



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21st September 2020 Teams Call-in.

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

Members Present: D Wallace, C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen
M Brown, D McKendrick. (A McIntyre and G Middleton had problems getting on line and could not join the meeting)

Apologies: , E Phipps

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr P Johnstone, Cllr A Hassan Cllr K Adam

Apologies: Cllr J Gifford also had problems getting online for the meeting, S Rawlins (AC Community Planning Officer)

Visitors: J Nicoll (local resident)

1. Sign-In & Introduction of Attendees

All attendees were welcomed and asked that all matters be addressed through the chair.

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

- Problems with logging on to the meeting, eventually a total of six Belhelvie Community Councillors present at 08:10pm. (Two members, A McIntyre & G Middleton could not log in).
- The Chair progressed the meeting as there were enough members present according to the constitution. He asked all participants to mute their microphone when listening so we can avoid background noises and feedback echo and only have it ON when talking.
- Chair informed the meeting that the BCC AGM would be at 07:00pm on the 19th October 2020
- Chair asked if all members present were in agreement with the updated BCC Constitution, the amendments of which were two additional offices, Planning Reporter and Communications Coordinator.
H Foxen asked about the insurance against any claims towards BCC, Chair replied this is normally by AC, but would check.
All BCC members present agreed to the BCC constitution and amendments as Proposed by the Chair D Wallace and Seconded by J Fletcher.
- **ACTION:**D Wallace to check with Aberdeenshire Council on insurance.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

No Conflict of interests reported

4. Police Matters & Report

- No police presence and no report as yet, requested AC Councillors to help with the Police and request for reports. Last report April 2020 (received 6 May)
- From Correspondence 9th September A McIntyre sent article about speed camera being planned for Old Aberdeen Road (Balmedie) this was circulated to BCC members via email 21st September.

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

- Milden Cottage, sun room extension, decided and approved
- North west of Middleton Farm, Potterton, House and garage

6. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

- As requested under the AGM guidance note that was issued, the accounts from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 are ready, they require signatures of D Wallace (Chair), E Phipps (Treasurer) and an Independent Examiner (Chartered Accountant). Please note these do not include the Covid 19 funds that we have received subsequent to this date.
- Additional payment cheques sent out to all parties, £500 in total. (Formartine in Bloom competitions cancelled)
- E Phipps chasing Peter Rideout regarding TVEG applications for Potterton and Whitecairns, email sent today.

- Leisure Centre planning application for the football pitches, if the application is made through BCC then the cost of the Planning Application is at a reduced cost. Robert Lamb drawing up plans, to submit to E Phipps then forward to AC planning dept with payment at reduced rate of £250. All BCC members agreed to the funding of this PA as a goodwill gesture, the Leisure Centre allow our BCC meetings free of charge.
 - Website Domain Fee to be paid and then reimbursed to E Phipps £91.04
- 7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes**
- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by D McKendrick and seconded by H Foxen.
- 8. Matters arising from previous meeting**
- **Request to support local power Bill**, on hold
 - **Environmental (scrap yard Potterton fires)**
ACTION: All please report direct to SEPA and let BCC know if you see anything at the site
- 9. Ongoing Projects Update**
Greenfield/Landfill Projects Update (E Phipps)
No actions on these projects at present
- 10. Pandemic (CV19) Our Response, Involvement & Actions**
- See transport questions above - feedback sent to Samantha Rawlins (AC)
 - Continuing communication of National (Scotland) and local measures
- 11. External & Internal Correspondence**
- 18th August - Jenny Nicol - requesting information on the Community Fridge replied with details about the webinar 20 Aug
 - August - SEPA update, the request for an update has been passed on to relevant unit manager at SEPA
 - 21st August - AC have requested a response to APP/2020/0349 - Land To The East Of Blackdog Industrial Estate Blackdog - Erection of 284 Dwelling houses and Associated Infrastructure and Landscaping
ACTION Completed G Middleton has responded on behalf of BCC
 - 21st August - Latest phase of Aberdeenshire Council's consultation on the Scheme of Establishment. The current phase "seeks views on any issues regarding the Community Council boundaries and membership numbers of Community Councils" (more details below).
ACTION Completed Carlyne to resend to BCC for comment
ACTION: Carlyne to collate response
 - 22nd August - Potterton resident - complaint that person at July meeting was recorded on Minutes as resident when he is a landowner/developer
ACTION Completed D Wallace has replied with explanation
 - 29th August - presentation from AC roads at CC forum - circulated to BCC members
ACTION Completed C Wood to ask everyone to read through to see impact of Covid-19 on AC finances
 - 30th August - request to put recruitment poster on noticeboards (Capercaille Care)
ACTION Completed BCC members to decide in September meeting on notice board policy for this kind of poster - do we accept it or point them to other boards co-op?
Policy agreed - some advertising for social provision eg carers can be allowed but limited timescale (1 month) on BCC Co-op notice board and we can suggest the company contact other local noticeboard owners - Balmedie Chipper, Stead Inn, Co-op, Leisure Centre, Potterton Shop
ACTION: C Woods to email the current requester back with the agreed policy
 - 1st September - AC review of roads policies - deadline 2nd October 2020
ACTION Completed publicised to public on BCC Facebook
ACTION: D McKendrick from BCC to read and feed back to AC on behalf of the BCC
 - 4 September Road closure north of Belhelvie from 21st September
ACTION Completed publicised on Facebook
 - 15th September - AC have requested details of when and how our AGM will take place
ACTION Completed D Wallace confirmed with AC, advertised on the bottom of last months MOM.
- 18 Any Other Business**
- Mrs C Kindley asked if something could be done to improve signage on the track from Balmedie to Blackdog
ACTION Completed; Cllr P Johnstone reported temporary signs will be put in place
 - A McIntyre was contacted by a resident private about delivery vans using the road between Balmedie House and Lodge. He agreed to contact Balmedie House to discuss if this was a problem for them and verify that the route was required for emergency access.
ACTION: A McIntyre will provide an update at the next meeting
NB A McIntyre could not join the meeting and will report to BCC next month

