



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING – 18th March 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, J Fletcher, D Robertson, G Middleton, A Hendry
D McKendrick, A McIntyre, I Downie, E Phipps, R Miller,
Carolyne Wood

Apologies: H Foxen, M Brown, D Watson

Formartine Area Councillors Present: J Gifford

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, Paul Johnston

Visitors: Dan Wood, Megan McDonald (Police)

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's Opening Remarks

- Chairman reiterated his reasoning for making the late changes to the Agenda and urged all members to enter into tonight's discussions in a constructive manner where everyone's views are heard and respected. He added where we have differences of opinion the collective view will be agreed democratically.
- Chairman also confirmed that any reference to the Main Issues Report being discussed at the February meeting had been omitted from the draft minutes as the discussion could not be ratified by the majority of members present at that meeting.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No conflicts of interest reported.

4. Police Matters / Report (main points)

- One Police Officer present, PC Megan McDonald who gave us details of actions in response to matters raised at the previous meeting, and read over the report received from the Police.

I am aware of ongoing issues regarding speeding in the village of Balmedie and in particular the new road in from the north side leading onto Old Aberdeen Road.

I can report that I have spoken to Aberdeenshire Roads Department and have agreed to carry out a speed survey at various locations to gauge the extent of the issue within the village.

In the meantime, whilst awaiting results, I can report that Officers from the Formartine Policing Team will be carry out speed checks within Balmedie in order to educate/enforce the speed limits. BBC asked if it was OK to publish the Police reports on the web-site, she replied that it should not be an issue but would check and report back to BCC.

A Hendry on behalf of BCC reported he had filled out the online questionnaire.

There were a number of questions put to PC McDonald why there was limited feed back from our area, the vandalism of the wheelchair Hut, and the beach toilets, also the Missing person found on the beach.

She reported that the latter was an isolated incident and nothing for the residents to worry about.

PC McDonald took details of these incidents and said she would chase them up. The matter was also raised about Solar Powered Speeding Signs that the Council Roads Department would not let the surrounding villages erect. PC McDonald offered to speak to the Police Traffic Department to see if they can help. She also reported that the new Community Policing Officer in the Formartine Area will be PC Douglas Donald.

NB If you would like to report anything to the police, use either the non-emergency number 101 or via 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. AC's Main Issue Report & Organising BCC Response

There was a very indepth discussion about the MIR and the BCC response will be decided after a meeting on Tuesday 26th March where I Downie will present his reports on all the bid sites and BCC will comment on the reports.

Ian's reports will be sent to all BCC members on Monday 25th March.

6. BCC Website Development Update (Carolyn & Dan Wood)

Report item	February
Website Users	64
Using mobile	51.3%
Using desk top	43.5%
Using tablet	5.2%
Top page (1)	Home
Top page (2)	News
Top page (3)	Next meeting
Facebook followers	150
Facebook best post	Planning meeting by NORR event
Facebook best post reach	1,168

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a small amendment required. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by C Wood.

8. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion tabled by Alex that the BCC should be willing to accommodate all future requests from developers/constructors/project leaders to present their plans to the Council. Each request would be considered by the BCC Council at a regular monthly meeting on a request by request basis before agreeing /disagreeing to the request to present at the following monthly meeting or a separately organised meeting where appropriate. The motion was carried unopposed.
- 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) [there is a suggestion that the path could be at the back of the fence at the end of Hareburn Terrace](#)
- Stagecoach Timing Points in Balmedie, these will be mentioned in the timetables, the timetables have not been sent to A Hendry yet, [timetables have been sent but there will be further changes shortly](#)
- Tourist Route Sign, BCC members suggested that a sign should be placed before Balmedie to aid businesses within Balmedie and the Old Road, [sign to left where it is](#)
- Gritting sand boxes for this road, [AWPR too late for sand this year](#)
- 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. Ongoing](#)

