

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 16th APRIL 2018 @ BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chairman: David Wallace **Vice- Chairman:** David Watson ; **Treasurer :** Scott Wilkinson
Secretary; Vacant **Planning Reporter:** Ian Downie ; , **Minute Taker:** David Watson

Members Present: Dave.Wallace, David McKendrick , David Watson, Drew Robertson, Scott Wilkinson, Christine Murray , I Downie.

Apologies; , Phil.Mann, John Fletcher, Richard Miller

Formartine Area Councillors Present : None - as they were all attending another meeting.

Apologies; Jim Gifford, Paul Johnston, Karen Adams, Andrew.Hassan

Visitors: Hilary Foxen (Potterton resident and prospective BCC member).
Helen Johnstone (Belhelvie resident)

The Chairman welcomed & introduced all visitors to the meeting and requested all attendees to ensure 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 agenda items .

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

Police Matters .

- PC Scott Walmsley attended the meeting and provided a verbal report to the meeting. The e-report he had provided earlier was not received and PC Warmasley committed to resend. Main problem recently had been with speeding cars through the settlement areas and confirmed the Police's intention to conduct speed check in the near future across the parish.
- BCC to explore the possibility of gaining funding to purchase a number of Solar powered flashing speed signs. AC's Roads department to be approached to gain an understanding of any permissions required. A suggestion to create a greenfield project to work this item was agreed but no project leader was assigned.

Review of Roles & Responsibilities Document

This item was deferred until the June monthly meeting , - after the June AGM.

Presentations

- Helen Johnstone presented the growing problem of Dog Fouling in Belhelvie and confirmed her intention to put up laminated posters in the village. A project for the Balmedie Primary school children to design the poster as a part of a "caring for pets" educational programme. .BCC confirmed their support and committed to **highlight the problem to the Mid-Formartine Councillors at the next monthly meeting.**
- Monthly Report of the Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project was received and was distributed to all members by the chairman.

AGM June 2018

Meeting attendance of Mid-Formartine Councillors to be reported at future AGM's along with details of assistance provided to the BCC from each Councillor. **(action Chairman & Secretary)**

Post Meeting note; AC have confirmed that we no longer need to hold another AGM in June and will allow us to defer until June 2019, although we must align our related Constitution/Documents by end September.

Co-opting of new Council Member

Following receipt of the appropriate nomination form Potterton resident **Hilary J. Foxen** was co-opted on as a Council member with full voting rights. Her nomination was formally proposed in the meeting by D.Wallace and seconded by D.McKendrick.. Hilary , who was in attendance, was welcomed to the Council by the Chair.

Resignation of Council Members

Phil Mann , who was not in attendance, informed the Chairman by e-mail of his intention to resign as a Council member from immediate effect. Phil is thanked for his contribution and past service to the Council.

Scott Wilkinson (Treasurer) also noted his intention to resign his post and membership at the June AGM.

Post meeting note; further to the AGM deferral Scott formally resigned via e-mail on May14th. He has since taken the position of Chairman on the Blackdog Residents Association at their AGM. Scott is hereby thanked for his sterling work as Treasurer and for his contribution and service to the Council.

Minutes of Meeting from previous monthly meeting

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with no comments. They were then proposed for approval by S.Wilkinson and seconded by D Robertson.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- **Insurance Provision**; Treasurer advised that AC have paid the BCC insurance having been billed directly by Zurich Insurance Co. No further action required.
- Planning Reporter read out a letter received from FCC's Chief Executive related to the **Wester Hatton Landfill Site** confirming their intention to begin work to remediate the site. PR to send a response letter to FCC requesting for the Pylons and connected support cables to be removed first. This letter will be copied to AC's Planning Dept. for information. (Ian to action)
- Deadline for input to the May issue of the **Belhelvie Banter** was noted as Friday April 20th. It was the intention to provide details of our recent AGM as part of this input listing all members & office bearers but in light of the impending AGM in June it was decided not to do this at this time and wait with this input until after the June AGM . (no action required).
- Following last month decision to move our **meeting venue** to the White Horse Inn, Balmedie from July onwards chairman to make the relevant meeting bookings . J.Fletcher to inform AC of our intention not to continue School Let. (action John and Chairman)
- Chairman provided a Letter of Support to Belhelvie Church of Scotland minister Rev.Paul Mckeown for their plans to build an **annexe to the Forsyth Hall**.
- Following the report of recurring **flooding on the recently seeded area of the Magnificent 7 path area adjacent to Ash Row**, Ian Downie progressed a solution with Brian Shand/Oliver Deeming at AC Landscaping Dept. to install a drainage provision at the flood area and also drain the pond area at the north west end of the Magnificent 7 area. (Ian to monitor progress and report back).
- Meeting held April 12 with Team Niblick (Graeme Webster) and BCT/ Better Balmedie to progress the **Sensory Garden project**. D.Robertson attended as the BCC representative. Vice-chairman reported that the flooding problem reported above had not been advised at the meeting and the blame for the flooding was wrongly attributed to Team Niblick as area drainage was never included in their workscope for phase one of the Magnificent 7 upgrade project. The Vicechair has since apologised to Mr.Webster for this oversight.
- Letter from Raymond Moffat , Belhelvie to the AC was read out in regard to the provision of an **electrical supply to the recently planted Christmas Tree in Belhelvie**. The letter, relating to the funding application to the Village Enhancement Scheme was supported unanimously by the BCC.

Matters Arising

- **Balmedie Primary School Capacity** was discussed.. It was agreed the Planning Reporter write to AC's Area Manager (Elaine Brown) requesting accurate forecasted Roll numbers for the school. (Action I.Downie). S.Wilkinson reported that the Blackdog Residents Association had recently contacted AC and the Evening Express to express their concerns around local school capacity.
- Planning Reporter to check if temporary permission was granted for the large green container sited next to the Balmedie Congregational Church adjacent to Rowan Road. (Action I..Downie)

Treasurer's Report (S.Wilkinson)

- The present balance of the BCC Account remains at **£1,836.01**. There is an outstanding payment for the annual Laptop Microsoft Office Licence for £59.99. (needs to be actioned following next meeting)

Planning Report . (I.Downie)

Notification of all Planning Applications made in the last month was provided by the planning reporter with no comments made or actions raised. He also noted that the Planning Application related to the proposed 14-home development in Belhelvie,presented at our previous meeting,had been lodged.

No decisions were made in the last month against previously raised Planning Applications.

Landfill Tax Projects

- Upgrade of the Changing Facilities and the Toilets at the Balmedie Leisure Centre is now complete.

Greenfield Projects Update

- No projects ongoing at present.
- **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 David Watson on 01651-328263.**

New Correspondence

- E-mail received from Belhelvie resident Annie Grant requesting BCC support to Raymond Moffatt's funding application to the Formartine Partnership (under the Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme) for the erection of a power supply pillar for their recently planted Christmas Tree. Request was approved by Council and will be actioned by Chairman.
- Following receipt of an E-mail from David Wood of PAS (Planning Aid for Scotland) offering free advice on a range of services that PAS can provide to Community Councils it was agreed we follow up this offer and invite PAS to attend one of our future meetings. **D.Wallace to action**

Any Other Connected Business

- Aberdeenshire Bus Forum meeting planned for May 3rd at Old Meldrum
- Relevant Road Closures (AWPR) to be posted on affected notice boards (action; D.Robertson)
- Hilary to be provided with notice board keys for Potterton and Whitecairns. (action D.Wallace)

Meeting closed 22:15

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 18th.June, 2018

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

e-mail address: belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com

