



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 16th November 2020 Teams Call-in.

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

Members Present: D Wallace, C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen, A McIntyre, G Middleton, E Phipps
J Nicol and S Nicol, D McKendrick.

Apologies:

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr A Hassan Cllr J Gifford Cllr P Johnston

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Visitors: (for discussion of Rainnieshill Quarry) J Urquart, E Boast, E Fraser, W Fraser, F Ewen S Whyte (Scottish Conservative & Unionist candidate, Aberdeenshire East), P Frank (Landowner near quarry)

1. Sign-In & Introduction of Attendees

All attendees introduced themselves, all were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through the chair. All mics to be muted if not in use, use the hands button on the menu bar if you wish to speak.

2. Chairman Opening Remarks

Chair expressed that it was sad news that Mark Brown has stepped down as a BCC member due to work commitments. Chair asked if the members of the BCC would consider a proposal of Mark being on a sabbatical, he has been very forthcoming in his work for the BCC, he also lives in White Cairns and we have no other members in this small area. All members agreed with the proposal.

ACTION: Chair to contact Mark to see if he is agreeable, then forward the proposal to Aberdeenshire Council for acceptance.

3. Comments / Approval from the AGM Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the 2020 BCC AGM were checked as good. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by D McKendrick.

4. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

As with last month, Cllr Gifford reported he lives close to the Rainnieshill Quarry so is posting a conflict of interest when discussing the Rainnieshill Quarry application notice. Cllr Gifford will not take part in this discussion.

No other Conflict of interests reported

5. Police Matters & Report

- No Police report received since May 2020. C Wood is still trying to get the reports and she was in contact a few days previous to find out who the Community Police Officer assigned to the ward will be and to check out the report of the benches being burned at the beach.
Chair reported that a comment was made at the Forum meeting he and J Nicol attended, that the Police looking into a different method of communicating with Community Councils using a generic report. There was also an issue around the nature of these reports being open to public knowledge, C Wood and G Middleton said that there are some CC that are posting the ward reports on notice boards.
Cllr P Johnston clarified that the police document is public and is for dissemination and this was always the intention.
S Rawlins confirmed new format as of January 2021, this will allow CC to download the reports from the AC website.
J Nicol suggested we post the 101 reporting system to Facebook, 101 has been on Facebook in March, June and August, this will be posted again as a reminder, C Wood said it is being used by the public as several reports of minor incidents have been reported.
A McIntyre suggested we put a note on the notice boards about 101 reporting, it was agreed a good idea and
ACTION: A McIntyre will follow up on this.

6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

No planning applications in BCC area

Rainnieshill Quarry Proposal of Application (Overview by G Middleton). This site is approximately 2.3Km North East of Newmacher. The following parties have received a planning application in 2019, Newmacher, Udny, Foveran and Belhelvie Community Councils. There was a public consultation in June 2019, the original application contains limited information, a subsequent application was made in October 2020, other than a site plan there is no other documentation associated with that application.

C Wood has emailed the company that will give the forthcoming consultation and asked how they are publicising the event adding BCC could help with BCC Facebook page, BCC website, and notice boards.

A discussion followed and J Urquhart confirmed there was a public consultation on June 2019 in Newmacher and there will be another consultation taking place on the 25-26 November 2020.

J Urquhart expressed his disappointment, at this late stage, the lack of information given out. He also said that it has not helped that a misspelling of Rainnieshill somewhere along the way making it difficult to access information. The original consultation in 2019 public comments were not available to be viewed and therefore no comparison could be made before the latest consultation.

P Frank said the public consultation was advertised in the Ellon Advertiser last week and there is a Rainnieshill Quarry website (www.rainnieshillquarry.co.uk) which is open to all and it explains the application. On the initial check on the website, this seems to have a lot more information than the AC Planning website. He confirmed that the format of the consultation would be as follows, there will be a presentation every 45 minutes by the consultants which will explain what is happening. He said the reason a quarry is wanted is because of the type of rock the land is sitting on, this makes top quality aggregate similar to the Belhelvie Quarry rock, and there is a need for a quarry, other quarries around the area are for sand and gravel.

When asked about the original consultation, he said this was to get the ball rolling and get the public point of view, they then went back to the drawing board and changed the various points given at the meeting. Following on from the 25-26 November consultations the planning application will be presented to AC which may be after the New Year and the public may then put formal letters of any issues to the AC before it goes to the actual planning dept.

G Middleton answered E Boast's question that the reason they keep going back to the 2019 application and not discussing the 2020 application is because there is little or no information with the 2020 application. Having now been acquired the quarry website as above from P Frank, G Middleton will now compare the two applications.

G Middleton will also request a time to join the consultation and will report back to BCC at December's meeting.

Chair asked if anyone knew when the housing development at Chappelwell would start, Cllr P Johnstone said although the developer has permission to build it has three years to break ground and two years to build, he added it may be a fact that it is a difficult time to get funding and that has perhaps been a factor the development has not been started yet.

7 Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Two transactions since last meeting,

- a) Cheque cashed from Better Balmedie for Village Tidy grant (£200.00)
- b) Cheque to Mark Brown for notice board repairs (£60.00)

8. 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 A McIntyre.

