



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 19th August 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, M Brown, G Middleton,
C Wood, D McKendrick, J Fletcher

Apologies: H Foxen, A McIntyre, E Phipps

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Andrew Hassan, P Johnston, J Clifford

Apologies: None

Visitors: Sheila Lamb, Jim Lamb, Mark Taylor, Brenda Griffin, Carol Cooper, John Cooper, Fiona Main, Kevin Main, Mark McIlroy, Ewan Murray, Teressa McPherson. (All residents)

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 asked the members if they could move to item 5 on the agenda for the NORR presentation on Balmedie North.

Mark Mitchel has not attended any of the last three BCC meetings, D McKendrick to follow up and see if Mark is going to sit on the BCC.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No conflicts of interest reported

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

No Police presence at meeting and report sent.

Sergeant Scott McKay has now taken up a new position within the Police

Please remember you can communicate with the Police 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;

Formartine Community Policing Team

5. NORR Presentation of Balmedie North Development

Daniel Harrington along with colleagues from the Stewart Milne group gave a presentation of their bid for a development at Balmedie North. Questions were asked by all visitors present.

6. 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 D McKendrick and seconded by M Brown.

7. Matters arising from previous meeting

- Speed signs, D McKendrick will make contact with Ian Daniels Roads Department (Transport Scotland).

8. Treasurer's Report

- £3.4k receipted during the period which includes the village tidy funds and the 2019/20 annual grant
- Mark Brown to be reimbursed for strimmer hire costs (£77.26), Receipt sent to E Phipps

9. Planning Report (G Middleton)

The only application for period 19th July to 19th August is in reference to the previously approved Phase 1 Chappelwell development and contains further details of the development. As this has been approved previously there is no input required from BCC.

C.Wood to chase up situation with 1343 application refused.

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

- Balmedie Leisure Centre
 - Application for landfill funding submitted to EB Scotland end of July
 - Leisure centre awaiting further letters of support plus other quotations
 - Application will be considered at EB Scotland September meeting
 - If EB Scotland application successful then third party match contribution already been agreed with Formartine Area top up budget

Other Projects

Empowering Communities/Investing In Communities Fund

- Application by BCT for funding to conduct in depth review of local community facilities provision
- Match funding agreed from the Formartine Area top up budget
- Awaiting outcome of main application to Investing In Communities Fund
- Scottish Gov't confirmed that due to high level of applications the timescale for review has been extended to end October

11. Greenfield Projects Update (E Phipps)

Wildflower Areas

- Request from BCT regarding management of Wildflower area
- Ongoing maintenance required
- To confirm remit with Aberdeenshire Council (Olly Deeming)
- Contractor and funding to be confirmed

Whitecairns

- Mark Brown completed Whitecairns clearance and tidy up
- To confirm ongoing maintenance with Aberdeenshire Council (Olly Deeming)

12. External Meeting Report Back

- **Belhelvie Community Trust Meeting**, Sand Bothy, 22nd July 2019 (A McIntyre)
 - Landfill Tax £24900 being spent on Sensory Garden
 - £4000 from Formartine Area Committee to be spent on a survey to identify what residents want to see in the community
 - Disappointment that application to Vattenfall was rejected.
 - New Website being developed
 - Visit Scotland gave Sand Bothy 3 stars. Suggested more retail items
 - School visits to Sand Bothy have been great success
 - Rosie Nicol and Fiona Winstanley to go for meeting with Visit Scotland
 - Wheelchairs have been doing well and have seen some larger organised groups coming. Also seeing more bookings for during week
 - Brian Shand on leave prior to retirement.
 - Finger post way boards and interrogation boards for park still outstanding
 - Suggestion that Council produce a set of guidelines for behaviour in park might help reduce the problems which have been experienced.
 - Crawford Paris from East Grampian Coastal partnership has been in contact with Rosie Nicol and looking to provide Litter stations and promote the Pick Up 3 initiative. It is hoped to pilot this with Balmedie School next term
 - David Brown advised Rosie that 2020 is year of Sea and Coast and suggested that something be organised to recognise this.
 - Offer from Brethren Church Rapid Response Team to do BBQ on Saturday. This was already covered but their interest was welcomed and will try to involve them in future events.
 - Better Balmedie – Automatic skylight working which has been a great help in this recent warm spell.
 - Rosie Nicol advised that she was taking a 3 month sabbatical in October / November / December
 - Next Meeting 23rd September 2019

- **Blackdog RA Meeting** (G middleton)

Meeting held on Wednesday 14th August in Balmedie Library which was well attended by 14 Blackdog Residents and GM from BCC

Blackdog Gala was held and was a great success.

Still issues with maintenance of the park and lack of volunteers to assist with upkeep.

Survey sent round Residents to ascertain views on how to allocate Vattenfall funding with

replacement of bridge to the beach next to the fishing station being the number 1 residents priority.

Second placed request is for a bus shelter for school children at the new drop off / collection point however this may unnecessary in this location depending on when the new bus turning circle is built.

- **Formartine Area Bus Forum** (C Wood)

Report may be viewed at <https://www.belhelviecc.org.uk/transportupdate.html>

13. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BRA, G Middleton (if there is a meeting)
- Potterton Residents Group – H. Foxen
- Community Council Forum Meeting 13th November 2019

14. New External and Internal Correspondence

- Planning Approval list from Aberdeenshire Council
- Meeting to be called about problem on bus route 290 & 291 (C Wood)
- Bulb order to be placed for the villages (R Moffit / A Grant for Belhelvie)

15. Any Other Business

Meeting closed 21:15

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 17th October 2019

At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome

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