

# **BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 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:** C Wood, J Fletcher, D Wallace, M Stuart,  
A McIntyre, G Middleton, H Foxen, J Nicol  
**Apologies:** A Stuart, E Phipps, D McKendrick

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** Cllr A Hassan, Cllr J Gifford, Cllr S Powell,  
Cllr P Johnston  
**Apologies:** None  
**Visitors:** Sgt Stuart Gordon (Police Scotland), Louise Carstairs (Balmedie Parents Group)

1. **Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees**  
All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carolyne 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. **Chairmans Opening Remarks**  
Chair asked if anyone wants to record this meeting please make a request to do so prior to the meeting starting. No one asked for permission.  
The 3 complaints against the BCC have all been processed by AC and all been dismissed.
3. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**  
None.
4. **Police Matters & Report Review** (C Wood if no Police presence)  
No police report for this month  
Sgt Gordon has just moved to the area and will chase up the person responsible for the monthly Police reports, BCC has not had a report since December 2021.  
He reported he had checked that there is no crime recorded in the Belhelvie over the last month or so, he also checked the incident recorded records and again nothing recorded for Belhelvie. He said that we are either in a low crime area or it is not getting reported properly. The one thing that the Police are starting to see, due to a sharp increase in the price of fuel is, oil theft whether it is heating oil or cooking oil in commercial premisses and to reiterate that all oil containers be securly locked, to make it as difficult as possible for these people to steal it. He asked if anyone does see suspicious vehicles that look like they are involved in this type of activity to report this to the Police immediately.  
BCC thanked Sgt Gordon for coming to our meeting. BCC advised that if the Police wanted anything advertised through the BCC FB page or Website to get in touch with C Woods.  
08090807060 <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents>  
Police (non emergency) 101 Police /Fire Brigade (Emergency) 999
5. **Planning Report** (G Middleton)  
**Validated**  
East Cannahars Whitecairns new build single dwelling  
Land West of South Manse Panmure Gardens Potterton new house (Note this is a retrospective application)  
Sites OP 1 and OP 2 Potterton application in respect of public consultation workshops.

BCC are trying to make people aware of this proposed application, the information the BCC have at present is as follows:

#### **Barratts**

Proposed application for Public Consultation Workshop Series (online and in-person)

Workshop 1 Online: 3-7pm, 31st March 2022, [www.denviewroadpotterton.co.uk](http://www.denviewroadpotterton.co.uk)

Public consultation online and face to face on 31 March 2022, we would like to see Barratts get the info online so BCC may share the date with residents ASAP.

Planning application for consultation is ENQ 2022/0367

**ACTION:** C Wood to wait until 23rd March 2022 when we can view the Barratts website and then publicise details of the event on the BCC website, BCC FB page and all village notice boards.

**ACTION:** Discuss at the next BCC meeting, raise the consultation with the AC planning department to say we feel the process is not being followed correctly.

NB. BCC to publicise on all noticeboards the consultations on large developments in all villages.

#### **Decided**

Hareburn Terrace Blackdog Agricultural building application withdrawn.

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

No activities for this month

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

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

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

Resilience Planning (on hold from August 2021)

**ACTION:** Groups to be informed, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Group, Blackdog Residents Association, BCT

**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: (Ongoing)** C Woods to check with R Nicol about a community questionnaire on the type of sports.

**ACTION: (Ongoing)** A McIntyre to contact Jay Allan at Methlick to discuss costs.

**ACTION: (Ongoing)** A McIntyre/ D Wallace to speak with the Leisure Centre about the ideas and how it could be funded, run and sited.

**ACTION:** C Wood to follow up with D Duncan and D Sutherland on Hermes FC football pitch asset transfer, D Sutherland reports no progress at the present.

**ACTION:** C Wood to contact A Rychert on MUGA update and invite her to the April BCC meeting.

**ACTION:** C Wood to invite L Carstairs to the BCC April meeting and discuss the school event funding.

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

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

Mobile collection points for LFT kits back into Balmedie as from 10-12am 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at the Leisure Centre.

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

Leisure Centre play park are awaiting the contractor to restart work, nothing started on the electrical rapid charging points.

#### **11. General Projects Update**

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) project requires further discussion, we know the likely costs involved and there will have to be some sort of committee set up to try and see how this could be funded.

