



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 18th June 2018 @ BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Chair: David Wallace (absent); **Vice Chair:** David Watson; **Treasurer :** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: Hilary Foxen (absent) **Minute Taker:** J Fletcher; **Planning Reporter:** I Downie

Members Present: D Watson: D.Robertson, J Fletcher, R Millar D McKendrick, I Downie, C Murray, A Hendry, E Phipps

Apologies: D Wallace, A McIntyre, H Foxen

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

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

Visitors: Duncan Will (Police Matters)

The Vice Chairperson 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

A Hendry asked if this item could be set at number 2 on the Agenda instead of number 6, all members present were in agreement.

I Downie declared COI in respect to the next local development plan in the basis that he has submitted a bid in respect of the West Balmedie site on behalf of David and Sandra Watson

D Watson also declared COI as the owner of the site.

No discussion of this site took place at the meeting.

Police Matters

- Duncan Will was the Police Officer in attendance e-Report to be sent to D Wallace.
- Report stated:

From the period 21/05/18-18/06/18 the following crimes took place.

Breach of Peace: one male reported Section 38 in Belhelvie area

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Assault: two assaults in Balmedie, enquiries ongoing

Vandalism: None reported

Theft: one male reported for theft by shoplifting

Housebreaking: none reported

Road Traffic Offences: one hit and run within Balmedie (Pettens Street), enquiries ongoing.

Drugs: none reported

The Policed Officer also reported that there is an ongoing Local and Force Wide Engagement Activities being implemented.

- OP CEDAR (challenge educate detect and reduce) is in effect to reduce incidents on our roads. Regular patrols of Pitmedden and the surrounding area taking place. Specific speeding checks (March and May) took place in Ellon to reduce the number of motorists speeding in specific areas.
- OP ASPEN (disrupt deter detect and divert those involved in serious organised crime) is in effect to disrupt the activities of criminal groups through proactive enforcement.

Members also reported some incidents which the Police will follow up:

- Cars parking at the Shady Neuk exit
- Incident at the football pitches, where motor bikes and quad bike were on the pitches, Police Officer said he would distribute this report to colleagues.

Minutes of Meeting from previous meeting

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, no comments. They were then proposed for approval by A Hendry and seconded by D Robertson.

Vattenfall: No delegation, Vice Chairperson read the progress report on the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm received from Allan MacDonald.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- A Hendry proposed to increase the BCC members from 13 to 15, this was seconded by I Downie with no objections from the other members present. It was suggested the Chairperson write to Elaine Brown on the matter.
- It was decided not to discuss Item 5 (Roles and Responsibilities) on the Agenda until next meeting in July.
- Mr Nicol's letter (Footpath Closure) looks as if this will come to a favourable conclusion, awaiting an AC meeting.
- D McKenrick reported a sign A977 has been placed by the AWPR is in an incorrect position. D Mckendrick will check to see if this sign is temporary. New signs have been put up prior to the junction.
- D Mckendrick also checked up on the price of Balmedie Village speed signs (one missing and one not functioning), This was thought to be quite a high cost of £2,200, it was proposed BCC ask the AC where they purchase their signs.
- D Watson received a mail from James Duthie about the tourist sign (North Tourist Trail) at Fovran. There was an opinion that the sign should be situated at the Blackdog. D Watson did not attend the May meeting, decision on this deferred until next meeting.
- From the previous meeting, reference was made to the absence of a response from Elaine Brown to a letter expressing concerns regarding the Balmedie Primary School capacity issue and to the advises provided during the Local Development Plan Seminar that a site for a new school would be deferred until after the local development plan allocations had been selected, i.e. around 2021 despite the fact that the existing school will run over capacity next year. It was agreed that Ian Downie would write again to the Area Manager.

