

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 18th October 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: C Wood, J Fletcher, H Foxen, S Nicol, A Brown, D Wallace, M Stuart, G Middleton

Apologies: D McKendrick, J Nicol, A McIntyre, E Phipps, N Burr (Potterton Burn Remediation)

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr A Hassan Cllr, Cllr S Powell

Apologies: J Gifford Cllr P Johnston

Visitors: Sgt Tom Stables

1. Chairmans Opening Remarks

Chair asked if anyone is recording the meeting please refrain as there has been no permission sought by anyone prior to the meeting starting.

Discussion on Communications, any BCC members replying to communications using personal email addresses should insert the following disclaimer note at the bottom of the communication.

"The views, information, and opinions expressed in private and/or personal communication and correspondence from individual members of the Belhelvie Community Council (BCC) are solely those of the individuals involved, and do not necessarily represent the settled will of the BCC. Only those statements, views, and information from BCC emails or approved minutes should be considered to convey an official stance of the BCC."

Vote taken on the communications procedure and changing of the constitution, all agreed, motion passed. J Fletcher to write the changes to the constitution and present for the next meeting, if accepted it will be sent to the AC Area Manager for final approval

Education, A Hendry's leaflet sent to all householders in the Belhelvie Parish saying that a new school was required in the area and he has an area to build a new school. Many locals have been asking questions about the leaflet, when and where is the new school going to be built, and are the BCC in favour of this. Cllr Hassan was asked if he could tell us when the Local Development Plan (LDP) will be implemented.

Cllrs Hassan and Powell were at the **Formartine Area Committee Meeting**, this was one of the topics discussed and they gave the following responses:

Cllr Hassan, The officers were instructed to give an outline report on all the options after the conclusion of the LDP, this would include full information of the drivers of the process which would be the increasing numbers of pupils at Balmedie School, Foveran School, and all the housing allocations in the catchment areas of those schools in the LDP once it is approved by the Scottish Government. In this appraisal report, consideration will be made for not only Balmedie but also Cultercullen, Tipperty, Foveran, Newburgh and some smaller schools in the area. The appraisal report of the LDP from the SG Reporters is formal and under way and will be forwarded to Formartine firstly and subsequently to the Education Committee. Once the LDP is signed off by the SG the school estate will be examined thoroughly with full consultation and decisions will be made before 2025.

Cllr Powell added that 2025 is a long way to go and the reasoning was that there was not any foreseen proposals for any future housing developments which would absolutely increase the school size by the numbers previously predicted, so they are not thinking the schools will be oversubscribed by 2025.

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent the link for the FAC Meeting to all BCC members

2. **Introductions, Apologies & Welcome to Visitors**

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 up button on the menu bar if you wish to speak.

3. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Cllr Hassan is a Member of the Balmedie Leisure Centre for item 10 on the agenda, so will not be commenting on this item.

4. **Police Matters & Report Review**

Sgt Tom Stables in attendance (New to the area)

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent a list of issues in Belhevie Community to Sgt Stables and what information was required from the Police,

- Speeding in villages and speed signage, Balmedie Beach Road, Eigie Road, Old Aberdeen Road and Potterton Panmure Way. Community Beat officer working with primary schools.
- Potterton Panmure Road and Balmedie Eigie Road, is it possible for road speed to be redesignated to 20mph, road speed signs/ painted 20mph or 20 is plenty, would the Police support this idea.
- 101 not answering calls, Sgt Stables said this was this was a nationwide issue due to Covid19 absences, but keep 101 as the way to report issues.
- Police/SEPA issues, burning at Potterton update from Sgt Stables, when the fire brigade attend then Police will attend. Police gather evidence, SEPA are the investigative lead
- 08090807060 <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents>
Police (non emergency) 101 Police /Fire Brigade (Emergency) 999
- Ward report is too high level and nothing is basically reported, even when there has been activity in the villages, break-ins etc, none of this seems to be reported.
- Checking the speed on Old Aberdeen Road has to be done from the opposite direction (checking drivers coming off the roundabout into Balmedie heading north.

