

# BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## Approved MINUTES of MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> July 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, E Phipps, A McIntyre  
J Nicol, S Nicol, D McKendrick, A Brown

**Apologies:** G Middleton, D Wallace

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

**Visitors:** None

### 1. Introductions, Apologies & Welcome to Visitors

D Wallace sent his apologies for not being able to attend .and Vice Chair A McIntyre chaired the meeting.

Adam Brown was introduced as a new BCC member and all other attendees were introduced to A Brown.

All attendees 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. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None, J Nicol is standing for election at the Mid Formartine Election on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Cllr Gifford advised we seek guidance from AC as to what J Nicol may be involved in during the BCC meetings as there may be a COI seeing as the other candidates are not present at these meetings. Cllr Johnstone advised that J Nicol may continue to attend BCC meeting, but if she does get elected to Aberdeenshire Council she will have to resign from BCC.

### 3. Police Matters & Report Review

No attendance

#### **Highlights from the report (June 2021):**

Report aims: ".to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice..."

#### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder / Acquisitive Crime**

Recorded crimes: **decrease of 8** compared to the same period in 2020

Definition: number of recorded crimes that have resulted in some form of investigation.

3 reports relating to drugs, 5 reports of vandalism

Trends: fewer numbers of fraud reported (only 2 this month)

#### **Road Safety & Road Crime**

Operation Illustrious continues into 2021 - dedicated high visibility and intelligence led patrols and speed checks across the Formartine area.

Several people reported for excessive speed

#### **Covid Policing**

Police monitoring levels of compliance as lock down eases - especially licensed premises, football etc.

No fines issued in ward 8 this month.

#### **Police contacts & meetings**

Police contacts were sent invitation to this meeting

Change of contact, Sgt D MacDonald is moving from Formartine, the new Sergeant for Ward 8 will be Sgt Leah McKinnon

**4. Planning Report (G Middleton)**

G Middleton not present

**5. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)**

June Bank Account Activity

No transactions in month

**6. Resilience Planning Presentation and Discussion**

After presentation from S Rowlin AC to BCC there are a few scenarios that came up for the BCC area, mainly A90 snowed in and trying rescue people from cars and rescuing persons from buildings in the parish.

Next steps perhaps approach the Rev Paul McK to see if he wants to be involved also approach key building owners - Leisure centre, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Centre

**ACTION:** C Woods to circulate latest version of S Rowlin's information /emails.

**ACTION:** D Wallace to speak to groups with facilities as above

**ACTION:** C Wood to arrange a meeting with the groups after D Wallace has spoken to them to see if any group or groups want to take this forward.

**7. 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 C Wood

**8. Matters arising from previous meetings**

- **ACTION Completed:** promote SEPA email/ contacts for reporting issues, live fire contact emergency services (fire& rescue and Police) and update webpage and FB page.  
<https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents>  
Pollution hotline on 0800 80 70 60  
Notify emergency services when there is an immediate threat to life and or property.
- **Transport**  
J Nicol has contacted Stagecoach about getting the timetables updated in bus stops  
9<sup>th</sup> July Ellon P&R to Garthdee Transport Corridor Study closes 4<sup>th</sup> August  
**ACTION Completed:** - Publicised on Facebook for community to comment
- Ladies toilets at Country Park not usable after vandalism, update from Cllr Hassan, who has received a number of emails about the situation, they are currently still closed, a work order has been raised by O Deeming for the remedial work to the company AC use for these purposes, work is ongoing but no time has been given to complete the works as yet. C Wood reported to Cllr Hassan that this is a safety issue of only having gents toilets open, Cllr Hassan was asked to press for a quick turn around for the toilets, and he agreed to raise the matter again.
- **ACTION Completed:** Village Tidy reports all submitted to AC by J Fletcher
- **ACTION Completed:** D McKendrick contacted the Police and asked for speed checks to be done on Eigie Road,
- The old speed sign has been removed and D McKendrick asked if there would be a replacement sign put in its place, no conformation as yet.
- Scottish Water (state of road) C Wood has chased for a response on 4<sup>th</sup> June, being followed up by Scottish Water internally.
- **Website** Will be asking for photos when C Wood can plan in the time to work on the site

**9. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives**

- Publicising changes to rules continuing
- 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
- Publicised survey on impact of Covid-19 & circulated to BCC members - 21 June 21
- S Nicol has distributed Sam Rawlin's leaflets round the parish
- S Nicol would like to refer Job Centre clients to CC's for help

**10. 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. The application is ready be sent to the Scottish Community Landfill Fund for approval.
  - Investing In Communities Public Consultation collaboration project between BCT and BCC/Online surveys due to commence (survey monkey, facebook)
- Village Tidy/Amenity Improvement Funding
- Village Tidy scheme for 21/22 has been extended to include "improvements to amenities"
  - 20/21 activity report and proposal for 21/22 submitted to AC and approved.
  - 21/22 funds to be distributed in full lump sum payment to our various associations immediately upon receipt by BCC

#### **11. External Meeting Report Back**

- **Balmedie Country Park Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021** A McIntyre attended.

