



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 17th September 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, A Hendry, H Foxen

Apologies: C Murray, D McKendrick, I Downie, G Middleton

Formartine Area Councillors Present:, Paul Johnston

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, Karen Adams, Jim Gifford

Visitors: E Booth, N Brown (Blackdog), N Ghazi (Vattenfall),,
Mark Brown, Graham Wintour (Balmedie Resident),
Tim Whyte (Brethren Church)

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

- Mark Brown (Whitecairns) (E.R. No. 1079)
- Proposer: Ross Strachan (Chessed, Whitecairns E.R. No. 1095)
- Secunder: Debbie Stephen (Dykeside, Whitecairns E.R.No. 1128)

4. Police Matters / Report

- No Police presence, Police report (On the Beat with Sgt Sawers) received and read out to members.
August was a busy month mostly for misuse of drugs, cannabis and heroin, also traffic offences with various persons speeding 73mph in 40mph zone, 89mph in 60mph zone and 96mph in 70mph zone.
There were also some break ins and thefts reported. E Crime (electronic crime) was also mentioned and this type of fraud may be committed by telephone, email, or mail. Police advice here is:
Pause. Think. Ask/Research
All BCC members have been given the full report electronically.

5. Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project Presentation (Vattenfall)

- System will be fully operational by the end of October.
- Substation still testing with National grid
- The main access road in Blackdog should be completed within two weeks
- Footpath to the beach by November
- Commissioning drainage

- Meeting to be set up with Blackdog Residents Group about Community Funding

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. They were then proposed for approval by D Watson and seconded by A McIntyre.

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

- Decision to continue with a survey on the proposed medical/Health facility on BCC Facebook page.
- Relating to the land that is owned by Aberdeenshire Council (previously Arts and Tarts), Cllr Johnston was at a recent meeting and reported this land is up for sale, no one within BCC has been notified of this.

8. Treasurer's Report

- E Phipps signatory access issues ongoing:
BoS originally issued the incorrect form, requested a meeting with the BoS branch manager 6th September. BM subsequently identified the correct Mandate Variation Request Form and completed online in the branch.
New Mandate Variation Request has been signed by D Wallace and D Watson and returned to BoS on 13th September.
- As an existing signatory D Wallace has obtained year to date paper statements:
Current balance = £2831.00
No movement since account opening in April
- Online banking to follow- awaiting mandate variation process to be completed
- D Wallace to be reimbursed £30.00 for HDMI cable and gift to Janitor

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.

9. Planning Report

Usual planning report by I Downie was not available due to I Downie's ill health. An e mail was received from I Downie about the TIGLS application. This was briefly discussed and unanimously agreed to apply for a 21 day extension to consider the BCC recommendation for the application. A meeting has been set for 3rd October 2018 at the White Horse Inn.

10. Landfill Tax Projects:

BCT received a response from EB Scotland regarding the application for funds for the Sensory Garden at the Magnificent 7. Around 50% of the required funding was awarded being £25,000. It has been suggested that the project now be constructed in 2 phases, and to be discussed further at the next BCT meeting on 24th September.

A future application for funding by the Leisure Centre for 2 additional football pitches is ongoing. Costs are being obtained to fence off the whole football area to prevent dog fouling and damage from motor cycles.

11. GreenField Projects:

The annual flower list has been sent out to the appointed persons of the settlements of Balmedie, Belhelvie, Potterton, Whitecairns and Blackdog. Aberdeenshire Council have requested orders to be returned to Landscape Services by 30th 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.**

