



# **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ BALMEDIE LEISURE CENTRE.**

**Chair:** David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps  
**Secretary:** John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton

**Members Present:** D Wallace, M Brown, H Foxen  
C Wood, G Middleton, J Fletcher

**Apologies:** D McKendrick, A McIntyre, E Phipps

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** Andrew Hassan, Jim Gifford

**Apologies:** None

**Visitors:** None

## **1. Introduction of Attendees**

- 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.

## **2. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman and A McIntyre attended a Forum in early February, during the meeting it was realised that many Community Councils have moved to a two monthly cycle. A discussion was held between the BCC members present and it was decided unanimously to keep BCC meetings monthly.

The Chairman received a note from Catherine Mathews about the forth coming elections, he has replied asking for confirmation that our 3 co-opted members (J Fletcher, D McKendrick and E Phipps) may be elected to the BCC. A note will be posted by C Woods looking for volunteers to join the BCC

## **3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items**

Conflict of interest, C Wood

- Belhelvie community youth survey and community survey 2020 - this is being run through Doric Design LLP (Carolynne and Dan's company)  
Carolynne is happy to answer questions in the BCC meetings but will leave the room on any discussion of funding etc, She will not vote on any decisions relating to the surveys.  
All costs/hours being charged by Doric Design are detailed in the project plan which is provided to BCT and BCC. Any work she would be doing as a Community Councillor or BCT volunteer (eg updating Facebook/BCC website/meetings) is treated as unpaid hours and not charged to BCT/BCC.
- Formartine Rural Partnership - Doric Design is working with them on new website and Grant Management system. She will not seek to represent the BCC on the Formartine Rural Partnership board as a Trustee.

## **4. Police Matters**

No Police in attendance, Police report dated for January 2020 read out.

### **• Community Policing Priorities**

Area BCC Crime reports 7

*Note: Please be advised that the numbers above relate to individual crime reports recorded by Police Scotland during the review period. A single crime report may contain multiple offences*

- **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder**

One domestic related assault was recorded in the Balmedie area.

December is notoriously a busier month for Policing and this year has been no exception, however we have strived to continue to carry out patrols in identified problem areas where possible.

- **Acquisitive Crime**

There was one Theft recorded in the Balmedie area which related to a domestic dispute

Police Scotland will continue to carry out extensive night patrols in the local villages and towns of Formartine to disrupt criminal activity and routinely have dedicated crime patrols who monitor the road networks for travelling criminals.

- **Road Safety & Road Crime**

There have been three road traffic offences reported during this period which includes drink driving, speeding and careless driving. These were detected within the Balmedie, Blackdog and Tarves areas. Due to December being a busier month for Police Scotland, Formartine CPT were unable to dedicate officers to carry out specific Op Illustrious patrols within Ward 8 this month. Service is expected to return to normal in the New Year.

- **Other incidents**

Speeding and Anti-social behaviour issues continue to be the priority issue highlighted by the majority of our areas. This remains a focus for local officers and further patrols will be carried out with a view of combating and reducing this issue.

Controlled drugs and their use/sale remains an issue across all Local Policing Areas

During this period we also received a reported Hate Crime, this was in relation to pupils from Oldmeldrum Academy bullying a fellow pupil

**Community Beat Officer**

Our Community Beat Officer PC Douglas Donald continues to engage with our communities and has been attending various clubs and meetings across the Formartine area to provide Policing inputs and discussion with their members.

PC Donald has been carrying out regular foot patrols in our more rural towns and villages. By speaking with locals and listening to their concerns he has been able to highlight local issues as well as gaining vital information to assist in the detection of crimes.

PC Donald is also responsible for the deployment of our mobile speed sign, which he has deployed in various communities within Formartine. Its aim is to provide drivers with a visual representation of their speed and educate them as they enter or travel through our villages and towns.

- **Operation Cedar/Illustrious**

Operation CEDAR continues to target driver behaviour with a focus on education of poor behaviours. This core operation forms a key part of our local anti-social behaviour / driving campaigns, Operation ABACABLUE and Operation ILLUSTRIOUS.

Operation ILLUSTRIOUS, in direct conjunction with Op CEDAR, will take the form of dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine area by Officers from the Formartine Local Policing Team, based at Ellon and Turriff, supported by Officers from North East Division's Roads Policing Unit.

**Rural Watch**

Formartine Community Policing Team is keen to encourage local residents to sign up and use "Rural Watch Scotland". You can register online for free by visiting:

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/173/Join>

Police Scotland and a great many partnership agencies regularly use this service to send out news, advice and notifications. Formartine Community Policing Team will be looking to use this service more often.

Sergeant Richard Barnwell

Formartine Community Policing Team

Date: 14 January 2020

- C Wood to chase next ward report
- Police consultation
- Carolyne to complete on behalf of BCC

## 5. **Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by H Foxen
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## **6. Matters arising from previous meeting**

- Village Tidy to look at the second instalments are required, 2020 HSE forms to be signed. J Fletcher will discuss with E Phipps for the cheques to be signed off.
- Notice boards, keys to be returned from Ian Muirden. The Blackdog notice board looks as if it needs re-siting, a note to be sent to the BRA. White Cairns notice board is in good condition. Potterton Boards, 2 off are not in a good condition and require replacing at some point. Belhelvie notice board leaking, requires fixing. Balmedie notice boards, 2 off are in good condition. M Brown to coordinate all notice boards
- C Wood talk to/email Police about reports of playground and glass see January minutes
- C Wood to check with Police about Blackdog roundabout, any steps being taken to reduce accidents, how many incidents have there been
- C Wood to advertise on BCC facebook page for volunteers to join the BCC

