

# **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 @ WHITE HORSE INN, BALMEDIE.**

(Meeting venue changed at last minute due to unavailability of the Primary School)

**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 ; Alan Smith :  
**Apologies,.,** John Fletcher. Phil Mann ; D.McKendrick : Christine Murray,

**Formartine Area Councillors Present,** Andrew.Hassan ;  
**Apologies;;** Paul Johnston ; Karen Adams ; Jim Gifford

**Visitors:** Vattenfall Delegation; Natalie Ghazi, Alan McDonald, (both Vattenfall) along with Patrick Zonsvelt and Willem de Wit , (UBMS/Boskalis) Project & Site Manager respectively.  
Allan Hendry (former Formartine Area Councillor and resident of Balmedie)

***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 but a Report was provided and read out to the attendees.

### **Minutes of Meeting from previous meeting**

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

### **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

- **Belhelvie Banter** next contribution deadline is on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The BCC contributor will be decided at the January meeting.
- **Magnificent 7 (Phase 2)** . Further to clarification of a previously agreed arrangement where the Chairman was given the autonomy to progress all Landfill projects including financial commitments the CPT payment (11% of project value) for this project was approved . However it was agreed that going forward that any requests to utilise general BCC funds will be voted upon by BCC members prior to commitment. Confirmation of this revised arrangement will be formalised at the forthcoming AGM in February.
- **Sensory Garden Project** . The management of this project will be a combined effort from BCC and BCT. Currently we await the Bills of Quantity from Graham Webster prior to lodging a funding application to EB Scotland /Taylor Environmental. Chairman to action
- **Balmedie Congregational Church** As expected the Planning Application for the erection of 3 Sheds and a surrounding 6 Foot Fence to the side and rear of the church was APPROVED at the Aberdeenshire Council meeting held in Ellon in early December. Support for this Application was

provided by the Better Balmedie Group who confirmed their intention to develop a communal garden within the fenced area for use by all members of the community.

- There was no December meeting of the **Potterton Community Group** and their January meeting was cancelled.
- D.McKendrick & J.Fletcher will both attended the **Belhelvie Community Trust's** monthly meeting on November 27 but as neither of them were in attendance the meeting feedback was deferred to the January meeting.
- Further to receiving the unsatisfactory responses from AC's Planning Dept relating to the restoration of both **Bruntlands and Westerhatton sites** Cllrs. Gifford & Hassan committed to raise both issues with the Chief Executive of the Aberdeenshire Council (Jim Savige) who they were due to meet later in the week. Feedback from these discussions will be expected at the January meeting.
- The Church of Scotland's ownership of the Forsyth Hall was confirmed by Trevor Morgan from AC's Estates Office

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The present balance of the BCC Account is **£1,835.60**. (There is still a commitment of £1,100 to come off once the Magnificent 7 CPT payment is processed.)

### **Planning Report .**

No Planning Applications were made in the last month but the approval of an earlier one made in March related to the Town Centre at Blackdog including a Food Hall, Retail Outlets along with Leisure , Business and Industrial units was noted.

### **Landfill Tax Projects**

**Balmedie Leisure Centre;** Work on upgrading the toilets and changing rooms continues at pace and should be completed shortly.

**Blackdog Residents Association's** direct application to EB Scotland for Landfill Tax money funding to dig a drainage sink hole and construct 2 paths at the Blackdog community park was successful. The total estimated construction cost is around £25,000 so the CPT payment required will be £2,750. This has created a shortfall of £335.42 in the BRA account which they have applied to the Formartine Partnership for from the Formartine Area Budget.

Work on the **installation of new windows at Belhelvie Parish Church** is now complete.

### **Greenfield Projects**

- Potterton Residents Group to receive bulbs, benches and orchard plants in the new year.
- Belhelvie Residents Group received a 12 foot Xmas tree planted by AC at the Dyce junction in Belhelvie. They will also receive bulbs and orchard plants in the new year.

Brian Shand at AC was involved in supporting both of the above greenfield projects

- **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](mailto:belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com)

Following funding refusal for the **Local Community Christmas Fayre Event** by the Formartine Area Committee it was agreed that the BCC should champion a funding drive to help prevent the cancellation of the event at the White Horse Inn. This drive proved successful with generous donations received from the Belhelvie Community Trust and the Belhelvie Banter committees. Along with the donation made by ourselves the event took place and was , as in previous years well attended and successful. Our Chairman also provided a large Xmas tree to the White Horse in preparation for the Christmas festivities there . Well done Mr. Chairman !

Further to the communication received from the **Grow Wild Community Project** related to funding and support, D.Watson was appointed to lead this project and make the funding application which needs to be lodged by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **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 onshore cable routing from the landfall point to the Transformer Sub-station and the offshore cable laying and connection activity. Representatives from the Sub-contractor involved UBMS/Boskalis provided the narrative detailing this part of the project which was well received by the Council.

Meeting closed 22:00

**Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 15th January, 2018**

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

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