



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING – 18th February 2019 @ WHITE HORSE INN.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** David Watson; **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** I Downie

Members Present: J Fletcher, D Robertson, G Middleton, M Brown, D Watson

Apologies: D Wallace, E Phipps, A McIntyre, A Hendry, D McKendrick, H Foxen, R Miller,
I Downie

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, J Gifford, Paul Johnston

Visitors: Daniel Harrington NORR Planning Consultants, Carolyne Wood,
Dan Wood, Liam Cruikshank, Kirsty & Mark, Lee Nicol and Denis Nicol,
Wendy Aitenheal, Susan Thomson, Giuseppe Tizzano, Stuart Youngson,
G Farrell, Paul McKeown, Tina A Brown, Helen Godfrey (FOBS).
Duncan Will, Hayley Stevens (Police)

1. Introduction of Attendees & Welcome to Visitors

- The Vice 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. Vice-Chairman's Opening Remarks

- Vice Chairman Co-Opted Mrs Carolyne Wood, Denhead of Orrock, ER No. EG 0807/13343 to the BCC.
- Proposer: Mrs Judith Moir, ER No. EG 0807/1342. Seconder: Mr Graham Middleton, ER No. 2087.
- Carolyne has agreed the duty of administrating our BCC Website, Facebook Page and BCC e-mail post-box and any other external communications media we decide to utilise in the future.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No conflicts of interest reported.

4. Police Matters / Report (main points)

- Two Police officers present and report received, Duncan Will and Hayley Stevens.
- 1 x Careless driving in January, Balmedie- detected and report sent
- 1 x High value theft to Mildren Farm, Balmedie, enquiries ongoing
- 1 x Drugs possession, Class B at Potterton , enquiries ongoing

Current Operations Ongoing

C.E.D.A.R. – Challenge Educate Detect And Reduce roads policing team
Winter Safety Campaign –vehicle stop checks

March-April 2019 Police Community Surgeries will be commencing within the Formartine area. These will be led by Police Scotland however will include representatives from Aberdeenshire Council attending at local venues and providing advice to residents. Further details regarding these surgeries will be released in due course.

- A Robertson reported parking problem with buses parking outside the church, this will be passed back to their colleagues to look into.

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. Eigie Farm Housing Development Presentation

- Daniel Harrington gave a report on the detailed plans for a residential development at Eigie farm, South Balmedie. BCC's earlier concern related to vehicle site access has thankfully been addressed with a new road planned from the west of the construction area. Phase 1 of the development will incorporate 85 affordable homes at the north-west corner of the scheme. Many of the visitors present asked questions after the presentation. There is a drop-in event open between. 4:00pm to 7:30pm on Monday 25th February at the White Horse Inn.

6. BCC Website Development Update (Carolyn & Dan Wood)

Website up and running with 70 users, Carolyn is going to advertise any meetings forth coming and Planning Locations etc.

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and no amendments or corrections required. They were then proposed for approval by A Robertson and seconded by G Middleton.

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

- AC are reviewing a safe footpath for the Blackdog residents to bus stops, BD elderly residents are now walking south to get the bus. (A Hendry)
- Stagecoach Timing Points in Balmedie, these will be mentioned in the timetables, the timetables have not been sent to A Hendry yet, he will write again.
- D Wallace sent two emails to Helen Godfrey (FOBS) and has received no reply as yet. Helen Godfrey attended this evenings meeting and will be in touch with Chairman.
- A Hendry is dealing with the following ongoing issues and will report back to BCC once he returns to good health.
 - Tourist Route Sign, BCC members suggested that a sign should be placed before Balmedie to aid businesses within Balmedie and the Old Road.
 - Access road to Blackdog, AWPR
 - Gritting sand boxes for this road, AWPR

9. Treasurer's Report

- D Wallace has been reimbursed £60 for Microsoft office licence
- The Vattenfal application for speed signs has been completed
- Waiting for cost information for the Belhelvie and Potterton upgrades
- A copy of the applications will be sent to BCC members to review prior to submission

10. Planning Report

Report given by I Downie

Four proposal, none with issue of local interest and no comments

One application determined, erection of two chalets at East of Dambrae, Westfield, Balmedie, this was refused

TTIGLs application for 550 houses at Menie has been subject of a formal request for additional information which the applicant should have submitted by 9th March 2019. Information requested includes a full traffic impact assessment for the entire development on the Old Aberdeen Road and additional environmental information. Planning service may recommend refusal if the information requested is still outstanding at the 9th March 2019. Final determination may be delayed until mid year /early autumn.

11. Landfill Tax Projects: (D Watson)

- D Watson is preparing a Specification and Bill of Quantity for the Sensory Garden (Phase 2) works and a Design, Specification and Bill of Quantity for the Woodland Walk at the far end of the Wildflower Meadow.
- We are back working at the Sensory Garden this week, with Kenny and Alan putting in the hard standings and access paths for the various features and we are constructing “planters” so that Rosie and Alan have somewhere for their volunteers to work on.

