



# **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 @ WHITE HORSE INN.**

**Chair:** David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** David Watson; **Treasurer :** Ewan Phipps  
**Secretary:** John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** I Downie

**Members Present:** D Wallace, D McKendrick, R Miller, J Fletcher, D Robertson,  
G Middleton, H Foxen,

**Apologies:** E Phipps, A McIntyre, D Watson, A Hendry

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** None

**Apologies;** Andrew Hassan, J Gifford, Paul Johnston

**Visitors:** Ryan Urquhart (Baxter Design, Whitecairns Development), Carlyne Wood,  
Dan Wood, N Ghazi (Vattenfall)

### **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**

- D Wood has now fixed the Chairman's computer so hopefully all emails containing attachments will be able to be opened successfully.

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

- No conflicts of interest reported.

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

- No Police Report. A Robertson reported parking problem with buses, A Hendry to pursue.

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)**

- N Ghazi present from Vattenfall Group, reported that the Fishing Station being re-instated.

The Vattenfall Fund was launched on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Foundation Scotland who have been appointed as the fund administrator and there have been drop-in sessions around the City and Shire. 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 is the closing date for the fund applications.

### **6. Whitecairns Housing Development Presentation (Ryan Urquhart-Baxter Design Presentaion)**

- R Urquhart gave a presentation on a potential development at Whitecairns, the developers are proposing between 30-50 homes. There are some concerns about this development due to Water, drainage, and schooling.

## **7. BCC Website Development Update (Carolynne & Dan Wood)**

Website ready for viewing, members to view for themselves and report any questions to Carolynne or Dan Wood they have or any comments to make the website better or anything that needs to be added.

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, date and time to be changed for next meeting. They were then proposed for approval by H Foxen and seconded by M Brown.

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

- AC are reviewing a safe footpath for the Blackdog residents to bus stops, BD elderly residents are now walking south to get the bus. (A Hendry)
- **Ongoing**
- Tourist Sign, new sign now back in place. (A Hendry)
- **Whitehorse in administration**
- 747 Service, route through Balmedie is under review at present, waiting until the AWPR has been opened. (A Hendry)
- **747 Service Peterhead to Montrose via Dyce is currently serving Balmedie although unable to establish if this is permanent, although suspect it will be**
- AWPR raised drains are ready to be tarred (A Hendry)
- **Footpath beside the bus stop at south end of Old Aberdeen Road now completed (long haul), street lighting also installed at this location**
- Contact Police Scotland regarding accurate specific reporting for BCC area has been resolved (A Hendry)
- **Sent all BCC meeting dates for 2019 to Sgt Scott MacKay and advised that we would be pleased to see him and or one of his officers at our monthly meetings, duties permitting**
- Stagecoach Timing Points in Balmedie, these will be mentioned in the timetables, the timetables have not been sent to A Hendry yet, he will write again. **Mnmn**
- **A Hendry has not chased this up yet**
- Safe Routes to school, A Hendry contacted the Education Department, Friends of Balmedie School (FOBS) are also dealing with this matter, BCC members suggested around the table meeting as a way forward.
- **A Hendry is happy to attend a round the table meeting with those mentioned above when arranged.**
- D Wallace sent two emails to Helen Godfrey (FOBS) and has received no reply as yet.
- **Still awaiting a reply**

## **10. Treasurer's Report**

### **January Activity**

- Dan Wood reimbursed £50 for laptop repair.
- Village Tidy PT2 cheques made out £1250, not yet cashed.
- February marks the end of our financial year 2018/19, therefore accounts will need to be prepared and reviewed by independent examiner, this will be a straightforward exercise and I have already identified someone locally to act as independent examiner, so no issues anticipated here.

### **New Funding**

- You will recall prior to Xmas I blasted out a generic letter to various funding bodies requesting funding for BCC, to cover day to day financial support. I have had some responses trickle in and have some follow up actions noted in red below:
- Mary Salmond Trust – does not support applicants which require funding to remain solvent. Application closed.
- Weir Charitable Trust – does not support community councils. Application closed.

