

# **BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> October 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, H Foxen  
C Wood, A McIntyre, G Middleton, E Phipps

**Apologies:** D McKendrick, J Fletcher,

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** Andrew Hassan, Jim Gifford

**Apologies:** None

**Visitors:** Rosie Nicol (BCT), D Wood. PC Doug Donald (Police)

## **1. Introduction of Attendees & Apologies**

- 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.
- Apologies from D. McKendrick and J. Fletcher

## **2. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman said asked the members to identify any possible additional councillors to fill to vacant co-opted space.

The Chairman thanked PC Donald for his active involvement in BCC Meeting.

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

- No conflicts of interest reported

## **4. Police Matters**

PC Donald was present and made the following observations

No Excessive crime in Formartine Area this month.

It has been identified that a number of people have been seen walking on A90 late in evening. The danger of this needs to be considered before people risk this particularly if they have consumed alcohol.

A motorcycle theft has been reported in Potterton

There have been incidents of sheep getting onto A90 which has resulted in one sheep being fatally injured.

The 30mph speed sign near Leisure Centre has been vandalised.

Public are asked to be aware of bogus workmen who have been operating in region recently

Two incidents of shoplifting in Balmedie was reported in last month. It is believed this was part of an organised campaign across the region. Arrests have been made and court appearance due.

Most recent Formartine Report is September Report

## **5. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly to adjust spelling of attendee names  
They were then proposed for approval by Mark Brown and seconded by Hillary Foxen

## **6. Matters arising from previous meeting**

- Transaction last month was £76 for Mark Brown hiring a strimmer.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

£58 reimbursed to E Phipps for the Website domain registration fee  
Village tidy Part1 funds distributed

## 8. Planning Report

Plans have been submitted in relation to 262 houses and light industrial developments in Blackdog/ Kirkwood homes are to be invited to BCC Meeting to outline their proposals.  
The BCC highlighted their concerns that ongoing developments is having on schools in area. Of particular concern is Scotstown's commitment to continue to accept pupils from Black

## 9. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects: (E. Phipps)

Balmedie Leisure Centre  
Car park extension to commence this week  
Landscaping almost completed and erection of security fencing around the LC scheduled for mid November

Sensory Garden Phase 3  
BCT to apply for landfill funding early 2020

### BCT Projects

Separate funding meeting held with BCT on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct to discuss various upcoming projects and funding strategy

- Disabled toilet refurb - BCT
- Inclusive play equipment - BCT
- Sand Bothy refurb & maintenance - BCC
- Sensory Garden phase 3 & wildflower meadow - BCC
- Sensory Garden & Better Balmedie lawnmower - BCC

### Investing In Communities Application

- Still awaiting outcome of application to Scottish Gov't for £4k, timescale for review extended to end October
- £4k match funding from Formartine Partnership approved
- BCC have already drafted the outline project plan

### Town and Village Enhancement Grant Scheme

- Application submitted to Formartine Partnership for £500 for new lawn mower for use on areas not maintained by Aberdeenshire Council

## 10. External Meeting Report Back

### • **Potterton Meeting** (H. Foxen)

East End FC Proposal to take over control of pavilion and football pitch accepted by community as insufficient interest within Community to take on responsibility

A new group is being set up on Potterton called Potterton Greenfingers. They are going to look after the Christmas Tree, Potterton orchard, paths to football pitch and also arranging to get additional planters.

### **BCT Meeting** (J. Fletcher)

New Website up and running <https://belhelviecommunitytrust.org>

Barrats have repaired disabled ramp

Sand Bothy closes end October

Beach Wheelchairs have had a visit from Baxters after funding application

Wheelchairs engaging with 6<sup>th</sup> year Ellon Academy pupils involved in Youth Philanthropy Initiative  
May try to engage with other wheelchair societies to swop ideas  
Beach Zimmer Frame ordered  
New signage from Barrats installed  
Quiz night raised £850  
Bollards in Country Park need to be taller  
South toilets should not be advertising Beach Ballistics  
Silver Birch and Scots Pin trees to be planted at wild flower area  
Litter pick by Barrats  
Sensory Gardens 2200 bluebells to be planted  
Team of volunteers needed for Sensory Garden for next year  
First Responders – 4 x defib units  
Some funding received from Asda and Mary Salmon Trust  
Sand Bothy to fund £350 for Practice Defib. for training  
Overhanging vegetation at Chapelwell  
Gifted a couple of trees and some tools.

