

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 19th April 2021 Teams Call-in.

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

Members Present: C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen, A McIntyre, G Middleton,
J Nicol, D McKendrick, D Wallace.

Apologies: E Phipps

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

Apologies: Cllr K Adams

Visitors: Denista Andonova (P&J), Adam Brown (Potterton), Lee Scott (Balmedie)

1. Introductions, Apologies & Welcome to Visitors

All attendees introduced themselves, all were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carlyne 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.

The Chair reported that BCC had an Extra-ordinary Meeting on 29th March 2021 to discuss the Community Council Scheme of Establishment Review Forum.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

3. Police Matters & Report Review

No Police Presence at the meeting, a highlighted report from S Rawlins is as follows:

- 14 reported crimes across the ward, down 4 from 2020 period
- Increase in fraud, mostly due to lockdown and online fraud
- There is a downward trend in the use of drugs across the ward
- 4 persons reported for driving incidents
- No formal enforcement action for Covid restrictions over the ward

23rd March – C Wood has updated our Police email contact list to include the following, and also our pre-meeting reminder email list, also contacted these Police contacts to tell them about our meetings and offer help with communicating with our communities.

Inspector: Mark.Young@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Sgt: Michael.Loughhead@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Ward address: MidformartineCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

New contact - Sgt diane.macdonald@scotland.pnn.police.uk replaces Michael Loughhead

ACTION Completed: C Wood has updated BCC Police contacts and meeting invites
26th March - thanks from Inspector Mark Young and he will aim to attend our meetings

ACTION: C Wood to ask (diane.macdonald@scotland.pnn.police.uk) about specific incidents in Balmedie noted in Feb meeting AND who will be our Community Police Officer and attending our meetings

Burning at Potterton

BCC Emailed MSP / MP 22nd March

25th March - BCC received a copy of the Gill Martin MSP sent to SEPA

Circulated to D Wallace, A McIntosh, J Fletcher, H Foxen and J Nicol

4. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

The minutes from the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on the 29th March were proposed for approval by D Wallace and seconded by A McIntyre.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

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

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 Ongoing: Awaiting for SEPA to visit the site and if they have for a report

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

- **Transport**

12th April - Carlyne checked with AC to see if the following services are going to be completely withdrawn (already publicised through FB) - she confirmed that they are.

Service 747 between Aberdeen Airport, Ellon Park and Ride and Peterhead will be withdrawn after its last day of operation on 28th May 2021.

Service 64 Blackdog to Aberdeen which is currently suspended will not return.

- **Resilience Planning**

Extra meeting for presentation by S Rawlins to be scheduled after the May meeting

ACTION: BCC to approach Rev Paul, First Responders, Brethren Church Responders, BRA, BCT, Black Dog, Balmedie Leisure Centre & Coffee Shop, Potterton Community Centre, Belhelvie, and use note that S Rawlins sent to put this in context

ACTION: Organise separate meeting to discuss above include S Rawlins & AC Councillors in this meeting

ACTION: S Rawlins to contact Ellon Group to see if they can attend and advise on their experience – C Wood to make sure S Rawlins has the link to circulate to Ellon group.

- **Potterton Developers Obligation Money** (H Foxen and J Nicol)

J Nicol and H Foxen had a busy month, they have spoken to TEXO for a quote on the supply of a lined storage container, which could possibly be used also as a meeting place later on.

They also had a meeting with Stephen Young from the Scottish Gov Community and Renewable Energy Scheme about the possibility of using low-cost solar panels to give power to the lighting of the container, this could be an ongoing project with trying to get funding from Vattenfall next year. The application from this fund has been completed by H Foxen with the help of R Niol (BCT).

BCC received information from L Hendry (AC) that there is an extension period to spend the money. The mail stated that £4132.80 is available to spend deadline being September 2021 also that £3696.35 was available but passed its deadline. Cllr Johnstone explained that the money passed its deadline could be used but there no guarantee that it will not be withdrawn by the Developer. He advised that the Developer Obligations Team should get in touch with the Developer to clarify the position and that there is a project to use the money and to set the money aside. J Nicol will send the quote for the works to Cllr Johnstone who will discuss with L Hendry to see if any hidden problems ie planning permission, building warrants etc are required for the project.

6. Covid Related Community Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives

- 24th March 2021 Receipts for Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Fund 'request for receipts'

ACTION: E Phipps

- 24th March FB post on unpaid carers able to register to receive the vaccine (share AC post)
- Ongoing updates as rules change via FB and BCC website, including postcode checker for latest rules (19th April 21)
- **ACTION Completed:** Checked to see if residents helped with taxi to first inoculation required help again, confirmed they were OK and did not need taxi this time.

