



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 19th October 2020 Teams Call-in.

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton
Communications Coordinator: Carolyne Wood

Members Present: D Wallace, C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen
M Brown, A McIntyre, G Middleton, E Phipps
Two new members J Nicol and S Nicol

Apologies: D McKendrick

Formartine Area Councillors Present:, Cllr A Hassan Cllr J Gifford

Apologies: Cllr K Adams Cllr P Johnstone

Visitors: J Urquart, W Kinaird (local resident)

1. Sign-In & Introduction of Attendees

Introduction of all office bearers: David Wallace Chair, Alex McIntyre Vice Chair, Ewan Phipps Treasurer, Graham Middleton Planning Officer, John Fletcher Secretary and minute taker, Carolyne Wood Communications Coordinator.

Welcome to our new members Jenny Nicol and Stephen Nicol to the BCC after their application forms were accepted. This takes our numbers up to 11 members. A copy of the constitution will be sent to J & S Nicol.

All other attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through the chair. All mics to be muted if not in use, use the hands button on the menu bar.

2. Chairman Opening Remarks

Refer to the AGM remarks.

Chair asked if all members were agreeable with the meeting being held 3rd Monday of each month, all agreed and told to mark this in the calendar for the next year, meetings will be continued using Teams as this seemed to work well.

3. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest to Agenda Items

Cllr Gifford reported he lives close to the Rainneshill Quarry so is posting a conflict of interest when discussing the Rainneshill Quarry application notice. Cllr Gifford will not take part in this discussion. No other Conflict of interests reported

4. Police Matters & Report

- No Police report received since May 2020, can the AC Councillors please help, we also require who is the Community Police officer.

Cllr Hassan suggested going to Andy Scott (inspector), Cllr Hassan emailed Inspector Andrew Scott directly (during the meeting) for report update for all his Wards

ACTION: Carolyne also to check with Andy Scott directly

- Chair reported from a news item that there has been a significant increase in dog theft, a warning to all dog owners.
- **ACTION:** Carolyne to try and find out the correct Police line on this

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

- Planning application for single dwelling house at Chance Farm Whitecairns
- Black Dog croft application for garage withdrawn
- Rainneshill Quarry Proposal of Application, this site is approximately 2.3Km North East of Newmacher
The following parties have received a proposal application, Newmacher, Udny, Foveran and Belhelvie Community Councils.

During discussion it was noted that the site is near Newmacher and situated in Udny and does not fall into the BCC area, although it may impact Whitecairns through traffic. A McIntyre suggested we discuss the matter at the next meeting as we have just received the document and therefore no one has had time to read the application thoroughly yet.

J Urquart and W Kinaird are local residents and are not in favour of the quarry planning to go ahead.

This application will be made an agenda item for November's BCC meeting. All BCC members asked to read the application document before the next meeting.

ACTION: Contact Newmacher, Udney and Foveran Community Councils who are mentioned in the application notes.

6. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

No transactions since last meeting

Still trying to get in touch with P Rideout in connection with funding for Potterton and Whitecairns.

Awaiting planning permission for the Leisure Centre football pitches, so BCC can pay for the application on behalf of the LC.

7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

8. Matters arising from previous meeting

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

- **Environmental (scrap yard Potterton fires)**

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

- **ACTION Completed:** D Wallace to ask if Aberdeenshire Council about the insurance concerning the constitution, AC do cover this.

- **ACTION:** D McKendrick to read the review on roads policies and feed back to AC on behalf of the BCC. (D McKendrick not at this evenings meeting)

- **ACTION Completed:** A McIntyre called the manager of Balmedie House in regards of delivery vans using the road to the lodge. The manager explained that the matter was in the hands of the police, therefore BCC does not have to pursue the matter any further.

- **ACTION:** H Foxen to follow the application for development funds for Potterton

- **ACTION:** Cllr P Johnstone on the ruling on the signs (Belhelvie not listed on the signposts at Blackdog) Cllr Johnstone not present.

- **ACTION:** C Woods to co-ordinate Banter input by 23rd October, **action cancelled**, no Banter this year.

9. Ongoing Projects Update

Greenfield/Landfill Projects Update (E Phipps)

No actions on these projects at present

After discussing the broken speed sign on Eigie Road in Balmedie Cllr Hassan is going to raise the subject of trying to make the speed limit 20mph.

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

- Continuing communication of National (Scotland) and local measures

- Carlyne keeping on top of the correct Scottish Government information and trying to relay the messages to the community.

- **ACTION Completed:** Carlyne sent E Phipps details of health and Social Care Partnership and Ellon Medical Practice for support through Belhelvie Church (COS)

- Covid 19 hardship fund, the referral system from Scotstown Medical Centre and being administered from Belhelvie church, no referrals to date.