9 Matters arising from previous meetin

- **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
ACTION: H Foxen to follow the application for developer contribution payments for Potterton

10 Ongoing Projects Update (E Phipps)

Balmedie Leisure Centre Bill Murray 16th Nov:

- EB Scotland not accepting any new applications until Jan 21
- Sport Scotland viewed site and plans around the football pitch, agreed to match fund up to £100k
- Ongoing discussions with landscape services regarding country park boundaries and potential environmental impact. (floodlights etc)
- Pavilion car park extension/upgrade currently out to tender
- Siting of portacabins and walk-in container requires a new planning application – awaiting drawing amendments from local architect Robert Lamb, BCC to fund and submit application £200.50

- **ACTION:** EP to recommence fundraising strategy for 2021 with Alan Still and Bill Murray (Developer Obligations, Vattenfall, AFCCT)

11 Pandemic (CV19) Our Response, Involvement & Actions

- Continuing communication of National (Scotland) and local measures
- Carlyne keeping on top of the correct Scottish Government information and trying to relay the messages to the community.
- Still no information about Community fridge.
- Monitoring report overdue to Foundation Scotland,
ACTION: E PHipps to complete asap
- Discussion held with Rosie Nicol and Paul McKeown 3rd Nov regarding alternate uses of funding: (The grant letters do not specify whether funds are specifically for individuals or can be used for communal purpose),
ACTION: E PHipps to follow up
Agreed to wait until end of 2020 to see if any particular issues crop up during latest set of circumstances, then perhaps think about a communal project to benefit whole community
Protection levels introduced on 2 Nov - informed by Facebook and website (news and statement)
Leaflet - Grampian hub & local help through Paul McKeown
ACTION: C Wood and E PHipps, Stephen to take this forward - leaflet, contacts for co-op cards

12 External & Internal Correspondence

Transport

Graham update - Blackdog buses stopped coming up two bridges/ramps. Very poor weekend services.

ACTION Completed - Graham to send details of changes to timetables.

ACTION Completed - Andrew Hassan to follow up with AC transport services

ACTION IN PROGRESS - Carlyne to check with AC team - emailed 16 November about Blackdog issue - are they aware and is reduction permanent?

ACTION Completed - Carlyne to check on next Bus forum / replacement meetings

UPDATE meetings currently cancelled (according to AC website)

- **Correspondence discussed at the meeting**
- 20 October - Aberdeen Roads responded to question about who maintains the trees around the new roads
UPDATE contractor for 5 years
- 23 October - response to Ellon park and ride and Garthdee corridor
ACTION Completed Responses from David, Alex, Graham, Jenny and Stephen sent to Andrew Robb
UPDATE - many thanks from Andrew Robb
- 27 October - Removal of sand on Balmedie Beach for golf course (reported by resident)
ACTION Completed C Woods advised resident to report to AC Councillors for follow up
UPDATE: Andrew Hassan has recommended she report this to the Planning Enforcement Team (AC)
- 2 November - request from Rosie Nicol to support the BCT application to Formartine Rural Partnership for funding for a bench
ACTION Completed D Wallace has sent email of support
- 6 Nov - report from Rosie about picnic table burnt at beach
- 11 October R Nicol broken road sign on Old Road, Balmedie.
ACTION Completed C Wood has asked Formartine Roads team to confirm if it will be reinstalled and CC's D McKendrick on emails - AC have replied the sign is fixed, Carlyne has informed R Nicol of the response. R Nicol has confirmed the sign has been fixed.
- 18 October - request (via Facebook page) from Evening Express for comment on the approval of the new golf course on Menie Estate.
ACTION passed to D Wallace

13 Any Other Business

Meetings

Community Council Forum Meeting, 11th November 2020, D Wallace and J Nicol attended.

BCC Chair report sent to all BCC members.

Balmedie Country Park Meeting 4th November 2020 A McIntyre present, report as follows:

- The council plan to paint a horse symbol in area of car park reserved for horse boxes in an effort to deter cars parking
- Disabled toilets – Work to convert these to Changing Place toilets is due to start in December
- Compound to be erected near seven-a-side pitches at beach at east end of the pitches to house Middlefield FC goalposts.
- One of the containers near changing rooms has already gone and 2nd will go as soon as the compound is available.

- Car Park at changing rooms have still to be completed once funds available.
 - The Leisure Centre has been able to retain all staff. Class numbers have been down since the pandemic started. Private lets have been more positive.
 - The only bookings at the sand bothy this year has been by Love RaRa. The coffee shop has not been able to open at all.
 - The Beach Wheelchairs have remained closed apart from a few pre-arranged bookings
 - Funds are available to complete the inclusive roundabout in playpark adjacent to Sand Bothy, Work is due to begin this month
 - Litter picks are available for people to pick up litter
- Further meetings on 17 February 2021, 16th June 2021, 3rd November 2021.

Meetings Nominations

December - Formartine Community Planning Group (FCPG)

ACTION: Carolyne, Hilary to attend

Meeting closed 21:59

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These November 2020 minutes were approved at the 21st December 2020 BCC Meeting, Next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome, email :belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com for the phone-in number

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