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

- Office 365 licence renewal paid £70.00
- Second half of the Village Tidy grants to the paid £1250.00  
Nothing else to report as not been able to devote time to BCC this month due to work commitments

## **8. Planning Report**

- Change of use of yard and shed at East Drumhead.
- Housing and garage application at Blackdog croft refused
- Application for erection of single house at Hill of Keir

## **9. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects: (E. Phipps)**

- Leisure Centre projects at a standstill due to core funding from AC being cut
- R Nicol and E Phipps still trying to source the remaining funds for the changing places toilet block. Oil Company Total have confirmed that their donations committee are currently considering BCT's application for assistance with the toilet block

## **10. External Meeting Report Back**

- AC organised Surgery that took place at the Balmedie library, Police, Roads, Parks, Buses and area Councillors. Cllr K Adam was reported as saying it was a great success, a few thought it was difficult as it was not an open plan area therefore difficult to see what was happening.
- **BCT AGM**  
Minutes approved, Chairman gave thanks to all projects, Post holders for Chair and Treasurer the same, D Wood new vice chair.
- **BCT Meeting**  
Community consultation survey for youth projects to find out what is required.  
Wheelchairs have been a great success, still looking for volunteers to train and help run Sand Bothy Kiosk to be opened 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Country Park new signage in place, some have been affected by the weather  
Fun Day Picnic at the Sensory Garden on 20<sup>th</sup> June, volunteers wanted  
Christmas light project in serious need of funds, they only have enough to maintain in storage for a couple of months, looking for a change of display or other ideas.  
BRA after AGM do not know if they will be able to continue due to lack of numbers on the committee
- **Buses (C Wood)**  
Feedback received on proposed Stagecoach timetables, feedback sent Sunday 16 Feb:  
Stopping on King street every 2 hours Mon-Saturday has been publicised at Eigie House - on hallway noticeboard and at the over 50s Friendship Group  
Major issues for kids going to Ellon Academy reported by Parents in Balmedie - we have reported their concerns to Stagecoach and AC, and encouraged parents to respond to the consultation directly too.

Ongoing - I'm staying in touch with Chloe Gray at Stagecoach (she attended the Bus users forum in Dec) - have emailed her the survey results from last year.  
Bus User Forum Dec highlights reported in Dec BCC monthly meeting.

### **11. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings**

- Balmedie Country Park 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 18:00-20:00 at Balmedie Leisure Centre, H Foxen and J Fletcher to attend.
- Event - Calling for Ideas Event (planning framework) - 26 February at Peterhead  
C Wood to circulate
- Meeting - BCT - meeting on 27 March (after next BCC)  
Attendance TBC at next BCC meeting
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### **12. New External and Internal Correspondence**

- Unlock our Future Fund - Now open for applications Foundation Scotland  
ACTION: C Wood to publicise on BCC Facebook page
- Fibre connectivity - approach from BT about publicising fibre options - have asked for more information and to clarify other providers position on this
- Formartine Rural Partnership  
Requesting BCC representative on the Board of the FRP charity.  
C wood has contacted P Ridout for clarification of Q1 meeting for FRP or FP Ltd - no email correspondence about this meeting that she can find.  
C Wood to ask Peter Ridout to contact David and Hilary to explain the role and time commitment
- VE Day 2020  
C Wood to publicise what is being done by other groups - get in touch with other groups  
Old Meldrum, Udney Green, Methlick, Tarves, check with others also.  
BCC to attend Old Meldrum on Saturday.(go in Bus)  
C Wood to talk to R Nicol (BCT) and Belhelvie Church

### **13. Any Other Business**

#### **Youth survey (C Wood)**

- Youth survey collected ideas in January - 24 received but mainly from adults  
Voting on ideas - will open this week and run until we stop it (no deadline yet) so we can collect as much feedback as possible. Probably end mid/end March  
Really focused on getting the kids to vote on the ideas or suggest more ideas  
Publicised in Banter article - banter due out next week  
Next steps - main survey for adults on adult provision/potential projects  
Carolyne and Dan talking to Rosie/David Wallace/Alex/Ewan about scope and what can be done with revised budget
- **Containers for Football Pitches** (Middlefield Wasps Football Club)  
Concern was raised during a health walk about an open container belonging to MWFC, there appeared to be drums of chemicals inside the container.  
J Fletcher spoke with representatives of MWFC and they assured him that the chemicals inside are not considered a danger to the public, the containers of 'Grassline' are for marking the pitches, MWFC will check that the container is padlocked at all times to alleviate any further problems.
- **Speeding Sign**  
Cllr A Hassan reported the AC placed speeding sign on the Old Aberdeen Road has been damaged and according to Police either by vandalism or very unlikely weather conditions. The sign is in a position where there are no houses or CCD cameras present and weather conditions are such that it is difficult to find the true cause. Police have asked for any witnesses to come forward.
- Following on from above the Press have contacted D Wallace as regards to vandalism within the village and Cllr Paul Johnston has said the press are going to do a photoshoot and would BCC be interested in supplying a couple of Community Counsellors to attend. J Fletcher, G Middleton and D McKendrick will attend. Awaiting on time and date.
- **Vatenfall Fund**

All expressed disappointment that no funding was given to BCT or any projects within this vicinity.

J Gifford was asked as a matter of interest if he could find out where the funding for the first round was deployed.

Meeting closed 21:20

**Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome**

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