- Still no information about Community fridge.

11. External & Internal Correspondence

Transport

Email received on 15 October - 64 bus - Blackdog to Aberdeen - from 26 October will terminate at Union Square

Instead of operating to and from Guild Street the bus will terminate/commence at Union Square bus station. With effect from Monday 26 October, the service will be operated by Stagecoach Bluebird with a 14 seat vehicle, so with Covid distancing requirements, this will allow the carriage of 7 passengers"

NOTE: Andrew Hassan has posted in Blackdog FB Group

G Middleton update - Blackdog very few buses come up two ramps/AWPR slip roads effectively cutting off access to regular public transport for residents. Very poor weekend services.

- **ACTION Completed:** G Middleton to send details of changes to timetables

- **ACTION:** Cllr Hassan to follow up with AC transport services

- **ACTION:** Carlyne to check on next Bus Forum/ replacement meetings

Correspondence discussed at the meeting

- 28 Sept - request to take part in Ellon Park and Ride to Garthdee Transport Corridor Study - STAG-Based Appraisal. Carlyne has circulated to BCC for feedback which can be collated and sent back to AC.

- **Deadline 23 October 2020**

- **ACTION:** Resend /remind BCC members in the meeting

- **ACTION:** Check feedback on Friday morning and collate and send back Update, well received by the consultant organiser
- 28 Sept - BCT update from Rosie circulated to all BCC members
- **ACTION Completed:** Send to J & S Nicol
- 29 Sept - Request to respond to consultation "Local Government and Communities Committee – views on participation requests and asset transfers"
- **Deadline 23 October.**
- Requested D Wallace respond on behalf of the BCC
- **ACTION Completed:** Forwarded to R Nicol (BCT) as it's about Community Asset Transfers for BCT to respond - Rosie has confirmed she will respond for BCT (30 Sept)
- 30 Sept - request for community group information - Crown Estates via AC - Carlyne has responded and asked also D Wallace for comment.
- 30 Sept - Developer Obligations money currently available to Potterton - forwarded to Hilary (DW on CC)
- 6 October - Michael Galt, Environmental Planner, Johnson Poole & Bloomer Ltd. Proposal of Application for the establishment of a quarry at Rainnieshill (Newmachar) in order to provide aggregate to the local construction industry. Public consultations events will take place via video call on 25th November 2020 between 1-4pm, and 26th November 2020 between 4-7pm.
- **ACTION Completed:** Forwarded to BCC members checked AC map and I think this is in Newmachar CC area, but issue of traffic has been raised by Jim Urquart (public) attending monthly meeting to discuss this.
- **ACTION:** Everyone to review the documents for November meeting
- **ACTION:** D Wallace to contact other affected CCs
- **ACTION:** Carlyne to invite J Urquart and W Kinaird to November meeting
- **ACTION Completed:** Circulate to BCC members Original quarry application from 2019 ENQ/2019/0824 | Formation of Quarry for Extraction of Aggregate | Site at Rannieshill Newmachar Aberdeenshire
- 11 October Rosie question about who manages the trees around the new roads (AWPR) - Forwarded to Olly and waiting a response, also contacted Aberdeen Roads
- **UPDATE:** reply from Aberdeen Roads they have a contractor in place to manage the trees, Rosie has been informed
- 11 October R Nicol broken road sign on Old Road, Balmedie. Carlyne has asked Formartine Roads team to confirm if it will be reinstated and CC's D McKendrick on emails - AC have replied the sign is fixed, Carlyne has informed R Nicol of the response. R Nicol has confirmed the sign has been fixed.
- 18 October - request (via Facebook page) from Evening Express for comment on Menie Estate approval, passed to D Wallace

12. Any Other Business

Meeting Nominations

- Community Council Forum Meeting, 11th November 2020, D Wallace and J Nicol
Cllr Hassan thinks that there are no limits on numbers attending the above meeting, he will check on this.
- A McIntyre reported he could not get the key to turn on the notice board in Belhelvie, if the case is still the same when entering new MOM Alex will get touch with the guy who placed the lock.
- Discussion on notice boards in the community, could it be possible to have Covid 19 notice boards. Decision to put a hold on the boards at present
- G Middleton stressed that the bus service to Blackdog is disgraceful, for a Sunday Service there are two buses one at 09:05 and 18:05. Only 3 buses service stop on the ramps/AWPR slip roads.
- **ACTION:** Cllr Hassan is going to lobby the situation

Meeting closed 21:13

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These October 2020 minutes were approved at the 16th November 2020 BCC Meeting, Next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 21st December 2020 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome, email :belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com for the phone-in number

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