From Graeme Webster (Team Niblick)

- I have completed the Bill of Quantities for the new football pitch's c/w extended parking and improved vehicular access and the landscaping works at the Leisure Centre and am now working my way through the costings so that we have accurate budget figures. Alan Still will need these budget figures so that he knows the value of the funding that is required.
- **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.**

12. GreenField Projects:

Nothing to report at present

13. External Meeting Report Back

BCT Meeting (D Wallace attended)

- **Balmedie Country Park** : New bridge built over the Balmedie stream at the north side of the Country Park. New Path Pamphlets have been made and are available at the Sand Bothy, Library and the Leisure Centre. Bothy will re-open 6th April. Easter event for children organised for Easter Sunday (21st April).
- **Beach Wheelchair Group** New Pamphlet produced for the advertising the excellent service they are providing. Fiona (the Group Leader) never caught the surname, said they were desperately looking for local volunteers to manage and operate their use. To this end a Training Day will be held on March 22nd for anyone interested in stepping up **Ask for volunteers**. This is such an inspirational cause. They have also just received another £2,000 of funding from Tesco which will allow them to increase the number of wheelchairs they have from 6 to 8.
- **Balmedie Xmas Lights group** are still alive and kicking and have asked the BCT to help provide some more funding before next Xmas to get all the lights checked.
- **BCT** confirmed their intention to make a funding application to Vattenfall. It will be for £15,000. Looking at project ideas presently.
- **Better Balmedie** also confirmed they have already lodged an application to Vattenfall for Solar Panels to power their Facility. They also have logs for Sale @ £3/bag.

- **Congregational Church.** Rev.Cowie reported an un-announced visit from the AC Planning Officers. The Officers were unhappy that they were unable to conduct their checks as the facility was locked and they were unable to gain entry.
- **Potterton Community Group.** Aberdeen Lads Club and Aberdeen East End football clubs have made an approach to take over the Community facilities at the Potterton football field much like what Middlefield Wasps have done down at Balmedie Beach Football Fields.

Balmedie Country Park Meeting (M Brown & D.Robertson)

- Meeting suggested that a Friends of Balmedie Country Park Group could be set up from volunteers in the community.
- Military Fitness have undertaken and completed most of the repairs to the toilets, the toilets will only be used when there is an event on at the beach.
- The official opening day for wheel chairs has been set provisionally at 7th April 2019, they are hoping to get as much exposure as possible including TV.
- The stainless steel BBQs are ready to be placed.
- New signage all ready to be installed along with new dog waste bins
- It was suggested that BCC try and adopt the Green Dog Walker's Scheme and report if any progress has been made.

Blackdog Residents Association BRA (G Middleton)

- Meeting took place on 15th February 2019, of the current 5 committee members 4 have resigned including the chairman S Wilkinson
- There will be a further meeting to decide on the office bearers as 10 volunteers have come forward for the BRA
- S Wilkinson gave an overview of the highlights achieved over the course of the last year.

14. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- Potterton Residents Group , H Foxen
- BRA if meeting announced, G Middleton

15. New Correspondence (main points)

- Bus to Ellon for the Ellon Secondary School pupils used to depart Balmedie at 08:00 it now for some reason departs at 07:30, A Hendry will pursue. Ongoing.
- Email from R Nicol BCT expressing a willingness to work together with BCC, BCC chairman reiterated an excellent idea.
- D Wallace contacted by Mr Craig who lives on Keir Farm Road and uses the access road that runs adjacent to Old Balmedie Stores. He came to request BCC assistance in trying to get something done about water which is continually running off the A90 down on to the access road which also freezes on the road at the front of the semi-detached cottages.
[The email was passed on to our four Formartine Area Councillors](#)
- Email from Alison Taylor to BCC, asking if we could point her in the right direction of who to contact at the council regarding the speed of the traffic coming into Balmedie from the old A90. Also, who to contact about the street lights along this road not being switched on.
[Response from BCC Chairman](#)
- [The problem with cars speeding through Balmedie has been a major concern for quite a while now Alison and as you rightly point out has got a degree worse for the folks who live on or around the road in from Newburgh. Your communication adds to a long line of other concerned local residents who have raised the same complaint to the BCC who have been trying to get a solution to this for quite a while now.](#)
- Email to BCC D Wallace from Ceri Kindley, hoping to attend the BCC meeting next week to meet local people and hopefully to speak to someone relevant about the new cycle/ walking path to Blackdog, she has concerns about the signage. She has asked if it is acceptable for her to attend the meeting
[Response from Chairman was to welcome her to the BCC meeting to voice her concerns](#)

16. Any Other Business

- J Fletcher to email Alison Campbell about the possibility of letting Balmedie Primary School for future BCC meetings. [If required the let will be on a Thursday, members decided to debate this at next month's BCC meeting](#)

Meeting closed 21:28

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 18th April 2019

At 7:00pm White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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