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

- BRA, G Middleton (if there is a meeting)
- Formartine Rural Partnership – C. Wood to attend
- Investing in Communities D. Wallace / E.Phipps / D. Wallace – depending on date
- Community Council Forum 13<sup>th</sup> November at Oldmeldrum Academy – M. Brown / H. Foxen

#### **12. New External and Internal Correspondence**

- None

#### **13. Any Other Business**

- Issue of Fly Posting was discussed particularly in relation to recent Wrestling event and Anonymous group campaigning about North Balmedie development. View of BCC was that there was no issues with the posters being put up but just that those responsible had not bothered to remove them. Legal position was clarified. These constituted a civil offence and not a criminal offence. If Council informed they will take steps to have them removed and if necessary back charge those responsible.
- The issue of Advertising boards being placed on toilet block in Country Park was discussed as there was no clarity if and how permission had been obtained to put these up. Details of the Advertising Board to be sent to Councillor Andrew Hassan who will investigate.
- The Old Shop on Old Road was discussed and it was agreed that this building, apart from being an eyesore, it is considered dangerous. It was unclear who owns this premises. Investigation to be carried out into who owns the property and what plans they have to do something about the condition of the premises.

Meeting closed 20:49

**Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome**

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**Ward 8  
Community Council Report**

**MID-FORMARTINE**

**BELHELVIE, TARVES, OLDMELDRUM AND UDNY**

**September 2019**

**\*\*In the event of a Police non-attendance at the meeting, can you ensure that you provide any concerns raised at the meeting to the Police ASAP by email to ensure we capture any issues early and can provide an update at the next meeting.\*\***

**Community Council Report**

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Ward 8 areas during the period 1 to 27 September 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

## **Community Policing Priorities**

### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

During this review period there has been 1 recorded Breach of the Peace type incidents which was reported in the Pitmedden area. This relates to a dispute between persons known to each other for which the offending party has been charged by Police.

There were also two reports of offences relating to the Communications Act 2003 and threatening behaviour, whereby both offenders were issued Recorded Police Warnings.

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, Pitmedden Play Park and Oldmeldrum Square and Academy.

### **Acquisitive Crime:**

During the review period, three reports were received in relation to Theft by Shoplifting whereby property was stolen from a shop in Balmedie. These incidents are still currently under investigation.

Theft of money was also reported from Meldrum Academy. This incident is still under investigation but officers are following positive lines of enquiry.

In respect of Acquisitive Crime, Police Scotland would like to reiterate to all members of the public the importance of ensuring that your property (including an vehicles) domestic or commercial, are locked whilst they are not being used or are unoccupied.

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 criminals.

Further crime reduction advice is available at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home>.

### **Road Safety & Road Crime:**

Targeting persons who commit offences on our road networks continues to be a priority for Police Scotland.

During this review period a number incidents relating to Road Traffic Offences have been recorded.

These have occurred predominantly on the A90.

The offences range from speeding to no MOT.

### ***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.

We are regularly receiving concerns from local residents regarding road traffic issues in their area, these concerns are noted and included in future patrols.

### **Other incidents:**

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During this review period, a small scale Cannabis Cultivation was discovered by officers in the Oldmeldrum area. This is presently still under investigation but positive lines of enquiry have been identified.

Controlled drugs and their use/sale remains an issue across all Local Policing Areas however, with the support of the Community and regular reporting on drug dealing and drug use, Officers from the Formartine Local Policing Team will continue to proactively tackle those involved in this type of crime.

Any information regarding drugs, members of the public can call 101 to report their concerns or alternatively can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 11 or use the link below [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

### ***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.

### ***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>

We will be looking to use this service more often to issue urgent alerts in relation to rural crimes,

offences or other activities which happen within our area. It is a fantastic tool that can be used to provide targeted information to the people who need it most. Sign up is free and doesn't take long.

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](mailto:MidformartineCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- Twitter - [@NorthEPolice](https://twitter.com/NorthEPolice)
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](https://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)
- Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)
- 999 – Emergency;
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers

Sergeant Lynsey Penny  
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Date: 27 September 2019