

# **BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 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:** C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen, E Phipps, A McIntyre  
J Nicol, S Nicol, D McKendrick, A Brown, D Wallace, G Middleton

**Apologies:** NR

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

**Visitors:** M Stuart (Blackdog)

### **1. Introductions, Apologies & Welcome to Visitors**

All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carlyne Wood as she will be controlling the meeting. All mics to be muted if not in use, use the hands up button on the menu bar if you wish to speak.

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

Welcome to our new member A Brown, Chair has sent the BCC constitution and Roles and Responsibilities document to him and he acknowledged the receipt of them.

### **3. Co-Opt on E Phipps & D McKendrick to Council**

E Phipps Co-Opted to BCC proposer J Fletcher, seconder G Middleton  
D McKendrick Co-Opted to BCC, proposer G Middleton, seconder J Fletcher

### **4. Future Meeting Format (Online or F2F)**

As we emerge from the pandemic there was a discussion as to how the future meetings could be held. A note has been sent to W Murray at the Leisure Centre to see if it is possible to re-hold the meetings there and also if the internet speed was such that persons could log onto the meetings.

3 options were discussed, 1) Continue Remote Online, 2) Face to Face, 3) Hybrid (some members present others remotely online to the meeting).

Various points were put forward, the Hybrid option was popular, but this was deemed quite difficult to set up and the internet access would have to be good. It was agreed we would continue with Remote Online and set up a test for Hybrid at some point, possibly November. All BCC members agreed with this.

Cllr Hassan advised that at the forth coming CC Forum this would certainly be one of the topics to be discussed. He also added that schools are used by some CC and that the internet access is excellent.

### **5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest. J Nicol is standing for Election at the Mid Formartine Election on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021, she may continue to attend the BCC meeting, if elected to the AC she will resign from BCC.

### **6. Police Matters & Report Review**

No attendance. No Report received or available online

**ACTION:** C Woods to circulate report when received

Cllr Hassan advised that this could also be a topic of discussion at the CC Forum.

## **7. Planning Report (G Middleton)**

Two house alterations in Balmedie  
Garage (house) in Potterton.

G Middleton took the opportunity to update us on the Local Development Plan (LDP) for 2020 and the AC Development Plan Scheme (DPS) for 2021.

The DPS is required by Section 23 of the Scotland Planning Act, this sets out the authorities preparing and reviewing their Local Development Plans, it contains proposed timetables, details of each part of the preparation and an account of when consultation is likely to take place with whom involved and steps to be taken. AC has introduced a new timetable for these and due to the uncertainty of the timetable the LDP cannot look forward to the next LDP except on a cursory fashion. The LDP we are working on at present was adopted on April 2017, the 2020 plan was published May 2020 and is progressing towards examination by the Director of planning and environmental appeals, AC expect this to be adopted in the next 12 months, but there is nothing likely to be publicised until February 2022.

Cllr Johnstone advised that looking forward in a cursory fashion is not in the legislation, communities can start looking forward if they want to, and it may be a case that communities should start thinking about what they want in the next LDP even though we have not reached the end of this Plan. The next LDP is likely to be completely different in 2025, as the whole process may be brought forward and may be more about planning for places, so it would be a good idea for communities to start thinking about what they would like to see for the future so that they may influence the LDP at the earliest opportunity.

**ACTION:** Look at the Udney and Old Meldrum CC proposals as a starting point, C Wood to send link for Udney proposal

## **8. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)**

E Phipps to submit signed 20/21 accounts with approved AGM minutes to Jan McRobbie at AC, following which the 21/22 admin grant and village tidy funds will be released to BCC.

