



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 15th February 2021 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, A McIntyre, G Middleton, J Nicol, E Phipps

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

Apologies: Cllr K Adams P Johnston D McKendrick.

Visitors: Emily Boast, Jim Urquhart, Paul Frank (all for Rannieshill Quarry)

1. Introductions, Apologies & Welcome to Visitors

All attendees introduced themselves, all were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carolyne Wood as she will be controlling the meeting. All mics to be muted if not in use, use the hands button on the menu bar if you wish to speak.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflict of interests reported as previous with Cllr Gifford, when discussing Raineshill Quarry he will take no part.

3. Police Matters & Report

New Ward Circulated

Report is high level this was highlighted by S Rawlins, it will highlight emerging issues in the area rather than details of things under investigation, there is a small part of analysis, so compared to January 2021 and January 2020, there has been one more crime reported within the area. Half the reported cases are road traffic offences. According to the Police the statistics are the approximately the same. There has been a decrease of antisocial behaviour and use of drugs across the whole ward.

Operation Illustrious is continuing, this monitors the driver's speeding and behaviour.

The report has more of an emphasis on practical advice dog fouling, suicide and prevention.

No covid enforcement has been taken across our area.

C Woods has been in contact with the new Police Inspector at Ellon, Mark Young and fed back the feelings from the members of BCC. More detail has been asked for on the report, particularly traffic incidents around Balmedie and Potterton, basically a more localised report

ACTION:C Wood to find out if and who from the Police can attend our meetings.

4 Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were not modified. They were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by J Nicol

5 Matters arising from previous meetings

Request to support local power Bill on hold

ACTION: DW to put agenda item for sabbatical of member S Nicol.

Environmental (scrap yard Potterton fires)

ACTION: (on going) All please report direct to SEPA and let BCC know if you see anything at the site There still seems to be numerous reports of burning off different materials,

ACTION: (on going) Awaiting for SEPA to visit the site and if they have for a report

ACTION: (on going) E Phipps to recommence fundraising strategy for 2021 with Alan Still and Bill Murray (Developer Obligations, Vattenfall, AFCCT)

The road to the Balmedie Country Park passing the sewage plant

ACTION: C Wood to send questions to Scottish Water on behalf of BCC
SSE resilience funding

ACTION Completed E Phipps responding to SSE
Web accessibility check

ACTION: (on going) C Wood to mail AC Claire Young.

Goudie Burn (Neil Burr sent his apology for not being able to attend this evenings meeting)

ACTION Completed: Email to be sent (N Burr) to ask Cllrs Johnstone and Hassan to view the
Gourdie Burn site.

Cllrs Hassan and Johnstone are to have a meeting and discussion with AC Officers about this matter
later in the week to see if they could alleviate the issue.

Cllr Hassan visited the site and met with N Burr who pointed out the issues they have at the site.

Cllr Hassan said he would keep N Burr up to date with any new actions taking place.

Rannieshill Quarry

Extra Ord Meeting MOM discrepancy, to be slightly altered as per E Boast

ACTION Completed: C Wood reworded statement about bins

ACTION: C Wood to ask for update from developers

ACTION: C Wood to circulate responses when received

6 Covid Related Community Support Projects, Actions & Responses

Funds being administered by BCC, resilience team includes Ewan Phipps BCC, Rosie Nicol BCT and
Paul McKeown BCT

Total available Covid resilience funding £3k, total spent to date £230 (coop vouchers and taxi
referrals)

£1k from AC requires to be spent by 31st Mar 2021 or returned to AC

£1k from SSE no specific conditions attached, award letter refers to "covid resilience"

£1k Big Lottery no conditions attached, award letter refers to "covid resilience"

Resilience team has not received any referrals to date

As part of the ongoing vaccine roll-out we have started an initiative offering free taxi transport to
TECA for those without transport availability

ACTION: Re-publicise taxis on FB, A McIntyre to put info on notice board

Actions for referrals for help

ACTION Completed: C Wood/S Nicol reviewed leaflet by. Potterton Group and has all necessary
details, and are on notice boards in Potterton.

ACTION: C Woods to mail S Rawlins about the Aberdeenshire leaflets.

Monitoring report overdue to Foundation Scotland.

ACTION: Still outstanding E Phipps to complete asap

7 Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Payment made to Leisure centre for architect's online planning application for portacabin and metal
container £202.50 (BCC acting as applicant)

8 Planning Report (G Middleton)

Submitted

- House and Garage land North of Blackdog Croft - this is a long running application which
appears to be in and withdrawn a number of times.
- House west of South Manse Panmuir Gardens Potterton – again seems to be submitted and
withdrawn 2 or 3 times.
- 3 Houses North and West of Boghead of Orrock
- Extension to small church in Balmedie.

