



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 16th July 2018 @ WHITE HORSE INN.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** David Watson; **Treasurer :** Ewan Phipps

Secretary: Hilary Foxen **Minute Taker:** J Fletcher; **Planning Reporter:** I Downie (Absent)

Members Present: D Watson, D Wallace, H Foxen, A McIntyre J Fletcher
C Murray, A Hendry, E Phipps

Apologies: D Robertson, R Millar, D McKendrick, I Downie

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

Apologies; Jim Gifford, Andrew Hassan, Karen Adams, Paul Johnston

Visitors: E Booth,& N Brown (Blackdog), G McDonald & N Ghazi (Vattenfall)

1. Introduction of Attendees& Welcome to Visitors

- 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.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest to Agenda items

- No Conflicts of interest reported

3. Police Matters / Report

- No Police presence, no response from Police

4. Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project (Vattenfall)

- Updated that all turbines will soon be operational and 240 hour testing of the system will commence and be ongoing until the system is verified.
Vattenfall further reported that the substation at Blackdog is now 90% operational and they have removed the offices, they estimate the project will be completed by the end of September. Landscaping and reinstatement of the whole area will continue until the end of the year.
Vattenfall will have a meeting with Blackdog Residents to discuss the type of landscaping they would prefer.
- A brochure was issued from Vattenfall on the fund that is available to the whole of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire with a high level of support for the substation host community in Blackdog to have access to an annual ringfenced amount. Vattenfall have committed to a £3Million community benefit scheme that will run for the lifetime of the project, meaning £150,000 will be invested annually into the local community.
- A Decision Panel will be put together by Vattenfall to manage the fund, A Hendry with the backing of BCC members said he would like to be considered for the Panel, he was asked by N Ghazi to forward his details.
- Vattenfall requested Community Group involvement as they are having a fireworks display on the 7th September 2018

5. Comments/ Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, 3 small comments were given and inserted. They were then proposed for approval by D Watson and seconded by A Hendry.

6. Review / Update of Roles & Responsibilities Document

- After discussion on this matter, Chairman to formulate a new document. During discussion it was suggested that all members should read the BCC Constitution & Guidance Criteria, at a further date a link may be set up on Facebook. It was also suggested that a BCC website be implemented.

7. Matters arising from the previous minutes

- A Hendry proposed to increase the BCC members from 13 to 15, this was seconded by I Downie with no objections from the other members present. This will be progressed by the Chairman via the Formartine Area Manager.
- A Hendry, previous parking at road works near Shady Neuk has been resolved and incidents at the football pitches are to receive passing attention from the Police.
- Mr Nicol's letter (Footpath Closure) Chairman has submitted BCC input. A Hendry will follow this up with Aberdeenshire Access Officer.
- Balmedie Village speed signs, the South end sign was temporary and will not be replaced, and the sign at the North end Eigie Road by Oldmill Stores requires a battery, this will be replaced to check the sign is still working.
- The issue of the Northern Brown Coastal Tourist Sign currently sited at the Newburgh Junction on the A90 which was raised by James Duthie regarding the siting of the said sign, is to be progressed by the Chairman via elected members ASAP with a view to having another one sited on the 'New' A90 just south of Balmedie in order to include Balmedie and businesses situated along the 'Old' Aberdeen A90 northwards towards Newburgh.
- Regarding the Balmedie Primary School capacity issue, I Downie received correspondence from Elaine Brown (Formartine Area Manager). Elaine confirms she has asked the Director of Education to identify someone to attend the BCC Meeting on 20th August 2018.
- Signage for the White Horse Inn, A Hendry pursued this through B Beattie, the sign will be replaced by AWPR in the near future.
- Safety issue involving AWPR, H Foxen reported some fencing required on the way to Potterton. H Foxen spoke A Devine AWPR) he reported a road audit had been completed. H Foxen reported the Old Quarry on Den Road, this has planning approval to be used as a scrap yard, there are old washing machines, cars and vans stacked up and she thinks this to be a safety risk. H Foxen was advised to contact HSE with her concerns.
- It was reported that Cllr Gifford had confirmed that Aberdeenshire Council are to continue providing the electricity for the Christmas lights in settlements across Aberdeenshire
- Declaration of Interest to be moved to Number 2 on the Agenda, D Wallace to implement
- D Watson sent a further mail to Brian Shand and Oliver Deeming (Landscape Services Dept), he has previously tried to contact both on several occasions regarding local issues in the Belhelvie Parish that require attention by Landscape Services, as follows:
 1. Application of fertilizer on Belhelvie football, pitch and play park
 2. Reduction of silt level in stream at drainage outlet point across the main road from Belhelvie football pitch.
 3. Repair of 5 a side goal mouths at Belhelvie pitch (worn areas now in a dangerous state)
 4. Repair of goal mouths at Potterton football pitch
 5. Draining of pond at Magnificent 7
 6. Drainage at the eastern path on Magnificent 7 at Wildflower area
 7. Uplift of scrap and rubbish at boundary of Balmedie pitches

D Watson has asked if a member of the Landscape Services Department could attend the next BCC meeting on Monday 20th August at 08:00 at the Whitehorse Hotel, Balmedie to discuss these items.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Account assignment process incomplete, treasurer E Phipps will visit Bank of Scotland to pursue.
- Raymond Moffat expenses £9.45 to be reimbursed
- David Watson expenses £25.45 now reimbursed
- ICO reimbursement from AC for £35 has been paid
- Projector estimated cost to be funded personally by D Wallace and reimbursed at a later date
- Recipient names for the Tidy Village Scheme confirmed, Check for £500 given to Better Balmedie, £250 to John Allan (Potterton) and £250 to Raymond Moffat (Belhelvie). Awaiting a reply from Blackdog.

