

# **BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 @ BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

**Chair:** David Watson; **Vice Chair:** David McKendrick ; **Treasurer :** Scott Wilkinson  
**Secretary & Minute Taker:** David Wallace ; **Planning Reporter:** Drew Robertson

**Members Present:** D.Watson ; D.Wallace ; D.Robertson; John Fletcher : Phil Mann ; Christine Murray,

**Apologies:** S.Wilkinson,; Richard Miller ; Alan Smith :

**Formartine Area Councillors Present,** Paul Johnston ; Karen Adams ; Jim Gifford

**Apologies;;** Andrew.Hassan ;

**Visitors: None**

*The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, asked that all mobile phones be put on 'silent' and that all matters be addressed through the chair. He also requested that BCC members declare any conflict of interest in any of the known agenda items .*

## **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict declarations made with respect to the noted agenda items.

## **Police Matters .**

- No Police attendance but a e-Report was provided and read out to the attendees.

## **Minutes of Meeting from previous meeting**

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed , comments noted . The agreed revisions will be made accordingly. They were then proposed for approval by D.Robertson and seconded by J..Fletcher.

## **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

- **Belhelvie Banter** next contribution deadline is on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The BCC contribution will be provided by the Secretary subsequent to detailed input from the chairman on the Landfill Tax projects.
- **Magnificent 7 (Phase 2)** . Further meetings with all interested parties will progress this project. D.Watson will co-ordinate and lead this project thru' to completion.
- **Sensory Garden Project** . The management of this project will be a combined effort from BCC and BCT. We still await the Bills of Quantity from Graham Webster prior to lodging a funding application to EB Scotland /Taylor Environmental. Chairman to provide BCC participation.
- The January meeting of the **Potterton Community Group** was cancelled.
  - D.McKendrick & J.Fletcher both attended the **Belhelvie Community Trust's** November monthly meeting and provided positive feedback of the meeting. Phil Mann committed to attend BCT's monthly meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Further to receiving the unsatisfactory responses from AC's Planning Dept relating to the restoration of the **Westerhatton Landfill Site** Cllr. Gifford visited the site with the Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council (Jim Savidge) who commented on the challenging nature of the restoration problem but did not commit to do anything about it. So once again

we find ourselves no further ahead than we were eighteen months ago in getting this redundant site remediated !.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The present balance of the BCC Account is **£1,835.60**. (There is still a commitment of £1,100 to come off once the Magnificent 7 CPT payment is processed.)

### **Planning Report .**

Notification of all Planning Applications made in the last month was provided by the planning reporter. No comments but the approval of an earlier one made in March related to the Town Centre at Blackdog including a Food Hall, Retail Outlets along with Leisure , Business and Industrial units was noted.

### **Landfill Tax Projects**

A complete listing of all Landfill Projects along with their status was presented by D,Watson. The listing will be sent on to AC's office in Ellon as promised at an earlier meeting with them.

**Balmedie Leisure Centre;** Work on upgrading the toilets and changing rooms has now been completed. In recognition of BCC's efforts in securing Landfill Tax funding for this project we have been invited to hold our March monthly meeting at the Leisure Centre when we will be able to see the completed work.

- **NOTE: If any local group have a health ,safety or environmental project they would like to put forward for funding, please contact Belhelvie Community Council at the e-mail address provided below or alternatively call the BCC Chairman on 01651-328263.**

### **Greenfield Projects**

- No projects ongoing at present.

### **Correspondence**

Communications from AC have been received in relation to our forthcoming AGM. Nomination forms for new members and current members requiring to be re-elected were also forwarded. It was agreed that a drive to get new members into the Council should be made by all present members and reported against by every member at the next monthly meeting in February.

Communications were also received from Police Scotland detailing their future plans relating to interactions with local communities and local community councils. It was also stated that a new Sergeant will be coming to the Ellon station in January which should result in a better service provision to each community council in the Formartine area.

Received a request from Smallbrook Environmental Ltd. to present at our next monthly meeting in February on the work they are about to commence on the Blackdog Landfill site. We have responded by agreeing to their request and they have been placed on the related meeting agenda.

### **Any Other Connected Business**

- Nothing raised

Meeting closed 21:20

**Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 19th March, 2018**

**At 7:15pm in the **Balmedie Leisure Centre** - Visitors Welcome**

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