Treasurer's Report

- Latest Bank of Scotland account balance and movement to be confirmed. New treasurer Ewan Phipps not able to access BOS account until signatory assignation process has been completed
- Ian Downie to be assigned as a new signatory to the BOS account – BOS Signatory Authority Form to be completed by Ian Downie
- Treasurer to pass the completed Signatory Authority Form to BOS for processing week ending 24th June
- David Wallace to be reimbursed £59.99 for Microsoft Licence costs, D Watson and D Wallace to countersign the cheque
- David Watson to be reimbursed £25.45 for Misc expenses, D Watson and A Wallace to countersign the cheque
- ICO (data protection) Direct debit mandate has been submitted, 2018 fee confirmed as £35.00 incl £5.00 discount
- £1000.00 of funds, which previously was a 10% contribution for a Wildflower Site, will to be used for procurement of a projector for BCC meetings. All members agreed on this action. Chairperson D Wallace to purchase.
- Cashback for Communities application window for 2019/20 funding still to be confirmed (circa Dec 2018), to discuss potential funding initiatives at subsequent BCC meetings

Planning Report .

Notification of all Planning Applications made in the last month was provided by the Planning Reporter. Four applications posted with no comments, two Applications Determined, of which one was withdrawn and the other does not require application.
Report with D Wallace.

Under the planning report I. Downie mentioned the possibility that a planning application for the Menie site was about to be lodged at the previous meeting.

I Downie briefed the Committee on the recent news from Trump International Golf Links Scotland (TIGLS) agents that an application for 49 houses was being prepared. Ian advised the Committee that such an application was classed as a minor application and could be approved by Formartine Area Committee without any prior public consultation event unlike a major application for 500 houses that would require to be the subject of a public exhibition and widespread pre-application consultations with all of the agencies that would contribute consultations during the processing of any subsequent application.

Ian advised that the Local Development Plan expressly supports applications that accord fully with the outline planning consent issued by Scottish Ministers in 2008 and the associated Section 75 legal agreement between TIGLS and Aberdeenshire Council which TIGLS breached in 2013 without the Planning Service taking any action to remedy the breach. It is essential in compliance with the local development plan that the 450 bedroom hotel and the grade separated junction at Orrock are completed before any work commences on the residential development.

Ian further advised that the application would be contrary to the Local Development Plan and, if approved, would set a precedent for subsequent similar applications on the same site.

It was agreed that a watching brief would be maintained.

Landfill Tax Projects (Update report from D. Watson)

Sensory Garden Project

Rosie Nicol (BCT) informed BCC that they now have the funding available for the CPT payment for the Sensory Garden Project. D Watson informed EB Scotland of this and it was agreed to progress and obtain contractors construction quotes for the work. EB Scotland will give a response in early September, hopefully construction work will start soon after.

This week Graeme Webster of Team Niblick is to meet with Bill Murray (Chairperson for Balmedie Leisure Centre) to compile Bills of Quantity for a children's play area at the rear of the Leisure Centre, two football pitches, car park and a new access road from the changing rooms to the pitches. It is envisaged that applications for the three projects will be lodged with EB Scotland soon.

Team Niblick have started warranty construction on the wildflower sites at the Magnificent 7, Potterton and Belhelvie which will continue until Autumn.

GreenField Projects: (Update report with D Watson)

It was agreed that D Watson would write to the Landscape Services inviting them to attend our August meeting to discuss our disappointment that relevant landscape repairs and duties agreed with them in our parish have not been fulfilled.

Wildflower Project- East of the Grade Separated Junction

November/December 2017 it was agreed by members that the £1000 of BCC funds be reserved for the CPT Landfill funding. The area proposed for wildflower is to be planted out in shrubs by the AWPR team. By unanimous agreement the funds will not now be retained for the above specific project.

