



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 16th March 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, D McKendrick, A McIntyre, E Phipps
C Wood, G Middleton, J Fletcher

Apologies: H Foxen

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Andrew Hassan, Paul Johnstone

Apologies: J Gifford, K Adam

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

Due to present circumstances the meeting will be as short as possible
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

C Wood, Conflict of interest

- Belhelvie community youth survey and community survey 2020 - this is being run through Doric Design LLP (Carolyne and Dan's company)
Carolyne 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 Consultation completed and submitted on behalf of the BCC

- **Balmedie Play Park** (Police feedback)
Police systems show no vandalism being reported on their systems for January 2020.
Police advice - the reporting process for any incident whether it be vandalism in the play park or anything else in the area, whether in the village or in more rural location should be reported as soon as possible by calling the 101 system.
ACTION: Carolyne - Facebook - publicise how to report an incident eg vandalism via 101
- **Blackdog roundabout** - in the last year (April 2019 - March 2020)
Police aware of a number of collisions both on the roundabout and the slip road leading up to it.
There have been two rear end collisions leading up to the roundabout with drivers not pay attention or failing to see the vehicle in front stopping.
There have been three cars overshoot the junction at the roundabout, going straight through and colliding with the barrier.
This would be either drivers driving at excessive speed or a total unfamiliarity with the new road layout.
There was a side on impact where a learner driver was on approach to the roundabout changed lanes at the last minute and collided with another motorist.
Police Officer view - it may sound a lot for the period of one year, but compared against 79 report-able

collisions for the same period of time, in the areas of Ellon, Newburgh, Balmedie, Belhelvie and Whitecairns, as a percentage it's not that high considering the number of vehicles travelling on that stretch of road. Statistics are being monitored closely by Road Traffic Division and Bear Scotland. There are alterations already in the planning system for other parts of the AWPR, which are causing concern with entry and exit points onto the bypass.

ACTION - IN PROGRESS - Transport Scotland - contacted and waiting response to plans for alterations on A90 and specific plans for Blackdog roundabout

BEAR Scotland responded with details for Balfour Beatty/Aberdeen Road limited - they have now been contacted (today), waiting response

ACTION: Carolyn to continue to chase companies and write an update Blackdog residents via Facebook with responses received

- C Wood to chase next ward report

5. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by D Wallace and seconded by G Middleton

6. Matters arising from previous meeting

- **Village Tidy** second payments made and reports on 2019 progress sent to AC on behalf the 4 villages.
- **Notice boards**, M Brown has costed the repairs and new buys final costing approximately £600.00 +VAT. All BCC members unanimously agreed to go ahead with repairs etc.
- All VE Day celebrations across Aberdeenshire have been cancelled including our "local" ones at Old Meldrum, Udney Green and Methlick. The BCT have also dropped their proposal to organise anything in this regard
- The vandalism problem at Balmedie was discussed and ideas on how we could resolve it were sought from all members. This will be discussed further at our next meeting in April.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Second half of the Village Tidy grants paid £1250.00
- Claire Young requesting feedback by 6th April from all community councils on the method of calculation for community council grants for 2020/21. Treasurer to coordinate feedback.
- Potterton Developer obligation funds: The Potterton Group application for a community path improvement does not meet the conditions, the proposal must specifically address community hall/capacity extensions. To reapply to TVEG once it opens in March 2020.
- BCT projects, speculative match funding request to Chrysaor is being considered, request covers the inclusive play equipment and sand bothy refurb.
- Quote received for £600 to repair 4 notice boards in the parish, community council members present unanimously approved this spend, sufficient funding exists to cover this item

8. Planning Report

Cllr Johnstone advised that the Local Development Plan be read by all BCC members and discussed and all comments to be submitted. Consultation planned by Planning Policy Team at AC On 26th May 2020
Planning for four retail units at the Stead Inn

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

Nothing to report

10. External Meeting Report Back

- **Balmedie Country Park** (J Fletcher, H Foxen)
The main focus on this meeting was how the Country Park could attract volunteers to help with projects. AC have agreed to fund materials for projects eg. repairment of paths, if the Country Park can supply the labour.
- **Potterton Group** (H Foxen).
This was a very well attended and vocal meeting . It would seem that with the agreement of the LA education have taken over the community centre for extra nursery hours beyond those previously agreed. The nursery is apparently an extension of the Balmedie school nursery. This has had an impact on the indoor bowling group as they now have to find another venue and they were understandably upset. They had already been victim of double booking as previously used the centre on Sundays.
An issue continues with the large fur tree which grows behind the community centre. This tree needs to be moved to allow scout activity.
Potterton Greenfingers group - The meeting accepted my idea and plan for a path through the garden area in

the centre of Potterton. I am planning to meet Oliver Deeming from LA landscape services to look at the proposed path plan and need for drainage and also the potential for moving the fur tree.
A Potterton resident asked for advice regarding how to make Edgehill Gardens, Potterton a one way road. It is an adopted road but only one lane wide with no footpaths. The community living there are afraid of accidents.
H Foxen is now a BCC representative Trustee for the Formartine rural Partnership commencing March 12 2020.

Transforming Planning for Communities (C Wood)- 26 February 2020

Part of public consultations that ran until end of March collecting ideas on the new planning framework strategic themes.

There were public there not just CCs. Approx 40 people attending. New National Planning Framework 4 due out in September 2020.

Showed how all plans flow into each other from Scottish planning policy and strategic plan and spacial strategy to Local Development Plans (there are still a lot of plans of there to be aware of for us, and a few name changes to plans coming up on the new Framework and legislation).

Collected ideas from workshop groups along strategic themes - notably there was some common concern about developers not meeting obligations, this group of the public were aware developer promises are not being met - schools not built as promised.

11. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- No future meetings, BCT, Leisure Centre, Balmedie Country Park planned due to Corona virus epidemic. BCC meetings will be continued using Skype or similar phone in system.
- Upcoming event - 26 May 2020 - 1pm-6pm there will be a consultation on the LDP 2031 for Aberdeenshire - by the Planning Policy Team at AC
ACTION: Carlyne to keep an eye out for more information about this
- NHS Planning Webinar - 25 February 2020
Key ideas encouraging environments in the planning process that prevent ill health by encouraging/making provision for healthy & active living
Change to get public health into local development plans - how do local developments incorporate healthy living and support health (more than 'just' health centres)

12. New External and Internal Correspondence

CC elections, waiting for dates from AC and then publicise

Coronavirus, Facebook question checking if BCC meeting still on, yes for today, future meetings will hopefully be held using Skype phone in, public will be informed of the phone in number.

13. Any Other Business

Upcoming events

- LDP drop-in sessions, 11th May Ellon. (email circulated to BCC members)
- Old Meldrum VE Day celebrations 14th March Cancelled
- BCT Meeting 23 March Cancelled
- Community Consultation 2020
Plan for main Consultation proposal agreed by Rosie last week
- Youth survey (part of community consultation)
Highlight report from Youth survey circulated to BCT/BCC shortly
- Consultation timetable
Youth survey gather ideas – ran in January
Youth survey voting on ideas – running March
Reporting – mid April
Main survey – running from End May to end June
Collation and analysis – July
Reporting to BCC/BCT – End July
Publish report – August
Agree projects to take forward – September
Find funding – October onwards
- C Wood to follow up on the community projects database from AC, to be used for developer obligations funding.

Meeting closed 21:20

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

Next Belhelvie Community Council Meeting If this can be arranged will be on Monday 18th May 2020

At 7:00pm ON SKYPE PHONE-IN Visitors Welcome, phone-in number will be advertised on BCC Facebook page and BCC website

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