

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 20th January 2010 @ 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, E Phipps, D McKendrick, H Foxen, A. McIntyre
Apologies: C. Wood, J Fletcher
Formartine Area Councillors Present: None
Apologies: Councillors Hassan and Gifford
Visitors: Debbie Barclay – Balmedie Library
Rosie Nicol BCT
Allan Jeffery – Better Balmedie

1. Introduction of Attendees

- 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

D Wallace advised that he had contacted the Ellon Office regarding fact only one co-opted space available but three potential members identified. Ellon Office to investigate and revert. None of the prospective members were in attendance. A nomination form has been sent to all three. A decision on co-opting to be considered at February meeting depending on receipt of nomination forms.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

- No conflicts of interest reported

4. Police Matters

- No police attendance at the meeting
- Police Report received and attached.
- Concern was expressed by members regarding vandalism taking place in play park which could result in serious injury to young children.
- Police Community Surgery scheduled for 31st January – D, McKendrick to attend on behalf of BCC

5. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

- No amendments
- The minutes were proposed for approval by G, Middleton and seconded M Brown

6. Matters arising from previous meeting

- New posts have been installed at beach to hopefully reduce damage to cars and improve security.
- Pot holes to beach still an issue. BCT have meeting with Aberdeenshire Council and will raise this issue with them
- Graeme Middleton still trying to ascertain the owner of the old Balmedie shop
- Location of Bus timing stops. It was agreed that whilst moving timing stop from South end of Eigie Road to the Leisure Centre could result in people travelling North from first stop missing their bus it was agreed that

given the very small number of passengers joining bus at these stops the safety benefits outweighed the potential inconvenience

- Potterton Meeting cancelled –unable to raise issue of waterlogged path.

7. Treasurer's Report

Current Account Activity

One transaction during month - Better Balmedie Village Tidy £500

Projects & Funding

Developer Obligation Funds

- Update received from Melanie Thomson regarding contributions currently available within our Community Council boundary
- Project proposals to be submitted for consideration
- 18 month timescale for spend
- Currently available: Belhelvie Recreation/Sports = £1,386; Potterton Community Facilities/Halls = £4,132.80
- To publicise on Facebook page

Balmedie Leisure Centre

- Shortfall for phase 1 still exists of 10% due to Taylors, this will be claimed back via Formartine area top up
- 2020/21 Core funding under review

Sensory Garden Phase 3

- BCT currently working on Phase 3 funding application

Changing Places/Disabled Toilet Block

- BCT application to Landfill approved for £22k, overall £32k available to spend on the build
- Mail merge sent out in early January to ten locally based oil companies requesting contributions and to promote the work of BCT

Balmedie Views Consultation

- Phase 1 of the survey has commenced focusing on youth facilities and activities – online only survey on BCC site to collect ideas from the community
- Phase 2 general survey to allow everyone to vote on the suggestions from Phase 1
- Invoices to be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council by end of March
- BCC to match fund £500
- Additional funding will be required for workshops

8. External Visitor – Balmedie Library

Debbie Barclay from the Balmedie Library gave a short presentation about the survey being conducted by Aberdeenshire Library Service. This survey is designed to engage with the public to identify changes which could be incorporated within the library service to make it more relevant to the public in the modern electronic age. It is also looking for feedback on opening hours in an effort to try to make these more appropriate to people's modern lifestyle. She handed over posters to put on noticeboards about the survey

BCC advised Debbie that anything the Library wants to communicate to community that she should E-mail a poster to BCC which would be displayed on the 8 noticeboards around the Belhelvie Parish.

9. Planning Report

No significant planning requests identified since last meeting with the exception of the one listed below

- Land To The North East Of Drumhead Farmhouse - Full Planning Permission for Change of Use from Agricultural Land & Commercial Livery to Class 6 Storage and Distribution (Builders Yard & Shed). This is to be investigated further and if considered worth consideration a request will be submitted for additional time to formulate a response.

10. Landfill Tax Projects and GreenField Projects:

Balmedie Leisure Centre

- Car park extension at the changing rooms – cleared 60/70 ft but weather has hampered progress, 2 years to complete

Sensory Garden Phase 3

- BCT to apply for landfill funding early 2020

Changing Places/Disabled Toilet Block

- Sufficient funds available for this work to commence. This is great news and will be welcomed by members of the public who use the Beach Wheelchairs.

Balmedie Views Consultation

- Elaine Brown has confirmed that £4k is available to carry out consultation with the parish
- Dan and Carolyne to revise project plan

11. External Meeting Report Back

Potterton Meeting (H. Foxen)

- Hilary advised that the Potterton Meeting was cancelled – no reason known

12. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings

- BCT AGM 7.00pm 27th January M. Brown and H, Foxen to attend
- Formartine Area Community Council Forum 7.00pm 5th February D. Wallace and A. McIntyre to attend
- Country Park Meeting 26th February – To be decided at February meeting

13. New External and Internal Correspondence

- Formartine Community Council training and networking event provisional dates 12/13th Feb 2020, form to be returned on 21st January. BCC attendees will depend on date and time of the training. D. Wallace/ C. Wood to liaise with Claire Young.
- Fire and Rescue Plans – request for feedback. Members to review and provide feedback
- Village Tidy – J. Fletcher to respond
- E mails received from Catherine Matthews regarding:
 - List of Members
 - Surgeries in Library
 - Library Provision

