

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 16th OCTOBER 2017 @ WHITE HORSE INN

Chair: David Watson; **Vice Chair:** David McKendrick ; **Treasurer :** Scott Wilkinson
Secretary & Minute Taker: David Wallace ; **Planning Reporter:** Drew Robertson

Members Present: D.Watson;; D.Wallace ; D.Robertson; S.Wilkinson,; Richard Miller
D.McKendrick ; Alan Smith

Apologies, John Fletcher. Phil Mann ; Christine Murray,

Formartine Area Councillors Present:: Karen Adams , Andrew.Hassan

Apologies; Jim Gifford ; Paul Johnston

Visitors: Annie Grant – Belhelvie resident. Edna Booth & Nicola Brown – Blackdog Residents.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, asked that all mobile phones be put on 'silent' and that all matters be addressed through the chair. He also requested that BCC members declare any conflict of interest in any of the known agenda items .

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict declarations made with respect to the noted agenda items.

Police Matters .

- No Police attendance again but a e-report was provided and read out to all attendees.

Minutes of Meeting from previous meeting

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with comments noted . The agreed revisions will be made accordingly. They were then proposed for approval by D.Robertson and seconded by S.Wilkinson.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- **Belhelvie Banter** D.Wallace provided the BCC contribution for the next addition (Q4/17) .
- **Magnificent 7 Sensory Garden.** Meeting held on October 2nd with all interested parties invited. D.Watson represent the BCC at the meeting in the Sand Bothy.which proved to be very productive. Key points from the meeting were written up and distributed .Further meetings will take place to progress this project.which D.Watson committed to attend.
- **Balmedie Congregational Church** Cllr. Hassan reported that the Planning Application for the erection of 3 Sheds and a surrounding Fence will be discussed at the next AC meeting on November 7th. Our intention to attend this meeting was confirmed by D.Wallace and D.Robertson.
 - Following D.Watson's letter to AC's Head of Planning Robert Gray to express BCC's disappointment with the responses received from the AC Planning Dept. relating to the remediation of both the **WRG Westerhatton Landfill Site** and the borrow pit at **Bruntlands, Whitecairns** it was decided that we take our concerns to the next government level.
- **CastleHill Housing Association & NORR** fronted another community consultation meeting and presented their plans to build 220 homes on the ground to the south of the existing Chapelwell development in Balmedie.
 - D. Robertson , A.Smith & R.Miller to attended the November (13th) monthly meeting of the **Potterton Community Group.**

- No BCC member attended the **Belhelvie Community Trust's** monthly meeting in September.
- Following correspondence received from the **Scottish Community Development Centre** (SCDC) inviting the BCC to take part a **research project** into making Community Councils more relevant in Scotland's evolving policy context. C. Murray was nominated to be the BCC member involved..
- Following the invitation received from AC to attend the annual **Community Council Event at Woodhill House in Aberdeen on 30 September** C.Murray volunteered to represent the BCC
- Meeting held with AC Planning to review the forthcoming **5-year Local Development Plan**. (Whitecairns and Blackdog were not included). Infrastructure services, transport and local employment opportunities were among the subjects discussed.
- A spreadsheet listing potential funding options available to us was presented by S.Wilkinson . A.Grant suggested that she compared the list with one she has developed with a view to expanding it even further.

Treasurer's Report

- The present balance of the BCC Account remains at **£3,285.22**.

Planning Report .

- Details of the Planning Applications raised since our last meeting was provided.

Landfill Tax Projects

Balmedie Leisure Centre; Work on upgrading the toilet/ changing rooms continues with the store area renovation now completed.

Blackdog Residents Association's application for a drainage sink hole and construction of 2 paths at the community park was successful. The estimated construction cost is £25,000.

Work on the **installation of new windows at Belhelvie Parish Church** continues.

Greenfield Projects

- No new greenfield projects were noted.
- **NOTE: If any local group have a health ,safety or environmental project they would like to put forward for funding, please contact Belhelvie Community Council at the e-mail address provided below or alternatively call the BCC Chairman on 01651-328263.**

Correspondence e-mail address: belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com

The funding application for the Local Community Christmas Celebration Event to the Formartine Area Committee proved unsuccessful. Unless we can find alternative funding this event may well have to be cancelled. D.Wallace to explore any potential solutions.

E-mail received from Belhelvie resident Raymond Moffat related to his request for a living Christmas tree to be erected in the village and the provision of an electricity supply to power lights on it at Christmas time was discussed. The communication also requested the loan of planting equipment from AC Landscaping services to allow for the efficient planting of bulbs in the village. D.Watson committed to follow up on Raymond's requests.

E-mail was also received from Blackdog residents Edna Booth and Nicola Brown relating to alleged Safety violations at the Vattenfall Substation construction site at Blackdog was also read out and put to the Vattenfall delegation present. As these alleged violations were the subject of an ongoing legal investigation Vattenfall were unable to respond at the meeting .

Any Other Connected Business

- **Aberdeen Bay Offshore Windfarm & Associated Sub-station.**

Vattenfall presented a detailed update relating to their project's progress which included the commencement of the offshore construction phase. Prep work had also begun on the cable routing on site from the landfall point to the Transformer Sub-station. They also noted the future establishment of a local community fund of £150,000/year, which will begin once the facility is generating power into the national grid.

- . Meeting closed 21:45

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 20th November, 2017

At 7:15pm in the Balmedie Primary School - Visitors Welcome

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