



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 15th July 2019 @ BALMEDIE LEISURE CENTRE.

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

Members Present: D Wallace, A. McIntyre, E Phipps,
C Wood, D McKendrick, J Fletcher

Apologies: G Middleton, H Foxen, M Brown

Formartine Area Councillors Present: None

Apologies: Andrew Hassan, P Johnston, J Clifford

Visitors: Samantha Ormrod & Anthony Ormrod, D Wood

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.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman said there would be a NOR presentation for Balmedie North at the next BBC meeting on 17th August.

He asked the members if they could move to item 10 on the agenda to discuss a planning application from two visitors present.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- Conflicts of interest reported by Carlyne Wood for discussion of planning application APP/2019/1343, erection of dwelling house, site adjacent to Roselea Balmedie AB23 8YS.
- Conflict of interest reported by D McKendrick for discussion on planning application Plot 2, land at Westfield, Balmedie AB23 8YL, for erection of dwelling house. (Planning permission reference APP/2014/4057).

4. Police Matters & Report (Carolyne if Police not in attendance 01/06/19-01/07/19)

• Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

During this review period there has been 1 recorded Assault which occurred in the Balmedie area and it was of a domestic nature and resulted in the male responsible being traced, charged and held to appear in court.

Areas of concern which have previously been highlighted by the community councils continue to get extra attention. In particular, routine patrols are being carried out at Balmedie Beach, Eigie Road. Throughout June, Officers from Formartine have continued to conduct routine foot and high visibility vehicle patrols, within the Balmedie.

This is on top of their high visibility marked vehicles and crime patrols which are carried on a daily basis during day and night.

• Acquisitive Crime

Police Scotland would like to reiterate to all members of the public the importance of ensuring that your property (including vehicles) are locked whilst they are not being used or occupied.

In recent weeks other areas within the division have seen an increase in vehicle crime and acquisitive crime, including the theft of high value motor cars.

Police Scotland will continue to carry out extensive night patrols in the local villages and towns of

Formartine to disrupt criminal activity and routinely have dedicated crime patrols who monitor the road networks for travelling criminal.

- **Road Safety & Road Crime**

During this period 6 incidents relating to Road Traffic Offences have been recorded, 4 of these have been detected and 2 under investigation.

Following a routine check of a vehicle in the Balmedie area, the driver was found to have no driving licence or insurance and was charged accordingly. The vehicle in question was also seized in order to prevent any further offences being committed.

Two drivers have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal following them being stopped travelling grossly in excess of the 70mph speed limit on the A90/A92 near Balmedie. These drivers were dealt with by the Police Scotland Road Policing Officers.

One hit and run type incident was reported in the Balmedie area. A positive line of enquiry is being followed and it is anticipated that the driver in question will be charged with a number of road traffic offences in the coming weeks.

- **OP ILLUSTRIOUS**

Following consultation with local residents through a series of area Community Surgeries, Police Scotland has launched Operation Illustrious, as part of the wider Op CEDAR campaign, to tackle concerns regarding speeding and road safety within the Formartine area of Aberdeenshire.

Operation Illustrious will take the form of dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine area by Officers from the Formartine Local Policing Team, based at Ellon and Turriff, supported by Officers from North East Division's Roads Policing Unit.

June 2019

During June 2019, as a direct result of Op Illustrious, a total of 19 persons were dealt with across the Formartine area for speeding offences.

8 drivers were issued with warnings regarding their speeds.

4 drivers were issued tickets (£100 fine and 3 penalty points)

7 drivers were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for grossly exceeding the speed limits.

The number of drivers dealt with by Police in June compared to May has slightly increased due to an increase in Roads Policing Patrols on our main trunk roads (A90, A92 and A920).

This operation is due to run for 12 months with regular deployment of dedicated Officers to carry out patrols and speed checks in response to concerns raised.

Following this, consultation will be had with Aberdeenshire Council should any area/s in particular need further assessment or work.

- **Community Beat Officer**

Our Community Beat Officer PC Douglas Donald is now settled within his role and has spent a significant amount of his time attending meetings within the local community and carrying out regular foot patrols and speed checks.

Operation Cedar/Illustrious

Operation CEDAR continues to target driver behaviour with a focus on education of poor behaviours. This core operation will form the backbone of the newly revised local anti-social driving campaign.

Operation ILLUSTRIOUS, in direct conjunction with Op CEDAR, will take the form of dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine area by Officers from the Formartine Local Policing Team, based at Ellon and Turriff, supported by Officers from North East Division's Roads Policing Unit.

Rural Watch

North East Scotland Rural Crime and Safety Partnership has been set up to specifically target matters affecting rural areas, including road safety, acquisitive crime, agricultural safety, live-stock worrying and hare-coursing.

In addition to this and after recent consultation with the national Neighbourhood Watch and the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC), the Formartine Community Policing Team is keen to encourage local residents to sign up and use "Rural Watch Scotland". You can register online by visiting: <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/173/Join>

As we progress through 2019, the Formartine Community Policing Team will continue to endeavour to engage more with our communities by providing directed foot patrols in villages across this ward, including regular foot patrols in Balmedie, Potterton, Methlick, Tarves, Pitmedden and Oldmeldrum, as well as within our smaller communities, including Udney Green, Belhelvie and Udney Station.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- ☐ 101 – Non emergency;

- ☐ Email – MidformartineCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- ☐ Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- ☐ Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- ☐ Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- ☐ 999 – Emergency;
- ☐ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

Sergeant Scott McKay
Formartine Community Policing Team

5. **BCC Website Development Update (C Wood)**

Facebook followers (total at end of month)	193 (+24) compared to 169 April	For June – highlight of the month
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6. **Comments / Approval of AGM Meeting Minutes**

- The Minutes from the Annual General Meeting were slightly adjusted, reviewed and accepted. They were then proposed for approval by C. Wood and seconded by M. Brown.

