



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21st December 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, J Nicol, S Nicol, D McKendrick.

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr A Hassan

Apologies: E Phipps Cllr K Adams Cllr J Gifford Cllr P Johnston

Visitors: J Urquhart, K Urquhart (Rainieshill Quarry) C Anderson, S Tuccaroglu (Potterton Community Recreational Group)

1. Introduction of all Office Bearers, Members and 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

The Chair received a call from a Potterton Resident, the gentleman wanted to get in touch with Hillary Foxen so DW gave her details to him. Hillary reported the man was not in the best of health and may have to go into hospital, he has three cats and Hillary has agreed to feed them for him. D Wallace thanked Hillary for her community spirit towards the gentleman having put the man in a position where he could rely on her and at least remove one of his worries, well done Hillary.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

No Conflict of interests reported

4. Police Matters & Report

- 14th December Police report received for period 1-30th November 2020, circulated to BCC members
- **Speeding** Operation ILLUSTRIOUS will take the form of dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine Area, this operation is set to run for a further 12 months with regular deployment of dedicated officers to carry out patrols and speed checks in response to concerns raised.
D McKendrick asked if anyone had seen the Police patrols, the Old Road has been and AWPR seem to where the Police have been seen. D McKendrick has asked if they could patrol Eigie Road and the other Parish roads as they would the Old Road
- **Impact of Covid**, Rise in suicides over the last few months across the region, support details listed,
ACTION: BCC FB to post about support available
- **Rural Watch** Several thefts within the Grampian Region in general of farm machinery. Due to it being the peak harvest period, tractors and combine harvesters, which use expensive GPS technology are routinely being left in fields unattended overnight.
- **Security Advice** Be aware of doorstep crime and scams
ACTION: BCC FB to post about fraudsters/ scams on the doorstep
- **Environment** Problem with dog fouling, contact AC
www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/animal-health/dogfouling

ACTION: BCC FB to post about this issue and who to report it to

ACTION: ON notice boards, put up the list of phone numbers listed in the report, C Wood to create poster and circulate to board owners.

ACTION: C Wood to post 101 advice again and to be added to Notice Boards

1st December note from S Rawlins that ward reports will be made available on the AC website. December's report will be available on 8th January 2021

ACTION: C Wood to download report in January

ACTION: BCC members to give Feedback on the Police reports

5. Presentation of Rannieshill Quarry Proposal (Developer)

This will take place in January 2021 **ACTION:**C Wood to organise

6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Validated

Location	Proposal
1.Land north of 1 Wester Hatten Cottages	Two houses opposite entrance to rifle range on road to Taylors
2.Hareburn Road Blackdog	Temporary marketing suite for Kirkwood Homes
3. Entrance to Blackdog Village	Display 33 * 6m high flags
4.Stead Inn Potterton	Extension and Canopy to Public House
5.Stead Inn Potterton	Extension to living accommodation

Decided

Location	Proposal
1.Chance Inn Farm Whitecairns	Dwelling House (approved)
2.36 Holdings North Beach Road	House and garage (approved) rear garden of location just before Mushroom Farm

Rannieshill Discussion, J Nicol attended one of the 45 minute sessions and reported that there seemed to be nothing new that was not on the website, it appeared to be more about how it would be good for their business. J Urquhart attended meetings on consecutive days and asked various questions, the answers to which have not alleviated any of the locals concerns, especially the roads, where the developer will put passing places in, but there will still be blind hills, and with lorries going head to head, there is concern for road damage. Two major concerns were with the new track, firstly the use of the track for the school bus, which it did not seem that they had thought about and secondly is where they are not going to tarmac the track, they will use aggregate from the quarry and could not give a time span on the use of the track which is used by 3 or 4 locals. The locals do not seem to be convinced about the developers plans, nothing has been resolved from the original and now they have more concerns.

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Treasurer not in attendance, no report available

8. 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 D Wallace.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

- 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:** E Phipps to recommence fundraising strategy for 2021 with Alan Still and Bill Murray (Developer Obligations, Vattenfall, AFCCT) Action carried over as E Phipps not in attendance

10. Potterton Community Centre Hall Upgrade & Associated Developer Obligation Funding (H Foxen)

A sum of approximately £4,200 is available for the Potterton Community Group to spend on the Potterton Community Hall, this money is Developer Obligation Funding. Presentations from H Foxen, C Anderson and S Tuccaroglu on the best options of what to spend the money on were given. The group have difficulty in deciding as there are certain restrictions imposed before the money is given to the group. The other problem is that there is a deadline of May 2021 or the money will be lost to them. The best options available at present seemed to be the purchase of digital equipment or making the upstairs room available for other user groups. It was proposed that the BCC, if required, would back the group in trying to get an extension on the deadline from AC, also a meeting would be set up early January 2021, by the Potterton Community Recreational Group, with guidance from the community to try and come to an agreement on the issue.

