



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 20th August 2018 @ WHITE HORSE INN.

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

Members Present: D Watson, D Wallace, R Miller, A McIntyre J Fletcher
E Phipps, D Robertson, I Downie

Apologies: C Murray, D McKendrick, H Foxen, A Hendry

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Jim Gifford, Paul Johnston

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, Karen Adams

Visitors: E Booth, N Brown (Blackdog), G Jones & N Ghazi (Vattenfall), C Wood,
G Middleton

1. Introduction of Attendees& Welcome to Visitors

- 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.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest to Agenda items

- No Conflicts of interest reported

3. Co-Opting of New Member

- Graham Middleton (E.R. No. 2087)
- Proposer: David Wallace (E.R. No. 1315)
- Seconder: A McIntyre (E.R.No. 1303)

4. Police Matters / Report

- No Police presence, awaiting report from Police

5. Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project Presentation (Vattenfall)

- All data is working through the SKADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system in Holland
- Offshore, one turbine to complete the 240 hour testing.
- Landscaping and shroud planting ongoing
- Closure of the project is expected by end of September or October latest, there will then be no presence at Blackdog, the operations and maintenance team will be based at Aberdeen Harbour
- A Decision Panel to manage the Community Benefit Scheme has been selected by Vattenfall.
- A Hendry (BCC) was not elected to the Decision Panel
- Friday 7th September Vattenfall will put on a fireworks display which may be viewed from the beach
- Chairman to contact BCT about availability of Sandy Bothy.

6. Discussion with Oliver Leeming (AC's Parks & Landscaping Service Convener)

- Oliver Leeming did not attend the BCC Meeting, Unfortunately no apology received

7. Preparation Of BCC Constitution (in alignment to the new S.o.E.)

- D Watson checked the new document 01/04/2018 Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and gave a report to all members present. The recommendations made in the document are included in the 'Model Constitution' which is a far better guidance for Community Councils to work with. The Chair asked all members to check the new 'Model Constitution' for adoption at our Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 17th September 2018 at 07:00 pm. and give their comments.

8. Comments / Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, one small comment was given and inserted. They were then proposed for approval by E Phipps and seconded by D Watson.

9. Matters Arising from the Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Chairman has been told by Formartine Area Manager that we may increase the BCC members from 13 to 16. (15 requested by Chairman but was granted one extra)
- Balmedie Primary School capacity issue, I Downie received correspondence from Elaine Brown (Formartine Area Manager). Elaine confirms she has asked the Director of Education to identify someone to attend the BCC Meeting on 20th August 2018. No person from Education Department attended the meeting.
An email from Ms Brown arrived before 20th August meeting to explain the non-attendance, See New Correspondence.
- Safety issue involving AWPR, H Foxen reported the Old Quarry on Den Road, this has planning approval to be used as a scrap yard. H Foxen not present at the meeting to report.
- A Hendry has put ALL dates of BCC meetings up until June 2019 on BCC's Facebook Page as a monthly event.
- Following A. Hendry's recent attendance at the North Corridor Project's Health & Social Services meeting and his report back which referenced to the proposed Medical/Health Centre situated in Balmedie (bearing in mind the land is designated in the current local development plan for such a facility). Cllr. Gifford stated that NHS have shelved their plans of building such a facility in Balmedie, stating the lack of resources and funding as the main reasons. Whilst being extremely disappointed at this news the BCC now have significant concerns around what this designated land may be used for going forward, and have requested the FA Councillors present to keep the BCC informed of any developments in relation to this.
The land is owned by Aberdeenshire Council.

10. Treasurer's Report

1. Current bank balance to be confirmed once EP granted access. However, the estimated balance is £2,831 based on transfer value and cheque audit trail (doesn't take account of any online transactions)
2. Bank of Scotland signatory mandate form has been returned – as D Watson is to remain as a signatory need to include his details and countersign.
3. Village Tidy PT1 cheques have been issued totalling £1,250.
4. D Wallace has been reimbursed £159.99 for new projector.

We now have an Excel rolling forecast cashbook to be updated monthly. This can be used to build in all future funding requests/outgoings and anticipate when we need to apply for more funds.

11. Planning Report

Report emailed by I Downie.

- Five Applications were made, three extensions, one change of use, and one for the erection of stables and hay store. No comments on all.
- Applications Determined, four proposals, three approved and one withdrawn.