H Foxen explained to the meeting the problems with lack of quality secure storage that is vermin proof at the Potterton Community Centre. There is money via Developers Obligation money that could be appropriately spent improving and updating an otherwise deteriorating resource for the Community.

- Cllr P Johnstone advised H Foxen to apply for Development Funds to Improve or extend the facility. It was also mentioned that the nursery could apply through Community Learning and Development and that an email from Peter Rideout advised there were funds available to groups with good causes.
Email 4th September - Potterton developer obligation funds available - sent to H Foxen D Wallace, E Phipps, with note from AC
ACTION: H Foxen to follow
- **Transport** (C Wood)
Email 16th September S Rawlins asked for BCC feedback for the Passenger Transport Unit who are seeking views from Partners, Elected Members and Community Groups on the three key points below. The rationale behind these is that we are trying to determine what we should as a Council be trying to achieve through supporting bus services.
- Any relevant feedback from experience of partners / communities during Covid19?
ACTION Completed C Wood requested feedback - none received
- Any key messages / pointers emerging from the Council Community Impact
ACTION Completed C Wood comment passed to S Rawlins Digital divide at the meeting BCC attended - as more communication goes online eg about transport bus timetables etc those without internet / unconfident online loose out - should more be done at bus stops themselves to communicate? Is this feasible for the Council?
Cllr P Johnstone said that timetables at bus stops should always be current, if not AC Transport should be advised and they will update.
- What are likely to be the emerging short term (Recovery phase) and medium / long-term (post-Covid19) priority travel demands / needs?
ACTION Completed C Wood comment passed to S Rawlins, safety for passengers, enforcing masks and social distancing.
ACTION Completed C Wood comment passed to S Rawlins same as before decent transport services (on time, frequent, clean, accessible etc)
- Cllr Hassan reported the school sign situated before the convenience shop on Eigie Road had been broken,
ACTION Completed J Fletcher can confirm the sign has been replaced.
- Cllr Hassan also said there were complaints that some of the grass verges in the villages had not been cut yet.
- Cllr P Johnstone said the AC were on the final design work for the Bike trail from Balmedie to Aberdeen, there are some land issues and agreements to be resolved
- Cllr P Johnstone also said that progress had been made on the link between Blackdog and Balmedie, there is a meeting pending on the issue.
- J Fletcher reported to the meeting that the Belhelvie residents would like to see the signs at the Blackdog interface showing a Belhelvie turn off in conjunction with the Potterton turn off. Most residents travel this route to Belhelvie, the only signed next turn off is at Balmedie north of their village.
ACTION: Cllr P Johnstone the ruling on the signs

Meetings Attended

- Community Impact Assessment - Ward 8 Discussion Forums (meeting)
C Wood & H Foxen attended the meeting online
The Community Impact Assessment meeting held by Aberdeenshire Council included a discussion of community responses (in Ward 8) to the Coronavirus for example: the work being done by the Church in Tarves to support vulnerable members of the community, various Facebook groups for different communities etc. There was a concern that there is a growing digital divide where members of our communities, often the most vulnerable, don't use or cannot access the internet where so much of the support being offered is publicised.
- Community Council Forum 26th August attendance confirmed (M Brown/D Wallace), this meeting was restricted due to log-in problems
- Banter restarting with Autumn/ Winter edition
ACTION: C Woods to co-ordinate Banter input by 23rd October

Meeting closed 20:55

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These September 2020 minutes were approved at the 19th October 2020 BCC Meeting, Next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome, email :belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com for the phone-in number

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