- Aberdeen Airport Community Trust – Application form and guidance to be completed and resubmitted, deadline 16 March 2019. To submit application for our various greenfield projects.
- Awards For All Scotland and Community Assets Grant Fund – do not specifically provide funding to community councils, but will consider funding for specific activities/projects that meet certain criteria. To submit application for our various greenfield projects.
- Health Improvement fund – no longer have access to health improvement funding, suggested we contact Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action. Forwarded email template to Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action today, awaiting response.

### **Existing Funding**

- I will email AC this week to ascertain timing of the annual fixed grant and see if they can accelerate our payment for 2019/20.

## **11. Planning Report**

Report given by I Downie

- Five Applications lodged with no interest to local interest and no recommendations
- Proposal of Application notice for 500 dwelling houses (incl. 125 affordable houses), Primary School and Playing Field, Landscaping, Employment, Leisure, Retail Units, and infrastructure at Mildren, West Balmedie. Public meeting to be held in the Palomino Lounge 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm, all residents are invited.
- Three Applications Determined and all approved
- Update on TIGLs Application at Menie  
The previously anticipated consideration of the application by Formartine Area Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 has not materialised. The roads authority has requested further information regarding the traffic impact from the whole development presumably to assess whether the proposed access arrangements from the old A90(T) are adequate. The housing service has requested a commuted sum of £800,000 in lieu of the provision of affordable housing 'on site' for the first phase of the development with further payments totalling £4,200,000 required for the balance of the development. These contributions are to be secured by a Section 75 Agreement.
- SNH and SEPA have also requested additional information. NHS Grampian has confirmed there is no plan to establish a new Health Practice at Balmedie and the Menie scheme will fall into the catchment of the Ellon Health Practice.
- Flood Risk and Coastal Protection require conditions to be annexed to any 'in principle consent' requiring the submission of a substantial amount of additional information for consideration and approval before any development commences on site.

## **12. Landfill Tax Projects:** (13 & 14 Reports given by D Watson)

- D Watson and Euan Phipps will meet with the appointed professional fundraiser in mid February. An assessment of funding for all future projects has been made by the fundraiser, he will have completed work on his existing projects by mid February.

SENSORY GARDEN PHASE 2

- EB Scotland have advised Rosie Nicol they will support an application for funding for phase 2. The application not to be lodged until June 2019. BCT are contemplating additional work to the area.

## **13. GreenField Projects:**

- The 5 aside goal posts at the Belhelvie Pitch are now in place. Turf repairs having been done by Landscape Services
- **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 Meeting Report Back**

No meetings

#### **15. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings**

- BCT Meeting, J Fletcher and A McIntyre
- Balmedie Leisure Centre, M Brown and D Wallace
- Black Dog Residents Association, meeting dates have not been advised  
D Wallace received email from S Wikinson saying that there is an AGM shortly.

#### **16. New Correspondence** (main points)

- Bus to Ellon for the Ellon Secondary School pupils used to depart Balmedie at 08:00 it now for some reason departs at 07:30, A Hendry will pursue.
- E mail from Daniel Harrington (head of planning at NORR), looking to hold a public meeting for the Elgie Farm Development, he would like to present to the BCC on our next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. D Wallace to include this in our Agenda for this date.

#### **17. Any Other Business**

- J Fletcher to email Alison Campbell about the possibility of letting Balmedie Primary School for future BCC meetings.

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

- Tourist Route Sign, BCC members suggested that a sign should be placed before Balmedie to aid businesses within Balmedie and the Old Road.
- Access road to Blackdog, AWPR
- Gritting sand boxes for this road, AWPR

Meeting closed 21:55

**Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 18th March, 2019**

**At 7:00pm **White Horse Inn** - Visitors Welcome**

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