.00</u> |
| Warm Welcome Fund (PKC) - Bertha Blethers | | |
| Hire of Space (The Hub) £20 per 2 hr session x 22 weeks | -460.00 | |
| Provision of activities, crafting, board games, jigsaws, etc | -400.00 | |
| Promotion flyers to advertise this activity | -115.44 | |
| Lunch: Soup and Sandwich (£6.50pp x 12 = £78 per week x 22 weeks) | -1,420.50 | |
| | | <u>-2,395.94</u> |
| Warm Welcome Fund (PKC) - Warm Packs | | |
| Warm throw to use through the day and to augment bedding at night | -210.00 | |
| 1 ltr Thermos flask so that pre-boiled water can be stored for later use - rather boiling the kettle multiple times. Will reduce energy consumption. | -159.42 | |
| Pair of sock/slippers | -219.83 | |
| Wheat filled hot bottle (safer alternative to hot water bottle) | -210.42 | |
| | | <u>-799.67</u> |
| Parent and Pre-School Sessions (PKC) | | |
| Hire of The Hub community space for 2hrs per week @ £10 per hour = £20 x 34 weeks | -160.00 | |
| Safety equipment, educational materials and toys | -82.27 | |
| Refreshments and snacks for parents and children £10.00 per session x 34 weeks | -79.30 | |
| Activities to give variety to weekly events | -176.00 | |
| Production of leaflets etc | -119.67 | |
| | | <u>-617.24</u> |
| Youth Group | | |
| Xbox series X interface with existing Media Wall | -295.66 | |
| Additional 3 controllers to facilitate multi-player gaming | -149.97 | |
| Xbox Ultimate game pass per annum | -76.94 | |
| Bean bags x 6 | -299.85 | |
| Dart Board and two sets of Darts | -48.90 | |
| Refreshments @ £15 per week x 50 weeks | -133.18 | |
| Production of leaflets etc | | |
| | | <u>-1,004.50</u> |
| Developers Fund | | |
| 12 Hub Sessions for Meetings | -100.00 | |
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| | | <u>-4,917.35 Total Expenditure</u> |
| | | <u>2,576.27</u> |

Completed by (Group Treasurer)