## **12. External Meeting Report Back.**

J Nicol SSEN workshops, discussion on the recent storms and how things have improved slightly through the 3 storms although communication or lack of was very poor. A Local Resilience Plan is definitely something that BCC will focus on shortly, all groups to get round the table to discuss a Local Plan.

The Resilience Community Fund is open until end of April 2022. BCC should apply for funding for a generator if possible.

**ACTION:** J Fletcher Inform E Phipps of this fund

H Foxen Formartine Rural Partnership, met with Paul McCarry head of Economic Development with regard to future funding or lack of. H Foxen is now part of FRP and they are looking for more people to join the group as they are all seniors, basically looking for younger members to help with decisions when funding.

G Middleton Blackdog Residents AGM, nothing of note to report although there is a new Chairperson and the group are very active.

## **13. Nomination for Future External Meetings**

BCT AGM represented by H Foxen and J Nicol, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **14. New Correspondence & Communication**

15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 AC notice about census and local elections

Census publicised on FB & website (24<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Local elections publicised on FB & website (27<sup>th</sup> Feb)

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Delegated Powers increase proposal Full Council to decide further email from Paul Davidson (Kintore CC), Circulated to BCC members

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 new scheme of establishment sent by AC, Circulated to BCC members

**ACTION:** Request training in complaints procedure, members to review new guidance and discuss at next meeting

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 New Formartine Community Planning Officer appointed Colin Anderson Circulated to BCC members

10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Potterton asset transfer football pitch and pavilion

Asked David Duncan to attend March meeting

Contacted Donna Sutherland (AC) about the transfer and asked for an update she replied that AC are aware of the request from the football club but the project has not yet progressed to the formal stages, she has no current details or timelines

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 notified of SSEN workshops about their response to the recent storms.

Aberdeenshire's will be on 14 March 2022 15:30 17:30

Circulated to members to register themselves to attend if possible

NOTE: Jenny attending for BCC

14<sup>th</sup> March Crossing and speed in Balmedie emails to Andrew Hassan (AOB)

**ACTION:** ask D McKendrick to update on the latest in April meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 **Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2022 award nominations.**

Nomination for Marion Bruce, Potterton Shop for Lifetime Achievement Award, discussed at meeting, C Wood to draft nominations, Marion Bruce Potterton Shop and Brian Campbell Litter Picking. Submitted 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, deadline 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 R Nicol asked when Library fence will be fixed.

Feedback from the Library team they have reported it and are waiting on repairs

UPDATE: to be fixed on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 update on Potterton burn project and playpark from Rosie, circulated to BCC members

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Louise Carstairs via FB messenger request for help funds/donation for primary school children leavers event, offer to do something in return litter pick etc

## **15. Any Other Business**

L Carstairs is part of the Balmedie Parents Group who are organising the P7 Leavers Event for 2022, to help the group are going to be doing a lot of fund raising which will include the children, who have missed out in loads of activities in the last two years. She asked the if there was any possibility of a donation from the BCC towards the costs. The fund raising is mainly to keep the costs down for parents as there are low income families in the area and the group would like all the children to be able to attend the event.

**ACTION:** C Wood, BCC to help publicise the fund raising events FB, website, noticeboards.  
**ACTION:** J Fletcher to ask E Phipps (Treasurer) if we are able to give the Parents Group a donation and also if there are any funds we can apply for in regard to this cause.

**Crossing in Balmedie**

Cllr Johnston raised that the Parents group were supposed to contact the safer roads to school Officer, J Nicol reported that this Officer was contacted in January 2021. The Officer has not replied to the point that parents are worried about children crossing the road. Cllr Johnston recommended a meeting between parents and the Officer (Joanna Stewart) so they may ask the Roads Dept for a survey on where the crossing should be. Cllr Hassan is still holding the Roads Dept to the promise issued on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, when they agreed to do a survey, he is still lobbying the Roads Dept.

**Belhelvie Bowling Club**

BBC have been in touch with Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action who have spoken to the AC and AC are willing to discuss a lease arrangement with BBC, however AC has informed them that another group in the area are looking at this facility, it is unknown who the group is. Cllrs asked if they knew the group in question, but no replies.

**ACTION:** G Middleton to send a note to the BBC to tell them that the BCC has no idea of who the other group could be and ask them to get back in touch with AVA to see if they can get the information from AC (Elaine Brown)

Meeting closed 21:30

**DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES**

**NB These February 2022 minutes were approved at the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 BCC Meeting. Next BCC Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome.**

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