11. Pandemic (CV19) Our Response, Involvement & Actions

- Tiers publicised through website and FB, BCC statement updated
- Checking which food banks we can publicise to our communities
ACTION: publicise FB, Noticeboards, website when we know
- BCC/Aberdeenshire Council help leaflets** - quick summary
BCC go forward supporting Samantha Rawlins to get the Aberdeenshire Council leaflets distributed to key points in our villages (leaflet 1 simple before Christmas, leaflet 2 trifold with more detail after Christmas)
UPDATE no basic leaflet received before Christmas and Samantha now on leave until January
- BCC to keep door to door distribution under review, depends on volunteers and covid restrictions (especially as we're going onto level 3 from Friday and tier 4 from 26 January)
- BCC will collect ideas for content for a Belhelvie specific leaflet / webpage / social media post.
ACTION: Ask BCC group to suggest local information we should be sharing, we have library click and collect, also P McKeown volunteers.

ACTION: Add leaflet plea to check on elderly neighbours and what you can offer, eg. Pharmacy runs etc.
UPDATE S Nicol has contacted the list of people C Wood sent with the Grampian hub leaflet.
Since our BCC leaflet meeting on 10th December we received an update Grampian Hub leaflet which we sent to BCC members responsible for Noticeboards, also posted on FB and already listed on BCC coronavirus statement.

ACTION: Any update from S Nicol or E Phipps on their actions for referrals for help

ACTION: C Wood/S Nicol etc to review leaflet or notice by Potterton Group, possibly put these on other notice boards as well as Potterton.

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

12. External & Internal Correspondence

- 18th Nov Co-option of Community Council Members email sent on to David Wallace
- 19th Nov sand at beach moved for golf course AC have advised that the sand removal was legal and no contravention of the planning consent was made
- 23rd Nov quarry consultation details shared via FB
- 3rd December enquiry about how SSE resilience funding is being spent asked David and Ewan to discuss response and reply UPDATE: Ewan responding to SSE
- 9th December Menie Dunes losing SSI status letter received
- 11th December received notes from CC Forum 11th Nov
ACTION Completed Do BCC members want this circulated via email, Yes
- 14th December Hub leaflet from Samantha - circulated to BCC notice board members
- 14th December minutes of country park meeting (4 Nov) received, also send directly to Alex who attended for BCC. Details of next meeting: Wednesday 17th February, 16th June and 3rd November 2021 times/locations TBC
- 15th December, plants order from AC for 2021 notification of orders placed H Foxen (Potterton), BRA (Blackdog) and Village Tidy (Belhelvie) on CC informed, collection from early Summer 2021 details TBC
- 20th Dec J Nicol request to send a Christmas Card to a resident Brian Campbell on behalf of the BCC for his work litter picking in Belhelvie "litter picks along the B999, from Mundurno Brae along to the Belhelvie/Dyce junction and then Belhelvie through the unclassified road back to Potterton"
UPDATE: Agreed and J Nicol to buy card and present.
- 20th Dec J Nicol update on reporting burning incidents at Potterton
SEPA feedback most recent likely to be wood smoke
SEPA have asked that hazardous material be removed to a licensed site - owner has said it will be cleared by the end of January. Enforcement may take place when possible if the instructions from SEPA are not carried out. Covid reducing any onsite visits by SEPA still.
- **ACTION:** Cllr A Hassan is going to follow up with SEPA - wait for feedback before we contact SEPA

13. Any Other Business

- H Foxen reported that the Formartine Rural Partnership Group of which she is part of have allocated £10,000 to various community groups, Potterton being one community where new batteries for a defibrillator were given.
- BCC supported a funding from the FRPG for the BCT for an additional bench to be sited at the bend on the new path between Balmedie and Belhelvie, the BCT have already placed a bench at the end of the Sensory Garden, and it might be a good project to place some more benches in our villages, to be discussed at a later date.
- The road to the Balmedie Country Park passing the sewage plant requires tarmac, it is not in a good state, it has had some remedial work to fill some of the holes.
There is also a report of effluent from the sewage tanks blowing onto the path in high winds.
ACTION: Cllr Hassan will check to see who owns the land, and we will then discuss the way forward
- Sabbatical from BCC for Mark Brown
- **ACTION:** Chair to place this item on the Agenda for January BCC Meeting

Meeting closed 21:59

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These December 2020 minutes were approved at the 18th January 2021 BCC Meeting, Next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome, email :belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com for the phone-in number

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