Jul/Aug Bank Account Activity

- Taxi fare for local resident transport to ARI, E Phipps to submit expense claim for reimbursement

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

The draft MOM for the AGM was sent to all BCC members and Aberdeenshire Councillors, they were then proposed for approval by E Phipps, seconder C Wood

The minutes from the previous meeting were slightly modified. They were then proposed for approval by J Nicol and seconded by D McKendrick

## **10. Matters arising from previous meetings**

Resilience Planning

**ACTION Completed:** C Woods circulated latest version of S Rawlin's information /emails.

**ACTION Completed:** D Wallace has spoken to Leisure Centre.

**ACTION:** Other groups to be informed, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Centre.

**ACTION:** C Wood to arrange a meeting with the groups after D Wallace has spoken to them to see if any group or groups want to take this forward.

**ACTION Completed:** G Middleton presented an update on the Local Development Plan Scheme.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood, Review of Scheme of Establishment circulated to all BCC members.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood sent the report for BCC for the Banter

## **11. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives**

Funds being administered by BCC, resilience team includes Ewan Phipps BCC, Rosie Nicol BCT and Paul Mckeown BCT

- Total remaining Covid resilience funding = £2k:
- £1k, Scottish Southern Energy, no specific conditions attached, award letter refers to "covid resilience £1k, Big Lottery Fund, no specific conditions attached, award letter refers to "covid resilience"

- Total spent to date £345 (vouchers and taxi referrals)
- Resilience team has not received any referrals to date other than 3 x taxi referrals
- As part of the ongoing vaccine rollout across the age groups we are still offering free taxi transport to TECA for those without transport availability

## **12. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects**

### **Leisure centre:**

- Children's Play Area – offer off funding from EB Scotland/landfill Tax conditional on SEPA enrolment, confirmation of a third-party contribution (if relevant) and agreement of milestones against which payments will be made. The third-party contribution required to secure this funding of £69,213.32 is approximately £9,274.58. Elaine Brown at AC has offered to help - funding award from either the positive Action Grant or The Formartine Area Top Up Budget could be used
- E Phipps has also made application to Tesco Community Grants Fund for both Children's Play Area and Seating Area.
- Pavilion Car Park Extension, awaiting estimates in order to finish works.
- Further Planning application to be made via BCC for Gazebo and car charging points

### **BCT Projects:**

- Sand Bothy funds received from Scottish govt Recovery Fund, repairs to the eastern decking and painting complete
- Toilet Refurb – now complete.
- Inclusive play equipment funds raised for an all-inclusive swing, works due to commence
- Sensory Garden awaiting contractors to complete agreed works, install benches and table.
- Gourdie Burn Potterton project to alleviate flooding from the Gourdie Burn which badly affects play areas and other areas. Application has been made to Scottish Community Landfill Fund, awaiting outcome
- Investing In Communities Public Consultation collaboration project between BCT and BCC/Online surveys due to commence Nov time with consultation going out online (survey monkey, facebook)

## **13. External Meeting Report Back**

None

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

Community Council Forum 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021, any member may join this meeting.

One representative to give BCC report, D Wallace, and A McIntyre as second representative will attend.

Formartine Community Planning Group 1<sup>th</sup> September, H Foxen and C Woods to attend  
Link sent to H Foxen.

## **15. New Correspondence & Communication**

- D Wallace received 2 phone calls from Mr Rennie, firstly about when the Cycle path from Balmedie to Aberdeen will commence.  
Cllr Johnstone advised that the reason for the delay on this project is entirely the fault of Aberdeen City Council Aberdeenshire Council has been ready with a plan on their side but it depends upon the link.  
The second call about his complaint to the Police about a speeding van through Balmedie, he said would keep us informed about the complaint.
- H Foxen has been contacted by SEPA regarding the site at Potterton where there is continual burning, others in the village have also been contacted and have been updated on the situation
- 4<sup>th</sup> August Flood Risk Management Plans Public Consultation circulated to BCC members and FB post
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August NHS Grampian are developing a Plan for the Future consultation - publicised on Facebook

- 11<sup>th</sup> August Balmedie Leisure Centre Inclusive Play Area email from Bill Murray they have funding for the play area from EB Scotland/landfill Tax

**16. Any Other Business**

None

Meeting closed 21:04

**DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES**

**NB These August 2021 minutes were approved at the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,**

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