



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 20th May 2019 @ WHITE HORSE INN.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton

Members Present: D Wallace , D McKendrick, A. McIntyre, E Phipps, R Miller,
C Wood, M. Brown, D, Watson, H, Foxen

Apologies: J Fletcher, G. Middleton

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

Apologies; Andrew Hassan, Jim Gifford

Visitors: PC Lewis Ingram (Police Scotland), PC Emma Chalmers (Police Scotland)

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 apologised for the disruption of the meeting caused by the double booking of the White Horse Palomino Lounge and would investigate if this will be a problem going forward.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

- Chair confirmed that Community Council comments on the MIR Report relating Housing and Commercial development in the Parish had been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council and had been duly acknowledged.
- He also advised that he had received resignation letters from the Community Council from D, Watson, D. Robertson and A. Hendry.

3. BCC Elections & Forthcoming AGM

There are 16 vacancies on the BCC as all members have either served their full 3 year term or were co-opted on and have to stand for Election. Nomination forms need to be completed and returned by 27th May. Election due to take place on 10th June if Nominations exceed number of vacancies. The AGM is due to take place before the June monthly at 7.00pm on 17th June in Palomino Lounge (subject to confirmation)

4. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No conflicts of interest reported.

5. Police Matters / Report (main points)

PC Chalmers went over the police report which is in a new format. This report covers the Mid Formartine area (Police Ward 8). The chair thanked the officers for coming to the meeting to go over the report and reiterated that the Community Council are finding the new format much better.

Key points from the report: _

Community are requested to feed back to police any areas where they believe speeding is a particular problem. This will help focus the speeding initiative the police are about to undertake in the Formartine area Operation Illustrious is a year long initiative targeting speeding at sensitive areas within the

Formartine Area. This has been very successful and very often when stopped for speeding other more serious offences have been detected. The Community Council fed back areas of concern which have been identified with Potterton and Balmedie for the police to look at targeting.

Another initiative being driven by Police is called Operation Cedar which is a campaign against Anti-Social Driving Campaign. The police recently did a couple of high visibility visits outside Balmedie School where they commented that they did not encounter any Anti-Social Driving issues. It was hoped that this will continue even when no obvious police presence outside the school.

There were a couple of Domestic Assaults and a Drugs offence committed in Parish in the last month all in Balmedie.

6. BCC Website Development Update

Carolyn Wood gave an update on the Website usage over the last month. This saw 18 new users join up and 13 new people on Facebook page. This steady upward trend is encouraging. The most popular pages were (i) Potterton Road Closures, (ii) Bus Timetables

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

Carolyn also gave feedback on the Transport Survey which is attracting a great deal of interest within the communities within the parish. So far 92 surveys have been returned either electronically or on paper format. Survey is open until end of May. All forms will be collected on 1st May and Data will be run on 4th July for submission ahead of the Formartine Area Bus Forum on 6th June which will be attended by D. Wallace and A. McIntyre. At the moment concerns over timetabling is the biggest issue being raised in the feedback forms.

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

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted. They were then proposed for approval by C. Wood and seconded by M. Brown.

9. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes

- Cycle path between Balmedie and Blackdog still looks fine. Concern is that this may deteriorate in next heavy rain. To be monitored.
- Work has been completed on the path between Magnificent Seven Wood and Old Road and looks very good. The Chair has sent a thank you to the contractor involved for excellent work they did.
- The next target is to tidy up the path above the bus stop on Old Road. This is proposed to be carried out as a collaborative effort between Better Balmedie, BCT and the BCC. The Chair is liaising with the other groups on this piece of work.

10. Treasurer's Report

- £1k paid to Alan Still for BLC fundraising services
- Letter received from BLC confirming loan repayment to be made from first tranche of funding
- 2019 Community Council grant available post AGM and submission of accounts
- 2019 Village Tidy Fund – Belhelvie Parish has been allocated £2,500 split as follows:
 - Belhelvie £500
 - Blackdog £500
 - Potterton £500
 - Balmedie £1,000
- Proposal on how funds are to be spent must be submitted by 30th June, various other conditions attached.

11. Planning Report

G. Middleton was absent from the meeting.

The primary issue discussed was the planning application for a hot food takeaway.

This was discussed at length and the following response sent on unanimous agreement of the council:-

'Whilst we are fully supportive in the encouragement of new business setting up in our community and in this instance for an additional fast food outlet in the village of Balmedie we feel we must OBJECT to this particular application for the following reasons.

