

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 15th June 2020 Teams Call-in.

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, G Middleton, J Fletcher, H Foxen M Brown

Apologies: D McKendrick

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Karen Adam, Jim Gifford P Johnstone

Apologies: Andrew Hassan

Visitors: S Rawlins (AC Community Planning Officer, Formartine), Steven Nicoll (local resident)

1. Sign-In & Introduction of Attendees

All attendees were welcomed and asked that all matters be addressed through the chair.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman asked all participants to mute their microphone when listening so we can avoid background noises and feedback echo and only have it ON when talking.

I would like to thank everyone for making the effort to attend and keep the meetings ongoing.

On the 8th June there was an extra ordinary meeting concerning the LDP, G Middleton (PR) will complete a report and pass it to all members for viewing then to AC before 17th July 2020. MOM will be approved and sent out after this meeting.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

No Conflict of interests

4. Police Matters & Report

No police presence and no report as yet.

Last report April 2020 (received 6 May)

Before the meeting Carlyne followed up with Police contact - response pending

No news on new Community Police Officer

ACTION: Carlyne to ask Police contact for update

Police Survey - found through Aberdeenshire Council newsletter

ACTION: Carlyne to complete on behalf of BCC & publicise on Facebook

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/>

Local issues

ACTION Completed - Carlyne to repost 101 information on Facebook

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Proposed planning approval for garage at West Lodge Cottage Ardo

6. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Projects all set a side

Two transactions:

- McKain Joinery for noticeboard repairs
- ICO licence renewed until 2021

7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by M Brown.
- The minutes from the extra ordinary meeting had two slight changes. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by H Foxten.

8. Matters arising from previous meeting

- **Village Tidy Funds and Additional Funds**, email received from Claire Young Monies should be distributed end of June. (additional funds claimed from Formartine Area Committee, due to current Covid 19 situation Formartine in Bloom and Beginning to Blossom competitions cancelled)
- **Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021** Extra Ordinary Meeting on 8th June 2020, report from G Middleton to be forwarded to AC before 17th July 2020
- **Request to support local power Bill**, on hold
- **CC AGM and Election of members**, Reply from AC, when the elections are due forms for J Fletcher, D McKendrick and E Phipps have to be re submitted

9. Ongoing Projects Update

Greenfield/Landfill Projects Update (E Phipps)

- Balmedie Leisure Centre Projects
BLC have been awarded £12,500 from Coastal Community Fund, this will cover the following:
- 10% Landfill match funding
- Fenced secure compound adjacent to the football pitches
- Offer of core grant funding from AC out to 2023 has been cut

Youth survey - highlights

- 30 respondents in round two - majority for children 14 and under (25 resp)
- **Voting (based on ideas put forward in round one survey):**
- 1st - Would you use a **local youth club?**, 2nd - Would you join a **swimming club?**, 3rd - Would you go to a **cooking club?**, 4th joint - Would you go to a **BMX / Skate park?**, 4th joint - Would you go to a **roller skating group?**, 5th - Would you go to a **lego club?**, 6th - Would you go to a creative **writing group?**

Youth club

- Breakdown of venues and which preferred (top was the Leisure Centre), facilities/activities preferred and additional ideas for activities were also submitted.

Swimming

- Most popular venue - build a pool in Balmedie, but significant support for minibus to BoD
- Preferred times (Saturday)

Suggestions:

- Football for all, Coding Club, Cycling Club, Running Club, Field Games Club (Rounders etc.), Young Readers club, Young Choir / Singing club, Music / Band Club

Additional feedback/suggestions- possible some negotiation in future AC and ACC

- Issues using Aberdeen Facilities as concessions are only for Aberdeen residents, even though we're closer to Aberdeen than any Aberdeenshire Facility

Next steps

- **ACTION:** Carlyne to write up report for BCT & BCC, plan new timetable depending on lock down

10. Pandemic (CV19) Our Response, Involvement & Actions

- E Phipps secured funding has secured for the most vulnerable in the community
- In general we are keeping up communication and trying to publicise the impact on local services - doctors surgeries/pharmacies changing how they deal with patients, Police information, official Council and Scottish Government guidance and lock down rules, services starting up again (waste management etc).
- J Gifford advised the meeting that a new Aberdeenshire Council Recovery Group has been set up, the group are looking for feedback from all. Education, schools will return on 11th August 2020 and will use bubble groups of 7-8 pupils according to social distancing of 2 meters, there may be change of social distancing to 1.5 meters which would allow bubbles of 17 pupils, this has not been confirmed.
No change in refuse collecting, new rules on hold. Grass cutting slowly being rolled out, but there is limited kit available and limited resources.

Waste Disposal, Ellon Waste Booking System is working very efficiently and well, Garden waste is being dispatched at Balmedie Leisure Centre on Saturdays from 2-4pm.

S Rawlins praised the community spirit of all villages and a big thanks from AC on the work carried out in the villages.

Well Done Communities

11. External & Internal Correspondence

- Supporting Communities Safely - advice for community groups and volunteer networks (Claire Young)
ACTION Completed: C Wood advertised on Facebook - waiting until next gov announcement
- Sam Rawlins - check in on volunteers - passed to David and Ewan to follow up with Paul at Church
- Scottish Community Councils newsletter - forwarded to all members for information
- LDP
ACTION Completed: replied to Maureen Pirie about her Potterton concerns and arranged an extra ordinary meeting. No reply from M Pirie and no Potterton Residents were present at the meeting apart from C Cllr H Foxen.

- Burning Tyres
ACTION Completed: SEPA response - they are aware of the situation, they have an 'ongoing investigation into activities at this site'. There's been another incident since April. SEPA are following up with the individual who owns the yard. SEPA in touch with Police, Fire service and local authority about the issue.
- Samantha Rawlins - 29 April - possible training course is anyone interested
Potential courses: Adult Protection, Child Protection & GDPR
ACTION Completed: C Wood forwarded email for ideas, awaiting responses
- Accidents at Blackdog, 2 accidents reported 8th June
ACTION: C Wood to email Bear Scotland for any reports

12. Any Other Business

- **ACTION Completed:** - Carlyne has published minutes for BCC LDP meeting on website
- H Foxen advised the meeting that a public group 'Keep Potterton Green' has been set up, a set of flyers have been sent to Potterton Residents containing a form to fill in for any views on this they may have
H Foxen will advise the group to make their own representation to AC on the LDP as they seem fit.

Meeting closed 20:09

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These June 2020 minutes were approved at the 20th July 2020 BCC Meeting, Next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 17th August 2020 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome, email :belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com for the phone-in number

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