9. Planning Report

Report emailed by I Downie.

- Applications: 3 off, none with any comment
 - Applications Determined: 4 off, 3 approved and 1 refused-contrary to policies R2,PI and PR1
- Report with Chairman.

10. Landfill Tax Projects:

Sensory Garden Project

- Awaiting revised Bills of Quantity for the sensory Garden Project from Graeme Webster and should receive these next week. These will then be sent out to 3 contractors for quotes. Upon arrival of the project by EB Scotland, construction should commence in Autumn. Bill of Quantity should also be available soon from Graeme for the four Leisure Centre Projects
- Due to dog fouling, damage by motor bikes etc, it is proposed to fence off all Balmedie the football pitches managed by the Leisure Centre.
- There was a request from Claire Young (Area Office) for a feedback report in relation to 2017-2018 budget c/o the funding award of £4,275.16 for the Magnificent 7 Wildflower Project, D Watson will respond to this.
- Unfortunately the recent drought has affected the wildflower areas. Team Niblick will over seed the affected areas when there is moisture in the ground to promote germination.

11. GreenField Projects:

Landscape services have confirmed that they will attend our next meeting on 20th August 2018 to discuss the last item on 'Matters Arising'

If annual Greenfield funding from Landscape Services is available this coming year for our settlements, D Watson will oversee annual order of flowers for settlements

- **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.**

12. External Meetings

1. A report was given by D Wallace and J Fletcher who attended the BCT meeting on Monday 25th June at the White Horse Inn.
 - Funding applications for the disabled toilets have been prepared.
 - Balmedie beach wheelchair fundraising raised £640. Baxters Foundation donated £2,000 and Apache oil granted £10,000 for a wheelchair, beach matting and alarm for bunker.
 - Country park, new bins, benches and 6 new BBQs are on order Five walking routes are being prepared. Work is progressing on the leaflet / map.
 2. A Hendry attended the Health and Social Care Integration Meeting (North Corridor Project) at Balmedie Leisure Centre where questionnaires were available regarding Health Care Provision along the Northern Corridor. Online links to the questionnaire were provided (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthCorridorProject>)
BCC have set up a Facebook page with the online link and other information relating to another project relating to Health and Social Care, this is currently being trialled in Stonehaven.
A link for this project has also been set up on the BCC Facebook Page.
(<https://www.vc.scot.nhs.uk/attend-anywhere/>)
All members agreed to encourage as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire. Paper copies are to be provided in the Balmedie Leisure Centre by J Fletcher. Dependant on the outcome, BCC may then decide to create a further Survey in the Belhelvie Parish to ascertain whether or not residents would be supportive of an attempt to have a Health Centre situated in Balmedie bearing in mind that land is designated in the current local development plan in Balmedie for such a facility. A Participation Request for a meeting may be made to Grampian NHS in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, in due course.
A Hendry will continue dealing with this issue on behalf of BCC.
- **Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings**
 - BCT Meeting Monday 23rd July, J Fletcher & A McIntosh
 - Bus Forum, August, A Hendry
 - Balmedie Country Park Meeting, 5th September, J Fletcher & D Wallace
 - Potterton Meeting to be attended by D Watson

13. New Correspondence

- Chairman to prepare article for the Belhelvie Banter 19/07/2018 deadline date.

14. Any Other Business

- E Booth (Blackdog) asked BCC if they could help in trying to get buses to route into the Blackdog Village.
A Hendry reported that he had tried without success on numerous occasions for this to happen, however Stagecoach have said that they are going to review ALL bus routes including Blackdog when the AWPR is completed.
A Hendry will pursue this matter
- D Watson reported the notice board in Balmedie was so dirty that the information posted proved difficult to read. All notice boards will be looked at with a view to maintenance.
- A Hendry will now monitor BCC's e-mail box to which he and the office bearers will have access. NB the Password will be changed at some point.
- The Chair requested that H Foxen and D Watson review the BCC Constitution in line with the new 'Establishment of Community Council' document

- C Murray raised two items (not on the Agenda).
 1. Possible planning application by Trump International Golf Links (TIGLS) of 49 houses, she was advised by the Chair that any planning application will be dealt with when it has been submitted.
 2. Pricing of the Balmedie Leisure Centre, she was advised that pricing of the Leisure Centre is a matter for BLC and not BCC.

Meeting closed 22:50

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 17th September, 2018

At 7:15pm White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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