Approved

- Marketing Suites and Flags for Kirkwood Homes in Blackdog

9 Landfill Tax Projects

Leisure centre:

- Awaiting estimates to finish the car park extension then submit an application via BCC to
Landfill Fund (cut-off 26th Feb)

ACTION: Ewan Phipps to coordinate meeting to discuss future funding strategy and knowledge
sharing (LC, BCC and Alan Still)

Investing in Communities Public Consultation:

Collaboration project between BCT and BCC

To be commenced online during 1Q (survey monkey, facebook)

Potterton Gourdie Burn/ Community Centre to be looked at funding at a later date.

10 Greenfield Projects Update

None

11 External Meeting Report Back

- Formartine Rural Partnership, H Foxen attended this, looks as if the partnership has to close their office and have been offered a space at Haddo House. They are having meetings with various councillors to see what funding is available, so hopefully the partnership will continue as it helps local groups to develop and progress things.
- Formartine Community Council Forum, D Wallace and A McIntyre were attendees at this meeting. S Rawlins presented the Formartine Community Plan, A point of interest to come out of the presentation about Balmedie and Potterton is that we have an age vulnerability problem which is being amplified during this covid pandemic (higher than average persons over 65) There was a discussion on Covid 19 and where the vaccines would be administered after closure of centres and moved to TECA.
Andrew McIntyre & O Deeming are going to confirm to all CC about the flowers for this year.
Next meeting in May 2021

12 Attendance Nomination For Future External Meetings

- Balmedie Country Park Meeting 17th February 2021, A McIntyre/J Fletcher

13 New Correspondence & Communication

- 19 Jan - further information from Neil Burr about the Potterton Burn received
Circulated to J Nicol, H Foxen and D Wallace, G Middleton

ACTION Completed: Send correspondence to G Middleton

- 21 Jan - Transport to Vaccination Centres: Formartine
UPDATE - asked Paul McKeown if his volunteers can help - 28 Jan
E Phipps has booked taxis following request for help
- 22 Jan - light reported broken in Whitecairns C Wood has reported it online as the BCC
AC have responded that they are prioritising urgent work at the moment

ACTION Completed: M Brown reported light now fixed

- 22 Jan - Information on National Planning Framework 4 consultation
UPDATE - Sent to G Middleton and D Wallace for response
- 25 Jan - BCT update from Rosie
- 25 Jan - Receipts for Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Fund
Sent on to E Phipps
- 26 Jan - trading standards bulletin
Shared post on door step callers advice on Facebook
- 27 Jan - Request for updated CC Member contact and GDPR consent January 2021
Sent on to D Wallace and J Fletcher for action

ACTION: D Wallace to send sheet for signature for office bearers

- 28 Jan - Jenny basket ball hoops in Potterton, Cllr Hassan suggested Gordon's leisure trust
fund may be able to help
Raised in the Feb meeting and discussed
- 28 Jan - mobile speed cameras B977 Old Aberdeen Road, Balmedie, Circulated to BCC
members

<http://www.safetycameras.gov.scot/news-publications/news/>

ACTION Completed: Check for news item and then post to FB

- 29 Jan - change of boundary for Udney to move Cllr Gifford land into Belhelvie
Agreed by D Wallace on behalf of BCC, Claire Young will take this and Udney's OK to the Area
Committee

ACTION Completed: Send on correspondence to G Middleton

- 7 Feb - report of fire burning in Potterton, J Nicol and H Foxen copied on reply – J Nicol had
sent update on latest report to SEPA:
- 15 Feb - Visitor Attraction Support Fund - Closes February 18th 5pm

ACTION Completed: Forwarded to R Nicol who is talking to them already, publicised on FB

- Ian Downie education / school capacity - sent direct to D Wallace

ACTION: D Wallace to reply to Ian Downie saying we are aware of info and it's in hand at AC through education team and elected members.

School buildings these are monitored reports go to education committee where Cllrs Gifford and Adams sit.

14 Any Other Business

Potterton Developers Obligation Money (H Foxen)

- The Potterton group have now given the task back to BCC to progress the spending of the £4200.00 development money. H Foxen contacted L Hendry (AC in charge of distributions) and had a lengthy chat, the money available has been sitting for 6 years. She discussed various suggestions of which there are many. H Foxen feels as a community Potterton have no Community Centre, therefore nowhere to meet and she thinks this should be a priority in today's climate for people's wellbeing. The deadline date for spending the money is May 2021 and this cannot be put off.
Cllr Gifford disappointed in this outcome, stated the money does not have to be spent by May 2021, it means the project for spending has to be in place by May 2021. After a long discussion it was decided that H Foxen and J Nicol to get the local contractors to quote for clearing of area for future community facilities eg removal of the unused toilet, clearing of the shed.
- J Nicol was spoken to by a resident about speeding on the roads at the back of Belhelvie Church, fear is because so many people are out walking these days and accidents may happen, any instances of speeding cars should be reported to the Police.
- BCC MOM for August 2020 addition of Post Note agreeable by all members, proposer G Middleton and seconder D Wallace.

ACTION Completed: The BBC MOM for August 2020 sent to C Wood for updating

Meeting closed 21:37

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These February 2021 minutes were approved at the 15th March 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 19th April 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,

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