



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 19th November 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

Members Present: D Watson, D Wallace, R Miller, J Fletcher, A Hendry
E Phipps, D Robertson, G Middleton, M Brown, D McKendrick

Apologies: H Foxen, A McIntyre, I Downie

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Paul Johnston

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, Karen Adams, J Gifford

Visitors: N Ghazi (Vattenfall), **Carolyn Wood, Dan Wood, N Brown, E Booth**

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. Chairman' Remarks

- Chairman reported that Hilary Foxen has been relieved of her duties as BCC Secretary due to work commitments.
- John Fletcher was proposed as Secretary by D Wallace and seconded by A Robertson

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No Conflicts of interest reported

4. Police Matters / Report (main points)

- No report, Allan Hendry to write to the police and ask about a Police Report.

NB If you would like to report anything to the police, use either the non-emergency number 101 or via www.scotland.police.uk. If you wish to remain anonymous then use Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Please follow us on Twitter@ShireNpol for local policing updates

5. Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project Presentation (Vattenfall)

- Report given by N Ghazi
- Vattenfall are finishing up on the site, certain trees cannot be planted until later. There are limited staff in the area.
Foundation Scotland update, launch of Fund, there will be drop in sessions after January for local communities to come forward.
Kirkwood homes on the site should be completed by the end of the year.

6. Application Notice Proposal – Eigie Farm, Balmedie (D.Harrington – NORR Planning Consultants)

- Application for 220 homes at Eigie Farm.

- Phase 1 at the north-west site would be 85 homes from Castlehill Housing – affordable homes.
- Approved outline consent, a master plan may be imposed, AC will allow access across it's land which will make it easier as a total of 3 accesses to the site.
- Waste water will be a problem and may be restrictive after 85 houses
- Looking for NORR Planning to drop leaflets into Chapelwell residents who will be effected by the build, BCC to put a note on Facebook about the planning application. The BCC Chairman to call a meeting for mid-January.

7. BCC Website Development Update (Carolyne & Dan Wood)

- Carolyne and Dan to open an online link to look at the site and then a soft launch in Mid-December

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and four minor changes were made. They were then proposed for approval by D McKendrick and seconded by R Miller.

9. Matters Arising from the Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Safety Issue, council are reviewing a shorter walking route for the Blackdog residents, BD residents are against this. A Hendry to look into this.
- Bus stopping opposite Chapelwell causing traffic hindrance, A Hendry to chase
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10. Treasurer's Report

- All signatory issues now resolved
- EP, DW1 & DW2 confirmed signatories
- BCC banking registered address has now been updated to EP home address.
- Online banking is live
- A Robertson reimbursed £23.71 for notice board keys
- List of funding bodies to be reviewed

11. Planning Report

Report given by I Downie

My planning report is circulated herewith. While there is little activity in respect of new applications and determined applications there has been significant movement in respect of the TIGLs application at Menie. I have provided an update in that regard. Transport Scotland has not opposed the proposed development and has not required a new grade separated junction at Orrock to serve the 550 houses. If Aberdeenshire's Roads Department reaches a similar conclusion it is distinctly possible that the planning service may recommend approval despite the fact that all traffic from the development including up to 10 years worth of construction traffic will pass through Balmedie along the Old Aberdeen Road. In a stroke we will have lost the benefits of the bypass.

There is to be a predetermination hearing on the 12th December 2018 in the Ellon Academy Campus commencing at 6 pm to which all parties who have made representations will have a right to address Councillors

12. Landfill Tax Projects: Reports given by D Watson

BALMEDIE SENSORY GARDEN PHASE 1

Balmedie Sensory Garden phase 1 work is well under way by Team Niblick. All earth works, path, cutting back trees, 2m wide path and drystone dykes have been completed. A new fence will be erected within the next week and grass will be sown in the spring.

The existing path through the Magnificent 7 wildflower area has been resurfaced and some of the areas will be over seeded with wildflower in the near future. Bills of Quantity are soon to be prepared for phase 2 of the Sensory Garden.

13. GreenField Projects:

The work on the worn goal mouths at Belhelvie pitch has now been completed. The goal posts have meanwhile been taken away to give the new turf a chance to root properly.

Potterton football pitch has now received its Autumn fertiliser feed. The goal mouths will require to be properly repaired in 2019.

Some of the scrap / refuse has been uplifted at the Balmedie Pitches, there is still 2 x rusty goal posts and a 150ml x 7 metre metal post to be uplifted.

An e mail regarding Greenfield Projects issues was sent to landscape Services for a response

- ***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 Vice Chairman on 01651-328263.***

14. External Meeting Report Back

- Potterton Community Meeting, report by H Foxen with D Wallace
Village planting, volunteers wanted, new method of watering plants (50lt vessel).
Use of pesticide, Oliver Deeming said it would be a good time as rain will help application.
Community Garden, Oliver Deeming to resolve drainage and replant trees.
New Notice Board, now in place.
Solar Light Project, has been very successful, lights not the brightest but clearly lights the path.
New Year Party, planning started which will include children and young people.
Pelican Crossing update, speed test organised opposite shop over to Gourdie Park
Community Bus Project, BCT has approached the group with a view to jointly collect tokens from the Evening Express.
- CHAP Development Potterton, local area development including houses and school, report by G Middleton
CHAP, who will be one of several bidders, held a Public Exhibition to view their Local Development Plan (LBD) bid options for a proposed residential led mixed use western expansion to Potterton. The proposed area for this is the fields to either side of the current road to Dyce. No Planning Application has been submitted and the preparation of the next LBD is still at an early stage of consultation and engagement. CHAP at this stage were actively seeking to understand the views and aspirations of the local community regarding this proposed development and handed out a feedback form to attendees asking various questions including what type of facilities (community, education, retail and/or leisure) the community would like in the large area of the development set aside for this.
- Formartine Community Council Forum, (D Wallace)
Themes presented and discussed
Transport
Reducing Child Poverty
Tackling Loneliness & Isolation
Changing our relationship with Alcohol
Connected & Cohesive Communities - Information/Signposting
Safer Communities

15. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- Formartine Area Partnership Community Planning Meeting, D Wallace to attend at Ellon Community Campus Tuesday 27th November
- Next BCT meeting J Fletcher/ Ewan Phipps 26th November

- Leisure Centre Meeting 3rd December E Phipps to attend

16. New Correspondence (main points)

- E mail from Rosie Nicol (BCT), 2019 calendars being sold in White Horse, Library and Pharmacy at £8.00 each.
- Email from Helen Godfrey (Chair of the Balmedie School PTA)
The members of the Friends of Balmedie School (FOBS) recently met with Cllr Paul Johnston to discuss our concerns over a variety of issues including:
Suitability of bus stops and pavements, school bus routes in Belhelvie & Potterton
Speed limits in Balmedie / Belhelvie
Signage and traffic calming in Balmedie following the completion of the dual carriageway and new entrance / exit routes to Balmedie
Chairman to meet with Helen to discuss

17. Any Other Business

A Hendry will be dealing with these incidents and will report back to BCC.

1. Brown Tourist sign for Whitehorse
2. Safe routes to school (Balmedie) Have to contact Education Department
3. Stagecoach re timing points in village, also timetables for distribution and update for 747 Service.
4. Pavement at south east end of Old Aberdeen Road.
5. Contact Police Scotland regarding accurate specific reports for BCC area of responsibility.
6. Footpath through Blackdog to bus stops.

Meeting closed 22:51

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

At 7:30pm White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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