

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 20th July 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:, Jim Gifford P Johnstone, Andrew Hassan

Apologies: Karen Adam

Visitors: Catherine Thornhill (Barratt Homes), S Nicoll, N Wade, & S Strachan (local residents)

1. Sign-In & Introduction of Attendees

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

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

The Chairperson had difficulty with getting online, Vice Chair A McIntyre progressed the meeting, he 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.

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)

ACTION: C Woods following up on Police reports for May and June

ACTION: C Woods to ask Police for update on new Community Police Officer

ACTION Completed: C Woods completed Police Survey on behalf of BCC & publicise on Facebook

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

Local Issues (Police)

Trees on the Old Road damaged, reported to Police and SEPA, Police are doing a door to door investigation as an estimated £60K damage involved.

Burnt Sign, reported to Police (101)

5. Presentation by POTTERTON RESIDENT GROUPS against proposed development at Potterton on the AC Local Development Plan

There were a few Local Residents present but no persons from the Keep Potterton Green Group available to give a presentation.

Cllr P Johnston gave a brief summary of the LDP strategy.

An open discussion then ensued on the LDP at Potterton and Belhelvie, G Middleton (Planning Officer for BCC) has tabulated a series of points, he will compile a report and send to all BCC members to peruse, it will then be forwarded to AC by the 31st July 2020.

During the open discussion it appears the main concerns for the local residents is the speed of how the LDP had advanced and they had no involvement in previous discussions ie. MIR and LDP, saying no information was given out by AC or BCC. The development will be on a Greenbelt and the actual size of the developments was also a big concern as they were doubling the size of the villages, road structure, schooling, sewage, fresh water supply.

6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Potterton House and garage at South Manse Panmure Gardens

Blackdog House and garage at Blackdog Croft Hareburn Terrace

Whitecairns House extension at Hassack Croft

Belhelvie Steading conversion to 2 houses at Balmedie Farm Steading Scott Grove

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Projects all set a side

Annual grant received from Aberdeenshire Council

Data Protection Fee subsidy received from Aberdeenshire Council

Village Tidy Part 1 Payments to be distributed to the relevant settlements

Approved purchase of new BCC Laptop

Approved and paid additional joinery work on notice boards

8. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were modified slightly. They were then proposed for approval by A McIntyre and seconded by M Brown.

9. Matters arising from previous meeting

- **Village Tidy Funds and Additional Funds**, Village Tidy Funds received. Additional funds claimed from Formartine Area Committee, due to current Covid 19 situation Formartine in Bloom and Beginning to Blossom competitions cancelled), nothing received yet.

- **Request to support local power Bill**, on hold

- **CC AGM and Election of members**, possibility of taking place in October 2020

- **Transport update**

Changes to bus services at end of June posted on Facebook

Blackdog roundabout - roads dept are taking into account feedback, Looks like rumble strips have been fitted (Facebook Blackdog group)

Environmental (scrap yard Potterton fires)

20 July - BCC reported back to SEPA request to check if BCC members had seen incident on 10 June - no BCC witness to 10 June, but new incidents on 15 and 17 July

ACTION: All please report direct to SEPA and let BCC know if you see anything at the site

ACTION: Carolyn to reply to resident who raised the issue once update received from SEPA

- **ACTION completed** C Wood emailed Bear Scotland/Police/Transport Scotland/Balfour/Aberdeen Roads, they were aware of the accidents at the Blackdog roundabout. Rumble strips have now been fitted on the roundabout/ approach to try and reduce the accidents.

10. Ongoing Projects Update

Greenfield/Landfill Projects Update (E Phipps)

No actions on these projects at present

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

- E Phipps secured funding has secured for the most vulnerable in the community, no referrals for this through BCT or BCC so far.
- 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). No change in refuse collecting, new rules on hold. Grass cutting progressing
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.

12. External & Internal Correspondence

- Sam Rawlins - check in on volunteers - passed to David and Ewan to follow up with Paul at Church
- 19th June A McIntyre Potterton shops approved, circulated planning links to BCC members
- 22nd June Update to Planning procedures circulated to BCC members
- 29th June Adult learning opportunities AC shared AC learning on Facebook page via BCC page
- 29th June Upcoming Elections, if AC cannot organise elections for October 20th "2020, BCC members were asked if they can stay on until April 2021
ACTION: the response from the BCC members to be sent to Aberdeenshire Council
- 30th June Funding opportunities, forward to E Phipps
- 3rd July Scottish Community Safety Network Survey, forward to D Wallace to complete
- 6th July Survey about Community Council working and response to COVID, Circulated to BCC members
- 7th July Damaged trees Old Road, actioned with Police and SEPA
- 15th July AC (S Rawlings) requested an update on work of local groups supporting COVID, forwarded to BCC members for comment, C Woods to co-ordinate reply to AC
ACTION: C Woods to send collated BCC response to AC
- 15th July Local Electricity Bill (legislation), forwarded to D Wallace
- 15th July AVA Community Spirit Awards, circulated to BCC members and promoted on Facebook
- 16th July Public toilets re-opening at the Balmedie Country Park and other locations, shared to BCC Facebook

13. Any Other Business

External Meeting Balmedie Country Park_(D Wallace)

Action Note update from previous meeting on 26 February.

1. Action to organise a public meeting to establish a “Friends of Balmedie Country Park “ group was postponed due to CV-19 lockdown restrictions.
2. No updates received by AC for the Country Park website.
3. It was confirmed by the AC’s Estates Team that the football pitches at the beach along with the proposed site for the additional football pitches are all within the boundary of the Country Park. **(Coastal Community Fund has been approached to finance the development of the additional pitches).**
4. Meeting with Middlefield Wasps FC to discuss working solutions for the football pitches was also postponed due to CV-19 lockdown restrictions.
5. Access arrangements relating to the use of the South Toilet Block would be actioned by Oliver Deeming (Landscape Services Officer).
6. Additional signage for the parking of Horse boxes requested or the existing signage relocated has been delayed due to impact of CV-19.
7. Contact with the Roads Department over the request to replace the concrete bollard with a “hump” at the roundabout at the entrance to the Country Park was completed. (The request was made by the Horse box group to enable ease of access to their allocated parking area.)

New items/updates raised at this meeting.

1. Following an update from Landscape Services (Oliver Deeming) he was challenged over the continuing problem of excessive littering due to the lack of large metal bins for black bag depositing of litter (especially at weekends or on warm days). AC responded by reiterating their desire to see Park users taking their litter home with them and they felt that educating that culture was the way ahead. This view was again challenged by the BCC attendees as being extremely optimistic and would take generations to achieve.
2. Horse Box parking was again discussed. BCC raised the possibility to further extend the HB parking area at its north side as there was certainly sufficient room to do this. Landscape Services would further explore this possibility
3. Car Parking – capacity and additional signage was discussed and agreed by all that this could help improve things at least in the short term.
4. CV-19 related matters on Public Health (toilets), Litter and the Recovery Phase were not discussed as Cllr.Johnston was not in attendance at the meeting
5. The anti-social behaviour issues were not discussed as Cllr.Johnston was not in attendance.
6. BCC provided a Community Update related to our ongoing issues.
Next meeting planned for Wednesday 4th.November @ 6pm, hopefully in the Balmedie Leisure Centre.

Upcoming Meetings

- Formartine Rural Partnership Meeting 21st August H Foxen attending
- Next Community Council Forum 26th August attendance to be confirmed at next BCC monthly meeting
- Banter restarting with Autumn/ Winter edition
ACTION: C Woods to co-ordinate Banter input by 23rd October

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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