The location is simply inappropriate due to its extremely close proximity to existing housing. It also has 2 bus stops outside on either side of North Beach Road and the site has no suitable parking available to take-away customers which we feel would create serious safety concerns.'

Also discussed was planning approval of additional houses in Belhelvie which had not been advised to the Community Council. First Council were aware of this application was when approval was received.

12. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects: (E. Phipps)

Landfill Projects

- Balmedie Leisure Centre
- BLC funding meeting held on 18th April regarding 1st upgrade project (levelling out of areas; Gazebo; Slabbing; soft play area, fencing).
- Team Niblick(Graeme Webster) have prepared specification and Budget priced Bill of Quantities for all of the above (£50-60k in total).
- To get more definition around the Play area and potentially go for a separate application.
- Aim to have project complete by 3Q19.
- 90% of funding to be sourced from EB Scotland Landill Tax (Bill Murray has form complete).
- Alan Still to source the remaining 10% from 3rd party contributor, to approach AC regarding developer obligation money available to Balmedie.
- Barratts Scotland 2019 community fund – to offer corporate package in return for funding a larger project.
- Sportscotland funding of up to £100k available for large projects - Alan Still to meet with Grant Duncan at end of May.
- Meeting to be set up with AC Area Manager at the Leisure Centre to give project overview.
- BCC to host survey on Facebook page regarding Gym upgrade and user requirements/pricing, to assist with creation of Business plan.

- Sensory Garden Phase 2
- Graeme Webster has completed the specification and bill of quantities
- Rosie Nicol from BCT has completed an application for £25k this but cannot be submitted until June/July
- EB Scotland have already given a favourable response
- Rosie requested BCC members to assist where we can with day to day upkeep once complete (availability dependent)

Greenfield Projects

- Balmedie country Park
- BCT and landscape services currently managing most aspects of the country park
- New bins, BBQ's and benches have been installed at the beach area
- BCT have applied to Vatenfall for £15k to upgrade the toilet facilities at car park to a 'Changing Places' facility – if application unsuccessful to investigate whether this qualifies as a greenfield project

- 2. Landscape Services issues within Belhelvie:

- Wildflower area remedial work – to confirm with Tiler’s Turf if this work is still in plan for 2019
Potterton football pitch goalmouths – remedial work still outstanding
- Bulb Allocation – to confirm with Landscape Services if funding available for bulb planting over winter and associated deadline
- Local community to contact us via facebook to advise of any issues noted with green spaces and keep track.

13. External Meeting Report Back

- **Potterton Community Group**

Meeting attended by Hilary Foxen. Funding Applications to be raised for a new Potterton Path and Christmas Tree Lights.

Current projects include the Village Planting / Orchard / Christmas Tree. The main issue arising was the Asset Transfer of the Football Pitch and Pavilion to East End Lewis Football Club. The Community Council advised that advice should be sought from Aberdeenshire Council before proceeding to ensure that an important village asset is not lost for Community use.

- **Formartine Community Council Forum**

Meeting attended by D. Wallace and A. McIntyre. A very interesting presentation was made by Kat Laasko of Aberdeenshire Council on their Waste Strategy for Aberdeenshire going forward. Primary changes going forward will be the move to a 3 weekly cycle with two weeks being recycling waste and the third week for non-recycling waste. Food recycling will continue on a weekly basis. A garden waste facility will be made available at Balmedie Library between 1 and 4 pm on a Saturday during the summer months.

A presentation was also given by Wendy Probert on Health & Social Care Partnership re Strategic Plan Engagement

14. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BRA G Middleton – Graeme to liaise with BRA regarding date of next meeting
- BCT, R. Miller 27th June 2019
- Potterton Residents Group – H. Foxen
- Bus Forum 6th June 2019 Oldmeldrum Academy 19:30 start. D. Wallace and A. McIntyre

15. New Correspondence (main points)

- Planning Approval list from Aberdeenshire Council
- Resignation Letters D. Watson, D. Robertson and A. Hendry
- Letter from Area Manager for Garioch - Copy of revised Scheme of Establishment.
- E-mail from Blackdog Residents Area regarding factoring fees.

16. Any Other Business

- Repairs under way on Noticeboards, Belhelvie has already been completed.
- Discussion on the issue over the play area at Black Dock and the issue of liability over cost of maintenance was discussed. The consensus of the meeting was that Aberdeenshire Council should be contacted regarding best way to resolve this issue. Chair will send an E-mail to elected officials proposing a meeting with all parties to discuss the problem

Meeting closed 22.40

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 17th June 2019

At 7:00pm White Horse Inn (Subject to Confirmation) - Visitors Welcome

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