



# **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> October 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, J Fletcher, I Downie  
E Phipps, D Robertson, G Middleton, M Brown, D McKendrick

**Apologies:** H Foxen, A McIntyre, A Hendry

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** Paul Johnston

**Apologies;** Andrew Hassan, Karen Adams, J Gifford

**Visitors: None**

### **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. Chairman' Remarks**

- Chairman reported that BCC member Christine Murray has resigned from BCC.

### **3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items**

- No Conflicts of interest reported

### **4. Police Matters / Report (main points)**

On The Beat with Sgt Sawyers

- 6<sup>th</sup> October, Police found a 36 year old male in possession of cannabis at Toll O'Birness.
- 9<sup>th</sup> October a 17 year old was found in Balmedie with cannabis.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October an 18 year old male was found with a small amount of cannabis in Ellon
- Also 18<sup>th</sup> October a 26 year old male was found to be in possession of cannabis in Ellon

Road Traffic

- 2 persons were charged with using a hand held mobile while driving
- 3 persons charged with failing to wear a seat belt while driving
- 4 persons were charged with not having an MOT on their vehicle

Appeals

- Between about 0900 hours on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and 0600 hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> October a quantity of Astro turf rolls have been stolen from a property in Whitecairns.
- Between 0830 hours and 1330 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> October there was a red Fitbike BMX push bike was stolen from outside a property on Criagpark Circle, Ellon.
- About 0800 hours on the 11<sup>th</sup> October there was an accident at the Toll O'Birness whereby a white Mercedes Sprinter was involved in a road traffic collision, however failed to stop or report this accident.

- About 2345 hours on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, on the B999 near Pitmedden, whilst on mobile patrol, Police came across a red Volkswagen Polo which after a short interaction with Police drove off and failed to stop for Police when required to do so.
- The Ellon area has Police staff 24hours a day but the Ellon public office may only be open between 9am and 5pm during weekdays

#### On Line Scams

- I recently added a section to the paper about Scams to do with companies cold calling victims in a bid to panic them into paying fines or similar with gift cards which is obviously a scam and should never be done.
- Another way which has been well publicised is On Line Scams where victims are duped into transferring money or trying to access bank accounts via fraudulent means.
- No bank or business should ever call you asking for money, account details, passwords etc. If you are unsure then call the Business direct or go in past a show or branch. Never accept to pay money over the phone unless you can verify who it is.

#### Remember Remember

- Trick or treat or Fireworks displays, ensure children are kept safe, adults should accompany younger children.
- Police recommend attending planned events
- If having a display at home, remember and follow the safety instructions on the packaging.

NB If you would like to report anything to the police, use either the non-emergency number 101 or via [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk). If you wish to remain anonymous then use Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Please follow us on Twitter@ShireNpol for local policing updates

#### **5. Aberdeen Bay Windfarm Project Presentation (Vattenfall)**

- No report given, email from BD resident saying that Vattenfall have not completed what they had promised.  
BCC to discuss.

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. They were then proposed for approval by R Miller and seconded by A Robertson.

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

- Report of a ladder being placed on the barriers of the A90 at Blackdog enabling people to climb over and walk across the dual carriage, this is deemed a very dangerous
- Buses coming into Balmedie village are stopping at the first bus stop, either for a break or for timing, this is not a good practise as it blocks the road and in busy times could cause accidents.

A Hendry will be dealing with these incidents and will report back to BCC.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report**

- Activity Update
  1. £1250 earmarked for Village Tidy second payment
  2. E Phipps signatory access issues resolved  
BoS confirmed 9<sup>th</sup> October that all signatures have been scanned into their system.  
Banking registered address updated to E Phipps address  
Form awaiting final review
  3. Online banking to follow, awaiting mandate variation process to be completed
  4. A McIntyre to be reimbursed for the £100.57 used for Vattenfall Fireworks Display

#### **9. Planning Report**

Report given by I Downie

- Eight applications for erection of dwelling houses
  - One application for garage/ summerhouse
  - One modification application
  - One alteration application
- All have no local interest, and have no comment for recommendations.

For applications determined:

- Four Alterations and extensions
  - One Dwelling house and garage
  - One haystore and stable block
  - One conversion of garage to holiday accommodation
  - One CoU from agricultural to storage distribution
  - One Display of signage
- All approved

NB Presentation date for TGIS will be 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, this will entail a site visit then a presentation at Ellon Academy.

#### 10. Landfill Tax Projects: Reports given by D Watson

D Watson was asked by Alan Jeffrey (BCT) to contact the 3 contractors who quoted for the Sensory Garden Project to request to the value of £25,000 of work to a suggested BCT specification. I have contacted all 3 contractors who have until 23<sup>rd</sup> October to put forward their new quotes.

The Leisure Centre are to lodge 2 – 3 applications this coming week to EB Scotland for the 2 additional football pitches, reconstruction of access road, car park, kids play area at rear of Leisure Centre including a fitness suite.

Paul McKeown, Belhelvie Church Minister has asked and been sent a current Landfill Tax application form to apply for funding to build an annex at Forsyth Hall.

#### 11. GreenField Projects:

A representative from Tillers Turf met with Graeme Webster and Alan Hendry on site at the wildflower areas. Recommendations were given to progress the sites at the Magnificent 7, Belhelvie and Potterton for the coming 2019 season. It was agreed that the poor performance for the wildflower areas was due to the summer drought conditions.

Thanks go to A Hendry for attending the meeting in D Watson's absence.

An e mail regarding Greenfield Projects issues was sent to landscape Services for a response

- **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

No external meetings

#### 13. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- 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 group emailed to find out when they plan their next meeting, G Middleton will attend
- Next BCT meeting J Fletcher/ Ewan Phipps

#### 14. New Correspondence (main points)

Awaiting any mails sent

#### 15. Any Other Business

- The Janitor at Balmedie School Mr Simpson was given a bottle of whiskey as token of BCC's gratitude for his after-hours service during our previous meetings there.
- Notice boards will now be looked after by the following, Potterton H Foxen, Balmedie D Wallace & A McIntyre, Belhevie & Blackdog G Middleton, White Cairns M Brown.
- Westerhatton landfill, not much activity at present, started infilling
- **All Below on hold as A Hendry was ill and did not to attend the BCC meeting this evening.**
- 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 (21<sup>st</sup> September) re bus service consultation.

Meeting closed 21:10

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

**At 7:30pm **White Horse Inn** - Visitors Welcome**

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