

Baldernock Community Development Trust. Online meeting due to coronavirus lockdown Wednesday 15th April 2020.

Participants; Alison, Mark, Lesley, Kate, Jean, Evan, Ros, Jane.
Also participating; Celia, Fiona.

The current situation with regard to the coronavirus pandemic lockdown was discussed. Celia and Fiona are co-ordinating any emails which come to the Community Council requesting, or offering, help. Six official volunteers have come forward, and Fiona will distribute a list of their names.

No-one in the parish has yet asked for any assistance, however concerns were raised that people who were not online would not be aware of help on offer.

An extra newsletter will be issued giving local information regarding the crisis.

As a result of people being confined to their homes for so long, a number of suggestions were made to inform/entertain residents, such as more local history information being available on the website, sharing memories of Baldernock – Kate Langhorne has made a start on interviewing residents for this project, and has the skills to take it forward. It was suggested that Zoom might be useful for presentations on such subjects as local history information and garden visits.

Residents will be asked to give feedback on their broadband provision, a new initiative, R100 has been launched to mop up any households who are still experiencing problems with broadband.

The website needs to be upgraded and Fiona has offered to do this in conjunction with the Community Council. Lesley has identified someone who might be able to help, and their work needs to be costed.

Alison asked if the Development Trust and Community Council could have closer liaison in future. It was suggested that the CC could investigate whether the insurance for the Youth Club could be included under the umbrella of the CC, which already covers the Local History Group.

Celia and Fiona left the meeting.

Fundraising was discussed as the current balance stands at £28.

Alison is to participate in an online quiz, and will report on whether this might be something the Trust could do.

Lesley raised the issue of direct debit facilities for people to make donations. Kate has spoken to the Clydesdale bank who said it is not possible at present, and is complicated to set up. Direct online donations to the bank account would be easier. Mark said, however, that he had been told it WAS possible to set up DD facility. Our personal relationship manager at the bank is Diane Stewart, and it was agreed that we wait until it is possible to consult with her before making a decision on this. Ros commented that the Balmore Trust uses Total Giving for their donation facility.

Insurance was discussed again, our annual premium is over £400 at present, and this includes employee liability, trustee indemnity, public liability and necessary legal

expenses..As our activities are reduced at present, we agreed to seek a £30 reduction on employee liability as a temporary measure.
Companies House return is due next month.

Actions.

Website upgrade to be costed by Lesley.

Insurance reduction to be investigated by Kate.

Quiz to be investigated by Alison.

A further online meeting to be held in two weeks time.