9. Treasurer's Report

March Activity

- D Robertson has been reimbursed £20 for the projector screen

- D Wallace has been reimbursed 59.99 for Microsoft Office 365 costs
 - 2018/19 Accounts prepared, to be signed by the Treasurer, Chairman and independent Examiner
- Funding**
- 2018/19 Community Council grant was never received, a signed copy of the signed accounts and a copy of the signed minute approving them. E Phipps will complete.
 - Vattenfall application for speed signs submitted, Helen Godfrey FOBS to provide a letter of support
 - Vattenfall application for the Belhelvie Hall – requires information from R Miller ASAP
 - Aberdeen Airport Trust application for speed signs submitted
 - Leisure Centre fundraising update

10. Planning Report

I Downie, nothing to report on planning

TTIGLs struggling to get information for SEPA

11. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects: (D Watson)

Funding for Landfill and Greenfield Projects

Present: Graeme Webster, Alan Still, David Watson and Ewan Phipps - from 14.00 - 16.15

A meeting was held on Friday 15th March 2019 with Bill Murray, Graeme Webster, Alan Still and Shona Buchan. Discussion was regarding Leisure Centre Projects.
e mail from Bill Murray with attached project wish list.

17.03.2019 - All projects were looked at and discussed. Alan Still put forward fresh ideas on what can be done c/o projects he has completed in the past.

It was discussed to have a 'Bill of Quantity' prepared in the next few weeks for the Magnificent 7 woodland project and have it funded by landfill tax. BCT to be involved, to be asked for the 10% contribution ? D Watson also to ask EB Scotland if this can be paid for work done in kind and also to ask EB Scotland if they can ask Taylor's if the 10% contribution be deleted ?

Pond at Mag 7 to be cut back and proper safety fencing erected or pond filled up and landscaped - 6 dog bins to be installed, pathway logging to continue from sensory garden down to new path at Old Road.

BCT have been asked for their view on planting at the woodland project and choice of bulb planting at Wildflower areas. Community service persons to assist with planting.

Carer tandem bikes to be made available to transport disabled persons through the sensory garden to Old Road. Upgrade Mag 7 that it would be a spring / summer visitor centre.

Leisure Centre project, football pitches, changing rooms and parking - funding to be obtained from other sources. Over the next 2 - 4 weeks once all construction costs are obtained, applications for funding can be made.

Alan Still would require a start off fee of £1,000 - BCC members to be asked for approval to loan the start off fee and to be repaid under expenses.

Completion of project would be over a 2 year period. Amount of funding required - around £250,000.

NB A Hendry proposed that BCC lend £1000 for payment to Alan Still with the clear understanding that the amount will be paid back to BCC. Seconder J Fletcher

- **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 Meeting Report Back

- **Potterton Community Group. Balmedie Country Park Meeting**
Meeting 18th March 2019. H Foxen in attendance, report for next month BCC meeting
- **Blackdog Residents Association BRA (G Middleton)**
Nothing of interest to report
- **Budget Participation Workshop 9th March 2019 (C Wood)**
Situation there will be 1% of Council budgets to be spend according to the Community requirements (TBC by Aberdeenshire Council if this is % of total budget or discretionary budget0

Attending: other Community Council - Ellon, Stonehaven, Udney, Turriff etc
And Council officers / Fortmartine officer

At the workshop there was:

- Discussion of Community Empowerment and what it means
- Discussion of participatory budgeting and how this could be organised
With Community Council help / what role for CCs

Other points of note

webpage/tool on Aberdeenshire Council website to help funding opportunities (C Wood needs to find this and circulate)

Other CC (Udney) facing issue with speed signs

13. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BRA G Middleton
- BCT, D Wallace and A McIntyre
- Bus Forum 6th June 2019 Oldmeldrum Academy 19:30 start. A Hendry may have to ask someone to attend in his place.

14. New Correspondence (main points)

- Email from M Brown asking for funding a Community Group, Jog Scotland Balmedie, the funding is to get a second qualified coach through a Jog Scotland coaching course and Hi-Viz jackets for the runners. E Phipps will run with this.

15. Any Other Business

- J Fletcher to email Alison Campbell (AC) about the possibility of letting Balmedie Primary School for future BCC meetings. The only day available is Thursday, Not discussed
- Cycling /Walking path from Balmedie to Blackdog has an impassable lake, D Wallace will email AWPR (Barry Beattie).

Meeting closed 22:10

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 18th April 2019

At 7:00pm White Horse Inn - Visitors Welcome

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