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Treasurer not present, no report for this month

8. Planning Report (G Middleton)

- 1 application changing rooms at Eigie Road/ Eigie Crescent, NB this retrospective as is already erected.
- 3 Approvals, extension to the Church (Balmedie), House West of South Manse Panmuir Gdns, Potterton, Garage converted to living space and new garage. 20 Chapelwell Park.
- No objection to the street names at Black Dog

9. Landfill Tax Projects

ACTION Ongoing: 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),

10. Greenfield Projects Update

None

11. External Meeting Report Back

None

12. Attendance Nomination For Future External Meetings

12th May 2021 Forum Meeting J Nicol, C Wood and D Wallace to attend

ACTION Completed: circulated invitation details from calendar

13. New Correspondence & Communication

ACTION: D Wallace to send sheet for signature for office bearers, this will be completed at a face to face meeting

• **Scottish water**

ACTION Completed: Carlyne sent questions to Scottish Water 12th March 2021 on behalf of BCC about road to water works road is owned by Aberdeenshire Council but managed by Scottish water

Response from Scottish Water (15th March)

email with the attached images (forwarded) to the Team Leader for the treatment plant for their assistance.

ACTION: Carlyne to chase for response

• 22nd March emailed MSP/MP about scrapyard

Responses to date: MSP's office has assigned a case worker, MP's office may take more time to pick up the case as they have a high covid workload

• 24th March Volunteers Sought for Stage 2 Community Council Investigation

Circulated to BCC members 29 March and to be discussed at 29 March meeting

J Nicol is available to work on this, if required

• 25th March elections - number of members/vacancies

Forwarded to David Wallace

ACTION Completed: David confirmed who needs to apply again this year to be elected in 2021 J Fletcher, J Nicol, D McKendrick to send their Completed Election Nomination Forms to AC.

• 25th March Local Governance Review Update

Circulated to BCC members

• 29th March briefing note from Aberdeenshire Council on changes to general permitted development. Circulated to BCC members

• 31st March Blackdog road names

ACTION Completed: Carlyne sent feedback to AC on behalf of BCC after the April meeting (note correct spelling of Primrose).

• 6th April The Formartine Area Office at 29-31 Bridge Street, Ellon has now closed and will not be reopening, post any hard copies to: Formartine Area Office, C/o 45 Bridge Street, Ellon, AB41 9AA forwarded to all BCC members.

- 7th April Olly Deeming replied to Neil Burr's email about the burn (BCC was CC'd on Olly's reply). He is forwarding the proposals to AC's flood defence team to review
Neil Burr and Rosie Nicol working on funding application
- 8th April funding opportunity from SSEN's Resilient Communities Fund. Publicised through Facebook
- 18th April -seen on FB - new fences at bunker
ACTION Completed: Carlyne sent thanks Olly for getting this done - thanks sent 26 April

14. Any Other Business

- Lee Scott (Balmedie resident) asked about vehicles using the new foot/cycle paths from Balmedie to Blackdog and the one leading from Balmedie towards Belhelvie Church, Fly tipping has been experienced on this path, he said local residents had placed large rocks at the side of the bollards to prevent this from reoccurring, but it would be good to get a permanent fix to the problem.
Cllr Johnstone, fly-tipping should be reported and it looks as if there is sufficient information in the rubbish to lead the Police to the culprits of the fly-tipping. The position of the bollards has already been raised at least twice including photographic evidence of vehicles going round the bollards, this is now with AC Road Service to try and put in extra measures during this financial year
Another path leading from Pettins Street to the Leisure Centre is used by local residents including older persons and it is in a bad state of repair, heavily mossed which makes it slippery and bushes overgrown, he asked if the next time AC are doing their clearing could they attend to this.
- A local resident asked the D Wallace when the proposed cycle path from Balmedie to Murcur would start and be completed.
Cllr Johnstone advised there are 2 Councils are involved, Aberdeen City (Blackdog to Murcur) and Aberdeenshire (Balmedie to Murcur). They are waiting for the design stage completion and the setting of a contract, all including the budget has been approved The AC Councillors stated they were pressing this issue to get it going ASAP.
- Denista Andonova (Press & Journal) asked D Wallace to contact her in advance of meetings, she is showing a general interest in how the BCC conducts its business.
- Adam Brown (Potterton), is interested in the BCC work and may possibly join the BCC
- **AC Contacts changes** Jan McRobbie is replacing Claire Young while she is on maternity leave
- H Foxen reported that P Rideout has resigned from Formartine Rural Partnership, and the offices have now moved to Haddo House.
- Cllr Hassan email inbox in inundated with reminders of things requiring completed this time last year, included in these are the cutting of the grass verges to the beach and the general state of the beach with pot holes. These will be dealt with on prioritisation but he stated that with the start of summer the beach will tend to have larger traffic and he will try and push these AC Road and Landscape issues.

Meeting closed 20:53

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These April 2021 minutes were approved at the 17th May 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 21th June 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,

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