7. **Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the previous meeting were slightly adjusted, reviewed and accepted. They were then proposed for approval by A McIntyre and seconded by E Phipps.

8. **Matters arising from previous meeting**

Speed signage

- D McKendrick will continue trying to get speed signs for Balmedie.
- We requested Foundation Scotland reconsider our application after receiving letter of support from Police Scotland
- Foundation Scotland will not reconsider our application on the grounds our proposal is not sufficiently innovative

9. **Treasurer's Report**

- Only one transaction in July for £11.92 relating to misc village expenses for Raymond Moffat
- Awaiting 2019 Community Council grant:
- To approve and sign the 2018 and 2019 AGM minutes and submit to Carol Cawford
- Accounts have already been signed and submitted
- Awaiting outcome of 2019 Village Tidy application.

10. **Planning Report**

- South Orrock, Balmedie, AB23 8XY, full planning permission for erection of dwellinghouse. No comments from BCC
- Land at South Orrock, Balmedie. AB23 8XY, planning permission in principle for erection of 3 dwelling houses. No Comments from BCC
- Plot 2, land at Westfield, Balmedie AB23 8YL, full planning permission for erection of dwellinghouse (change of house type). No Comments from BCC
- 4 Eigie Road, Balmedie, AB23 8YF, full planning permission for alterations to garage and erection of blockwork shed. No Comments from BCC
- Site adjacent to Roselea Balmedie AB23 8YS.planning application APP/2019/1343, erection of dwelling house. BCC asked AC Planning Dept for an extension to the 11th July deadline. After a lengthy discussion with BCC members and concerned home owners Samantha and Anthony Ormrod, BCC members will raise an objection to this application due to:
 1. An enforcement notice that has been in place to landscape this piece of land.
 2. Soak away problems

3. Trees that will block the light on S & Ormrod's property
4. Scale of development seems out of place
5. Uncertainty of contamination at the site

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

Balmedie Leisure Centre

- We have secured £5k match funding from the Formartine Area top up budget
- Main EB Scotland application to be made in September
- Alan Still continuing as lead fund raise

Empowering Communities Programme

- We have secured £4k match funding from the Formartine Area top up budget, this will go towards the cost of part time worker to carry out public consultation on community needs
- Awaiting outcome of main Scottish Gov't application

12. External Meeting Report Back

Buses (C Wood)

Transport update

Timetables proposed for operation in August include returning the hourly weekday 54 service through centre of Balmedie and adding Balmedie to 747 airport route.

Carolynne and Dan Wood attended Stagecoach public consultation meeting on 25 June (Bus stance at Union Square - raised the survey which their Commercial Director was already aware of!). Timetables already planned to be updated for August but encouraging to know they area aware of the survey. They were very impressed with numbers responding and positive about taking on board the feedback.

Follow up - meeting requested with Stagecoach (Peterhead ops Jamie Reid, Commercial Daniel Laird) waiting on dates/times likely to be after 19 August (depends on availability).

Focus of this meeting will be:

- Process Stagecoach uses to develop and update timetables and routes
- Monitoring of bus use by Stagecoach (dipstick or constant) and if this feeds into the timetable changes

A McIntyre to provide feedback if bus passes are being ticketed to end of route not the actual stop.

- Route of 54 via Morrisons and health village on King Street
- Access to buses for Blackdog residents
- Training for drivers on accessibility features

Complaints - we are being copied in on Facebook about complaints being sent to Stagecoach - CSW to collate in time for meeting with Stagecoach

C Wood - FB post before new timetables go into operation & thanks again to survey respondents and please use the survey

C Wood - poster for notice boards - confirm timetable 2 weeks before launch, poster for Eigie House & timetable.

Balmedie Country Park Meeting (J Fletcher, A McIntyre)

- Discussions about trying to build a Friends Group to improve the area, with no AC funding as Haddo House has at present.

Potterton Meeting (H Foxen), Meeting cancelled

13. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BRA, G Middleton – Graeme to liaise with BRA regarding date of next meeting
- Potterton Residents Group – H. Foxen
- BCT - 06:30pm on 22/07/2019 at Leisure Centre, J Fletcher, A McIntyre.

14. New External and Internal Correspondence

- Planning Approval list from Aberdeenshire Council

- NOR Development (D Harrington) will give a presentation at BCC August meeting
- N Brown (Blackdog) has asked BCC for a support letter for a funding proposal.
- Correspondence from I Downie about planning, G Middleton will respond directly to Ian.

15. Any Other Business

- **For information - notes on the publicity of the AGM and June monthly meeting**

The Agenda, Notices of Motion and Written Questions

3.1 Agenda

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From: Scheme of Establishment

- **Sand Bothy RNLi Fun Day (27 July)**

BCC Running stall & bottle contribution: David Wallace, John Fletcher, Graham Middleton, Hillary Foxen, Mark Brown (afternoon), Ewan Phipps

C Wood to confirm type of bottles & circulate timings etc

Meeting closed 20:55

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 16th September 2019

At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome

e-mail address: belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com