14. Any Other Business

- Councillor Gifford approach the chair of Vatenfall regarding the rejection of BCT's wheelchair project application – Feedback awaited
- It was advised that Debbie Barclay has been appointed as Community Champion on behalf of the Co-op. This was seen a welcome appointment by the BCC
- Speed Camera on Eigie Road – after a few days functioning it has stopped working again. D. McKendrick to contact council again regarding replacement of battery.
- D. McKendrick has agreed to contact Ellon Advertiser and Aberdeen Journals regarding the lack of Speed signs despite BCC being prepared to fund these.
- Discussion took place regarding a questionnaire received from Andrew McIntyre of Aberdeenshire Council regarding funding of bedding plants. E. Phipps to respond making BCC position very clear. Our communities are lucky to have volunteers to plant the bedding plants without the suggestion that community bodies fund the cost of the plants. A. Jeffrey of Better Balmedie explained that they used to be able to raise funds when they had a polytunnel behind the Leisure Centre but advised that the Council had denied them permission to erect one at their current home next to the Congregational Church. Better Balmedie also raised the point that it would be more cost effective if the Council provided perennial rather than the annuals currently supplied.
- Mail to be sent to Bill Murray in reference to the stacked containers, one of these is open and has chemicals inside and this has been reported as a safety issue.

Meeting closed 20:40

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 17th February 2020

At 7:00pm Balmedie Leisure Centre - Visitors Welcome

e-mail address: belhelvicommunitycouncil@hotmail.com



**Ward 8
Community Council Report**

MID-FORMARTINE

BELHELVIE, TARVES, OLDMELDRUM AND UDNY

December 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 December 2019.

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

Community Policing Priorities

Ward overview:

Community Council Area	No. of Crime Reports
Belhelvie	7
Oldmeldrum	15
Tarves	1
Udny	3

Note: Please be advised that the numbers above relate to individual crime reports recorded by Police Scotland during the review period. A single crime report may contain multiple offences.

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

During this period there have been six recorded Assaults. Four occurred within Oldmeldrum, one of which was classed as a serious Assault which involved neighbours, two were domestic related and one involved pupils at Oldmeldrum academy. One domestic related assault was recorded in the Balmedie area and one sexual assault was recorded in the Pitmedden area. Four of the six have already been detected (including the serious and sexual assaults) and the remaining two remain under investigation with positive lines of enquiry.

There has been five recorded Vandalism across the area this month, all have been committed within Oldmeldrum with three being reckless acts of breaking windows, one relates to damaged caused to the public toilets and the last being damage done to a padlock on a gate.

We have received two reports of breaches of the Communication Act 2003, one being domestic related and the other being between persons who know each other.

December is notoriously a busier month for Policing and this year has been no exception, however we have strived to continue to carry out patrols in identified problem areas where possible.

Acquisitive Crime:

This month there has been four reports of acquisitive crime in our area. Two Theft by Shoplifting were recorded in Oldmeldrum with the suspects being Academy pupils, both have been detected with our Youth Justice Team now being involved with them. There was one Theft recorded in the Balmedie area which related to a domestic dispute and the final report relates to a Theft by Housebreaking with intent to steal which was reported at an empty rental property in the Potterton area.

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.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

Formartine CPT supported by Roads Policing units target persons who commit offences on our road networks, this continues to be a priority for Police Scotland.

There has been three road traffic offences reported during this period which includes drink driving, speeding and careless driving. These were detected within the Balmedie, Blackdog and Tarves areas.

In April 2019, Operation Illustrious launched which has seen dedicated speeding patrols conducted across our area, specifically within our towns and villages, in problem locations identified by our communities. 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.

Working in conjunction with Aberdeenshire council and our communities, several locations have been identified and will be targeted by this operation.

Unfortunately due to December being a busier month for Police Scotland, Formartine CPT were unable to dedicate officers to carry out specific Op Illustrious patrols within Ward 8 this month. Service is expected to return to normal in the New Year.

Other incidents:

Speeding and Anti-social behaviour issues continue to be the priority issue highlighted by the majority of our areas. This remains a focus for local officers and further patrols will be carried out with a view of combating and reducing this issue.

Controlled drugs and their use/sale remains an issue across all Local Policing Areas in the North East 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 available from members of the public is invaluable and can be passed to Police using any of the below 'Contact Us' methods.

During this period we also received a reported Hate crime, this was in relation to pupils from Oldmeldrum Academy bullying a fellow pupil, this incident is being dealt with as a joint approach between Education and Police and the offenders have been identified. Hate and prejudice towards any group or groups of people will not be tolerated and will be dealt with robustly and professionally by Police Scotland and its partners.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Community Beat Officer

Our Community Beat Officer PC Douglas Donald continues to engage with our communities and has been attending various clubs and meetings across the Formartine area to provide Policing inputs and discussion with their members.

PC Donald has been carrying out regular foot patrols in our more rural towns and villages. By speaking with locals and listening to their concerns he has been able to highlight local issues as well as gaining vital information to assist in the detection of crimes.

PC Donald is also responsible for the deployment of our mobile speed sign, which he has deployed in various communities within Formartine. Its aim is to provide drivers with a visual representation of their speed and educate them as they enter or travel through our villages and towns.

Operation Cedar/Illustrious

Operation CEDAR continues to target driver behaviour with a focus on education of poor behaviours. This core operation forms a key part of our local anti-social behaviour / driving campaigns, Operation ABACABLUE and Operation ILLUSTRIOUS.

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 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 for free by visiting: <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/173/Join>

Police Scotland and a great many partnership agencies regularly use this service to send out news, advice and notifications. Formartine Community Policing Team will be looking to use this service more often, in conjunction with our social media pages, 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.

Safety Advice

Formartine CPT are urging householders to keep their homes and vehicles secure by locking all windows and doors, garages and sheds and ensuring they have exterior lighting. It is often the case the thieves are looking for easy targets and if you leave your property insecure you are giving them just that and are more likely to fall victim to them.

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

If members of the community witness any suspicious activity it can be reported to the Police using the methods detailed below.

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;

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Formartine Community Policing Team
Date: 14 January 2020