12. Landfill Tax Projects:

The wildflower areas have not done well due to the drought this summer as reported at BCC's July meeting. Graeme Webster (Contractor) of Team Niblick has invited 'Tiller Turf' the turf and seed supplier to come and inspect the sites to give their advice on work required to bring the sites up to a proper condition for 2019.

Graeme Webster is in the process of completing Bills of Quantity for Balmedie Leisure Centre projects. Test digs are required for the construction of a full size football pitch and 2 x 7 aside pitches along with a wider access road to accommodate the transportation of grass cutting equipment and first aid vehicles. Costings will be included for a perimeter fence to stop access for dog walkers and damage to grass areas by bicycles and motorbikes.

13. GreenField Projects:

An invitation was given and accepted by Aberdeenshire Council Landscape Services to come and discuss issues regarding the upkeep of our local parks and football pitches. Unfortunately, no representative turned up giving no forward apologies.

D Watson will write to the head of Landscape Services again with concerns that some of the issues are 4 – 5 years old and are now of a Health and Safety hazard.

Bulb Allocation for Settlements

Landscape Services have made available up to £200 of bulbs for settlements to plant over the winter for Balmedie, Belhelvie, Blackdog and Potterton. The list of bulbs to be chosen by the various groups has been sent out and an order to be received to the Ellon Area Office by 10th September.

- **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 Vice Chairman on 01651-328263.**

14. External Meetings

1. A report was given by A McIntyre who attended the BCT meeting on Monday 25th June at the White Horse Inn with J Fletcher.
 - Sensory Garden application for £1000.00 was rejected by the Formartine Partnership.
 - Sandy Bothy calendars will be available from August priced at £8.00.
 - Sandy Bothy takings during a good summer were £600-700 per week.
 - August 18th Puppets and Picnics
 - Beach Ballistics 4-5th August 2018
 - September NEOS in Sandy Bothy 8-9th and 12-16th September
 - Beach Wheelchair, trial run went well, funding in place for 4 wheelchairs.
 - Wheelchairs, use Phone number **0786 4350 989** for bookings only.
 - Congregational Church Sale 28th July 2018
 - Better Balmedie Container now moved from Congregational Church to Mushroom Farm.
 - Christmas Tree for Balmedie, sustainable tree proposed which would be 8 feet when planted growing to a maximum of 14 feet.
- **Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings**
 - BCT Meeting, no meeting in August
 - Formartine Area Partnership Community Planning Meeting, D Wallace, G Middleton to attend
 - Bus Forum, August, A Hendry

- Balmedie Country Park Meeting, 5th September, J Fletcher & D Wallace
- If there is a Potterton Meeting it will be attended by D Watson
- Blackdog Residents Association (BRA) meetings, discussion to send a BCC representative to their next meeting, date to be advised.

15. New Correspondence (main points)

- Note from Elaine Brown
The Education and Children's Service confirming that they intend carrying out further engagement with local Members. There is no additional information to share in addition to that already provided, it is felt that rather than have an officer attending the meeting on Monday, there will be opportunities for discussion in the future.

Reply from I Downie on behalf of BCC to Elaine Brown

- Concerned about the issue of primary school provision in the Balmedie Primary School catchment area. With so many major residential developments, and Trump International looking to build 500 new homes, this is an acute problem as the existing school simply cannot continue to be considered capable of accommodating the pupil product.

NB Elaine Brown stated at the recent CC Forum Meeting that the BCC Chairman attended, that a meeting with AC and the Education Department will address the concerns raised.

16. Any Other Business

- E Phipps will now monitor BCC's e-mail box to which he and the office bearers will have access. NB the Password has been changed.
- C. Wood will set up a website for BCC, a meeting will be held to see what kind of detail we would like on the site
- Following a request by two BCC members that two emails that were sent by C Murray were not seen to be within the code of the BCC constitution, Christine was not in attendance to answer the comments. Chairman will ask C Murray to attend the BCC meeting on 17th September 2018, so that she may comment the emails.
- D Watson reported that the notice board at the Library had still not been cleaned and the information posted proved difficult to read.
- A McIntyre and D Wallace will check all notice boards to attain what type of maintenance will be required.

Meeting closed 22:05

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 15th October, 2018

At 7:30pm (After EGM is concluded) White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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