

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING 17th May 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, G Middleton,
J Nicol, D McKendrick, D Wallace.

Apologies: E Phipps, A McIntyre

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

Apologies: Cllr K Adams P Johnston

Visitors: A Brown (Potterton), J Smith (SEPA), G Buchanan (AC Environmental Health)

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.

2. Chairman's Remarks

Nothing to raise this month

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cllr J Gifford (Rainneshill Quarry)

4. Police Matters & Report Review

No attendance

April report received 17th May and circulated to BCC members

During April there were 11 recorded crimes across the whole of ward 8, a decrease of 6 from previous year. There has been an increase in reports of fraud during lockdown, to be highlighted on FB about the fraud, doorstep and telephone types. There is a downturn in the misuse of drugs across the whole ward. Five persons were charged with speeding offences. No formal enforcement action on Covid regulations breaking.

Crash at Belhelvie Cemetery: Cllr Hassan and Cllr Gifford reported this incident and advised to spread the word as there have been stones misplaced and damaged, the owners or families of the lairs will have to claim from the driver's insurance

Action Completed: C Wood has contacted AC landscape services who have cleaned up the area where the incident occurred at the cemetery and Police to find the contact for the above claims.

Action Completed: C Wood has been in contact with the new Sergeant, Diane McDonald and given joining details of our meetings

Police email contact

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

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

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

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

- Alterations and extension to Howland Steading in Balmedie
- Alterations to 12 Park Terrace in Belhelvie (Insertion of skylights)
- Response to Rainneshill Quarry to AC from BCC was submitted on 10th May, all agreed it was a good response and had captured all particulars of the BCC discussion.

6. Draft National Planning Framework for Housing Land

If BCC wants to reply to this, a response is required by the 4th June 2021, G Middleton said after reading the document the figures being proposed are substantially less than in the 2020 Local Development Plan.

7. Enforcement Action (AC Council Officer G Buchanan)

- G Buchanan spoke of the ongoing issues with burning at Potterton for more than a year now, the Police, Fire Services, SEPA and AC have since the start of 2021 engaged with the person who is in control of the site but this has proved to be fruitless, the burnings seem to have increased in terms of frequency. Various issues that have not helped in the progress of the enforcement, mainly SEPA having a cyber-attack and that put them out of action, they are now back online. There are a number of different enforcement options available, approaches to seek cooperation have fell on deaf ears, formal action is now to be taken and after having 3 meetings with Police, Fire Services and SEPA to discuss what the best options. The easy options are very difficult to enforce as these are relatively minor offences and it would be up to the fiscal to take these on. An option to get relief would be Closure Order under the Anti-social Behaviour Legislation and the Police are currently exploring this route with their legal team, this is not deemed a quick process. The fourth option is under section 33 of the Environment Protection Act, all the material from the complainants, videos, photos, written statements, has been sent to SEPA as these are the lead authority in Section 33.
- J Smith (SEPA) in sect 33 there is an exception in burning clean or untreated wood, eg trees bushes. so in this case it is not relevant. Because there is an active investigation there are things that cannot be discussed in relation to measures they intend to progress with in conjunction with Fire Services and Police, they have received all materials from AC and have been in contact and taken statements from persons in Potterton. The SEPA Serious Environmental Crime team that was set up in 2019 has given support to the case as they have specialised knowledge and training. Some of the enforcement measures SEPA are considering are the serving of fixed monetary penalties based on the nature of the offence, they can also serve enforcement notices that would require the individuals to undertake remedial work, in this case the waste would have to be removed from the site.

NB A brief update will be sent out shortly from G Buchanan after consultation with J Smith and his team to the Potterton residents and BCC.

P&J who have been in contact with Cllr Gifford and Cllr Hassan about the case gave brief statements that there is a multi-agency approach and that they are trying to resolve the matter as quick as possible.

8. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

9. 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)

- **Resilience Planning**

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

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

ACTION Completed: 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)

10. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives

- Publicising changes to rules continuing
- Funds being administered by BCC, resilience team includes Ewan Phipps BCC, Rosie Nicol BCT and Paul McKeown BCT
- Total remaining Covid resilience funding = £2k:
 - £1k, Scottish Southern Energy, no specific conditions attached, award letter refers to “covid resilience”
 - £1k, Big Lottery Fund, no specific conditions attached, award letter refers to “covid resilience”
- Total spent to date £296 (vouchers and taxi referrals)
- Resilience team has not received any referrals to date other than the 2 x taxi referrals
As part of the ongoing vaccine rollout across the age groups we are still offering free taxi transport to TECA for those without transport availability

11. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

E Phipps did not attend the meeting but sent his report

- £762 residual balance repaid to Aberdeenshire Council in respect of the covid Resilience Fund award made in April 2020
- £58 taxi fare for transport to covid vaccination for Potterton resident

12. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

Leisure centre:

- Children’s Play Area - application made to Co-op community fund in respect of the children’s play area adjacent to Beachside Coffee Shop. Works scheduled to start October. E Phipps to apply to Tesco Community Grants Fund and Area Committee Grants Scheme.
- Outdoor Seating - awaiting two quotes for wooden gazebos or pods with a view to increasing the outside seating area adjacent to the Coffee Shop. E Phipps to apply to Tesco Community Grants Fund and Area Committee Grants Scheme.
- Pavilion Car Park Extension – awaiting estimates in order to finish works. Intend to apply to Scottish Community Landfill Fund.

BCT Projects:

- Sand Bothy - repairs to the eastern decking and painting complete
- Toilet Refurb – new external wall built and ramp access completed, joiners and lift specialist due to start works
- Sensory Garden – awaiting contractors to complete agreed works
- Gourdie Burn Potterton – Neil Burr leading a project to alleviate flooding from the Gourdie Burn. Intend to apply to Scottish Community Landfill Fund.
- Investing In Communities Public Consultation - collaboration project between BCT and BCC/Online surveys due to commence (survey monkey, facebook)

13. External Meeting Report Back

Formartine Community Council Forum Meeting 12th May 2021 attended by J Nicol and C Wood.

J Nicol report sent to the Forum about what BCC have been doing, this wasn’t read out to the Forum. The beginning of the meeting was about Community Resilience which BCC are discussing at present. Training was also mentioned in particular Suicide Prevention Training, awaiting email with particulars. Formartine in Bloom competition will not run this year as no funding available. Next meeting is August.

ACTION: feedback to Area Office on keeping meetings online (Community Council Forum)

ACTION: Andrew to find out how Chairmanship process is managed

14. Attendance Nomination For Future External Meetings

- **Resilience plan** (carried over from April meeting)
 - Extra meeting with Sam Rawlins, rep from Ellon group and AC Councillors planned for mid June (before next BCC meeting)
 - Meeting booked in for Monday 14 June and invitation circulated

ACTION: David Wallace to approach Rev Paul, First Responders, Brethren Church responders, BRA, BCT, Potterton, Balmedie Leisure Centre, Potterton Community Centre, Coffee Shop to see if they want to be involved.

- Balmedie Country Park Meeting 16th June 2021 A McIntyre to attend, will be online so all BCC members may attend.

15. New Correspondence & Communication

- 22nd April – R Nicol reporting Ladies toilets at Country Park not usable (vandals) - Carlyne has emailed O Deeming to see when they will be repaired.
UPDATE: Olly checking with FEX who are working on the repairs
ACTION: C Wood to check with O Deeming again on progress
- 28th April - circulated to BCC the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils Review - Full Council Report email with link to AC online meeting to discuss on 29th April
- 29th April - Draft National Planning Framework 4 Housing Land Requirement Consultation
Circulated to BCC and requested on the agenda
- 10th May - election information, circulated to members (11th May 2021)
ACTION Completed: C Wood updated website with election details
- 11th May - Local Place Plans - Consultation Briefing Note - circulated to members, comment by 25th June so may hold over to June BCC meeting to discuss

16. Any Other Business

- Village Tidy scheme for 21/22 has been extended to include “improvements to amenities”

20/21 activity report and proposal for 21/22 due by 30th June.

ACTION: J Fletcher to submit

- Quarry
Udny C Wood forwarded latest on planning application 24 April - circulated to BCC members
- Scottish Water Questions

ACTION Completed: Carlyne chased for response from Scottish Water (15th March), nothing returned.

- Speeding on Eigie Road – raised at Friends of Balmedie School meeting (J Nicol)
ACTION: D McKendrick will contact Police and ask if they may do a speed check on Eigie Road.
- Laingseat Road by the Community Centre, Potterton, there has been parking problems since Nursery has returned, some discussions wanted for double yellows from residents affected
- Developer Obligations money - Potterton - meeting on Monday 24th May) about Community Hall funds and use, and will include discussion about the road/parking – J Nicol and H Foxen to attend for BCC, Cllr Hassan voiced his concerns as he had not heard about this forthcoming meeting and would have liked to be invited.
- D Wallace reported to G Buchanan about the state of a building on the Old Road which was previously a shop and that it was in a bad state and could be a safety issue. G Buchanan said he look into the property to see what notices have been put on it and report back to BCC.

Meeting closed 20:48

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These May 2021 minutes were approved at the 21st June 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 19th July 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,

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