12. External Meetings

- **BCT Meeting** No meeting in August
- **Balmedie Country Park Meeting**, 5th September, J Fletcher & D Wallace
Potential tree improvements in south of country Park, not completed
Repairs to the boardwalks are ongoing
Toilets at the main car park are cleaned and functioning.
Consideration given to implementing a scheme similar to the Newburgh Green Dog Walkers.
At present it is very difficult for an ambulance in the case of emergency, to get access to the football pitches as the path is not wide enough, possible widening of the path to allow this.
Investigate the possibility of lighting at areas of the country park including sports pitches, car park / sandy bothy area with solar powered system.
- **AC Community Council Forum Meeting** attended by D Wallace, nothing to report
- **AC Community Services Planning Meeting** attended by D Wallace and G Middleton, nothing to report apart from a presentation and paper hand out on child poverty. The handout is with D Wallace.
- **Vattenfall Fireworks Display** A McIntyre gave a report on the end of season event that took place to coincide with the Vattenfall Fireworks Display. A good crowd turned out on a pleasant evening, the donation from Vattenfall was used to buy snacks these were distributed on the evening and a free raffle was set up for the gifts donated. Only negatives were the fireworks were set off 15 minutes earlier than scheduled and were a long way from Balmedie which meant they didn't afford the spectacle most people had hoped for.
- **Potterton Meeting** H Foxen gave a report on the she attended on 10th September 2018
Two solar lights purchased to light the upgraded path in the village centre, installation by volunteers on 6th October 2018, with hopefully proprietary weedkiller completed at the same time.
Village Landscape, O Deeming has agreed to plant trees in front of the main garden and also in the Community Centre.
The Stead inn began serving food today.
The pop-up café location has changed to the Stead Inn.
Events Planned: Staus Quo/Bash Street Kids on 21st September 2018, Family Halloween Fancy Dress Disco 20th October 2018.
Local Area Issues: Discussed Pelican Crossing on B999, Planning, Castleglen having purchased an extensive area of land and would like the view of the residents of Potterton regarding their intention to build houses a shop and school.
Winter Snow Wardens, group members are reluctant to take this responsibility due to insurance and liability claims.
Proposed Health Centre in Balmedie, is no longer an option but it seemed there was a lack of information and questionnaire was not available locally. (ref. any other business, item 5)
Community Groups: Craft group established, fortnightly meetings, Indoor bowling at Potterton CC on Thursdays 2:30-4:00pm, starts October 4th 2018. Waking Group (Potterton Ramblers) gather 17th September at Fyvie.
- **Bus Forum** August, no one attended (A Hendry on holiday)

Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BCT Meeting, next meeting on 26th November (now bi-monthly) J Fletcher to attend
- Formartine Area Partnership Community Planning Meeting, D Wallace to attend
- Bus Forum, A Hendry
- If there is a Potterton Meeting it will be attended by D Watson or H Foxen
- Blackdog Residents Association (BRA) meetings, date and person to be advised.

13. New Correspondence (main points)

- An e mail was received by D Watson from Paul Collier from Belhelvie regarding his disappointment with the Wildflower area in Belhelvie. D Watson responded that remedial work is in place for the coming 2019 season.
- An e mail was received by D Wallace from Tineke Wintour about the unsafe crossing of Eigie Road at the crossing islands.

A Hendry to contact Aberdeenshire Council re safer routes to school in Balmedie (Crossing or Crossing Patroller)

- An email from AC advising Road Safety Week from 19th – 25th November, this a chance to engage the community, launch campaigns, and work towards safer streets using free resources from Brake,
Go to www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/action-pack
Visit www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk
Email roadsafetyweek@brake.org.uk
Tweet [#RoadSafetyWeek](https://twitter.com/RoadSafetyWeek)
Or ring [01484 55 99 09](tel:01484559909)

14. Any Other Business

- Previous BCC Website, it was reported by A Hendry that BT has had a fault and the site has been live for 6 years, BT have agreed not to charge for this time.
A new site has been created and A Hendry at present is paying the cost of £8.00/month.
A meeting will be held with Dan and Carlyne Wood to see what kind of detail we would like on the new BCC web site.
- C Murray did not attend the BCC meeting on 17th September 2018, to allow her to comment on previous emails.
- A proposal was presented that the Janitor at Balmedie School should be given a token of BCC's gratitude for his after-hours service during our meetings there.
Proposer: D Wallace
Secunder: E Phipps
- D Wallace and A McIntyre reported that the Library notice board has been cleaned, Belhelvie board is in a bad state and requires repairing, Co-op board is in good condition and Blackdog board requires attention. I Muirdon will be asked to assess the repairs required.
- J Fletcher tried to get on the North Corridor website to print out copies of the questionnaire for the Potterton Community, unfortunately the site has been closed down.
A Hendry will pursue a new survey questionnaire (Survey Monkey) re-Health Centre in the near future via BCC facebook page.
- A Hendry to contact Stagecoach re possibility of bus route through Blackdog and possibility of the new 747 service serving Balmedie on route northwards and southwards. Also, ascertain what buses travelling northwards and southwards will serve the new bus stops on the slip roads at the Grade Separated junction at Blackdog.
- A Hendry to contact Aberdeenshire Council with a view to finding and forming a shorter route from Blackdog settlement to/from the new bus stops situated on the slip roads as the current route is extremely long.
- A Hendry to chase up the Brown Tourist sign on behalf of the Whitehorse Inn/Hotel
- A Hendry to contact Aberdeenshire Council (Roads Department) regarding unfinished footpath at the south end of Old Aberdeen Road, beside bus stop.
- A Hendry to insert note on BCC Facebook Page re cut-off date (21st September) re bus service consultation.

Meeting closed 22:10

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 19th November, 2018

At 7:30pm [White Horse Inn](#) - Visitors Welcome

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