- **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.**

External Meetings

1. A report was given by J Fletcher who attended the BCT meeting on Monday 28th May at the White Horse Inn.
 - Sandy Bothy update, BCT would like to raise money other than through sales at the Bothy.
 - Beach Wheelchair Project, first wheelchair have been tried, at present they have funding for three, they would like to achieve a total of 4 chairs.
 - Balmedie Country Park, A map will soon be produced with 5 differing walks
 - Sensory Garden Update, all ready, waiting for funding.
 - Better Balmedie, Wood for fencing under way
 - BCC asked when the south toilet would be open at the beach, no date given.

2. A Report on Local Development Plan Seminar was given from Ian Downie after he and Allan Hendry represented BCC at the Seminar on 22nd May 2018. At the onset of the Seminar Ian Downie declared a Conflict of Interest on the basis he had submitted a bid in respect of West Balmedie Site on behalf of David and Sandra Watson, he consequently took no part in discussion on that particular bid.

At the Seminar Ian made specific reference to the Blairton Farm bid for 1650 houses, which attracted a positive status despite the obvious and unacceptable traffic impact that would happen along the Old Road . Ian also made reference to the fact that the assessment of David Watson's site failed to acknowledge the existence of direct pedestrian and vehicular access to Balmedie through the adjacent grade separated junction and failed to disclose the fact that the bid included a site for a primary school. The assessment also failed to report accurately that the site had good footpath links to Balmedie and Potterton.

Report with D Wallace.

- BCT meeting to be attended by J Fletcher/ D Wallace
- Bus Forum to be attended by A Hendry in August
- Potterton Meeting to be attended by D Watson

New Correspondence

- Mail from C Young about funding of the Village Tidy Scheme was received stating the money for the Village Tidy was agreed but no definite date of when the money will be received.
- Chairperson to prepare article for the Belhelvie Banter 19/07/2018 deadline date.

Any Other Connected Business

- A report on a safety issue which involves AWPR not having some fencing in place on the way to Potterton. H Foxen will make enquires on the issue. Hilary not at the meeting, no report.at present.
- White Cairns notice board has discoloured glass, an examination of the board will take place with a view to maintenance.
- An AC meeting is pending about what will be the outcome of how roads would be left after being used during and after completion of AWPR (Ian Daniels)
- An incident in Balmedie that required the Emergency Services wishing to use the Sandy Bothy HRM, but no one they asked, had the code for usage.
- On the matter of signage for the White Horse Inn, A Hendry contacted Andy Devine (AWPR Community Liaison Officer-North) and asked if the sign could be re-instated. A Devine was unhelpful in as much as he advised, that unless a photograph showing the missing sign in situ was produced, it would NOT be replaced. A Hendry thereafter contacted the Deputy Project Manager who was more helpful, in as much as he said he would investigate and revert to A Hendry in due course. A Hendry will continue to pursue this matter.

- Other matters concerning AWPR eg. pathways, signage etc, D Watson tried on numerous occasions to contact A Devine by telephone. Eventually D Watson managed to speak with A Devine, who was rather unruly towards D Watson, eventually a meeting was set up by A Devine to be at 12 noon Milden. D Watson waited 1.5 hours and phoning several times, A Devine did not turn up for the meeting. D Watson was to discuss and agree Milden access plans and Magnificent 7 pathway Old Road access.

A formal letter of complaint was sent to AWPR regarding his conduct..

- Discussion about the possibilities of a Health Centre in Balmedie that could be situated at the designated area (Arts & Tarts). Suggestions were made of how to have a survey for the community on this subject to see what percentage of the Community would be in favour or not.
Create a Website
Create a Facebook Page
Create a Survey Monkey
Advertise at the Coop and Pharmacy
Addition to the Banter
It was unanimously agreed that A Hendry would take this issue on.
Discussion to be continued at the next BCC meeting
- Aberdeenshire Council have a vote on Thursday 21/06/18. The vote is for Christmas Light Groups to pay the electricity bill for the lights. BCC will await the outcome of the vote.

Meeting closed 21:46

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 16th July, 2018

At 7:15pm White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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