The new Disabled toilets are now complete and looking good.

The contractor is awaiting parts to repair the Ladies toilet.

The South block can be opened for groups holding events in the Country Park. Keys are available from the Council.

Pot-holes materials ordered.

New information signs have been delivered and are awaiting fitting.

The Sand Bothy has had good links with Balmedie School, but has had activities limited due to Covid restrictions. School has two teachers specially trained in outdoor activities so this should help with greater use of facilities by local children.

Discussion was held on potential ways of generating greater income for the park. One item mooted was the potential for charging for parking in the park. The council said they would not be prepared to manage this and cited the example of Haddo where the local committee manage this. The BCT advised that they were not prepared to take on the administration of a paid parking system. I agreed to gauge opinion within the BCC of the possibility of BCC taking onboard this activity. I advised that I personally would not be prepared to get involved given the time I already spend in park with the Beach Wheelchairs. Suggest this is discussed at July meeting.

The condition of the access roads and boardwalks was discussed.

A bid is to be prepared in an effort to get Crown Estate funding for some improvements.

There will also be a bid submitted to the Coastal Communities Fund.

- **Potterton Community Centre (PCC) User Groups Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

H Foxen and J Nicol from BCC attended along with a rep from the yoga class and two Aberdeenshire Council Officers with the hopes to consider potential opportunities for Developer Obligations Funding. It was discussed with Aberdeenshire Council (AC) officers, Linda Hendry and Camille Russell that there is no established need for more meeting space or storage at PCC. As such, BCC members have been unable to proceed with applications for Developer Obligations funding.

AC Officers advised that there is enough space for two user groups to meet in PCC, therefore this could include the current Balmedie School Nursery annexe plus an additional user group using the upstairs space, if the entrance doors and entrance/exit timings for the two user groups are different. AC have advised that no additional storage is required as this is not provided to user groups as part of their let agreement.

AC officers also advised that the PCC was run as a business and confirmed that whilst the education nursery group was running weekly as a user group other user groups could avail themselves to other rooms at the same time BCC representatives were confused by this as given the limitations of the PCC re-access and toilet facilities sharing the centre with nursery did not seem a possibility.

Existing user groups and new user groups are encouraged to apply for lets at PCC following the relaxation of Covid restrictions, by contacting Live Life Aberdeenshire.

## **12. Attendance Nomination for Future External Meetings**

None

## **13. New Correspondence & Communication**

- 20<sup>th</sup> May Local Place Plans consultation  
Circulated to D Wallace and G Middleton on 21<sup>st</sup> June
- 27<sup>th</sup> May Local Development Plan Scheme 2021 G Middleton to present  
From the email "You may recall that this is the document we publish annually that sets out the work programme for the Local Development Plan Team....This year the DPS is rather thin as we are now at the **examination stage of the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020**, and there is no further opportunity to engage with you on the content of this plan. However, we will keep the public informed of progress through our newsletter and press bulletins. We are still waiting for the Government to advise us how they would expect us to prepare the next Local Development Plan (LDP). We expect to be in a **position to provide you with advice on this matter in approximately 12 months time**...While we are not complacent, we are happy that the plan to be adopted early next year, and which has resulted from hard work by all stakeholders over the past four years, will provide a planning framework for communities going forward."
- **ACTION: ask G Middleton to present on this in August meeting**
- 9<sup>th</sup> June - The Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils - Phase 3  
Forwarded to D Wallace to complete on behalf of BCC
- **ACTION: Circulate to BCC members**
- Cllr K Adams has taken a seat at the Scottish Parliament, so there is a Council Election on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- **Action Completed:** Response to Blackdog to explain the Village Tidy situation. (J Fletcher)
- Complaint against BCC, discussed the process with Cllr Johnston and Cllr Hassan, awaiting dates of hearing

## **14. Any Other Business**

- Banter deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> August, C Wood to put together a report for BCC
- J Nicol and H Foxen were asked by a member of the community if they could place a memorial bench with a plaque in Potterton in memory of her husband who has passed away. Cllr Johnston advised an AC person Andrew McIntyre could help with this.

Meeting closed 21:12

### **DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES**

**NB These July 2021 minutes were approved at the 16<sup>st</sup> August 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome,**

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