ACTION: Cllr Hassan to ask the roads department to see if they can survey Eigie Road area with a view to dropping the limit to 20mph

Police surgery Thursday 23 September 2021

Balmedie Leisure Centre car park 0930-1100 hours

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

September 2021

Submitted Planning permission for septic tank and soak away at Blackdog fishing station

Storage shed for vintage vehicles at Middlemuir Croft, Whitecairns

Decided Two extensions approved in 5 Chappelwell Park and 33 Chappelwell Wynd

Digestate Storage tank, west of Kincaig of Milton, Whitecairns

Two New houses north of Wester Hatton Cottages

October 2021

Submitted, Easter Hatton Landfill extension of area for filling with non-hazardous goods and also extend the duration of the landfill site.

Discussion on whether a meeting should be called to look at this,

ACTION: G Middleton to ask AC reporter for an extension for comments as deadline is 4th November 2021

ACTION: M Stuart will ask the Blackdog Residents Association what their views are.

The Westerhatton extension will be put on the BCC Agenda for December 2021 meeting

Decided, approved 284 houses at Blackdog, Phase 1 of Kirkwood development.

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

E Phipps absent

7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

Resilience Planning (on hold from August 2021)

ACTION: Other groups to be informed, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Centre.

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.

ACTION: H Foxen to get quotes for notice boards, asking what kind a budget required. H Foxen going to ask Men Shed in Ellon for quote.

Secure Communities(Formerly Community Planning Group Meeting)

If you see it, report it campaign

ACTION Completed: C Wood to check on the campaign and promote it.

Turriff has an example of the see it report it campaign that can be adapted for other CCs

ACTION Completed: C Wood to contact Turriff CC for details

ACTION Completed: C Wood has written the BCC article for the Banter deadline (29th October 2021)

ACTION Completed: A Brown wrote the disclaimer for personal emails

ACTION Completed: All Community Councillors to check code of conduct

<https://www.standardscommissionscotland.org.uk/codes-of-conduct/councillors-code-of-conduct>

9. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives

As previous

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

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

Testing information being posted to FB including library collection service

10. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

Gourdie Burn Potterton Project, (N Burr)

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent update from N Burr to all BCC members. The first part of the project is complete, the clearing of the burn and altering the direction of the Blackdog burn. Planting is ongoing, the placing of paths have been given some negative feedback from people whose property backs on to the burn. A natural path is forming with people walking there, but a permanent one is on hold. Part of fence around the area requires repair/replacing, Cllr Powell spoke with O Deeming and he is going to refer it to the roads department for repair/ replacing as it is in a dangerous state. Potterton Green Fingers Group are looking for more volunteers who are interested in helping with the project.

ACTION Completed: J Fletcher to add note into September MOM for AOB for H Foxen who requires volunteers for her Potterton Green Fingers Group

Leisure Centre Developments (E Phipps)

E Phipps not present.

Cllr Hassan Leisure Centre has been given a slot for the blue tokens at Tesco in Ellon

11. General Projects Update

Chair asked everyone to think of any ideas for projects that the BCC could champion.

12. External Meeting Report Back

Re-cycling survey and a service design for re-cycling was attended by H Foxen.

The survey was completed by 4000 people around Aberdeenshire and results will be submitted to public shortly. H Foxen said 97% people were satisfied with the sites and approximately 50% of people were satisfied with everything at the re-cycling sites.

Planning Training for CC was attended by J Fletcher, D Wallace, A McIntyre, C Wood, J Nicol. H Foxen watched online video, all reported it was useful and helpful.

General Training Meeting was attended by C Wood, some interesting points on how to run a meeting, People should be required to say the topic they want to discuss ahead the meeting, rather than turning up without prior knowledge of what they want to discuss, it then becomes an Agenda item. It is recommended from AC that all meetings including extra meetings should have minutes. If you have a declaration of COI then you should leave the meeting until the discussion is completed and are asked back into the meeting.

Nomination for Future External Meetings

- Country Park Meeting 3rd November 2021, D Wallace and A McIntyre to attend
ACTION: C Wood to send details of meeting.
- Joint Meeting 9th November 2021 **Hold the Date**, possibly Formartine Community Plan- Tue 09/11/2021 09:00-13:50, No one put forward.
- Community Council Forum 10th November 2021, A McIntyre and C Wood to attend as lead.
ACTION: C Wood to send invitation to all BCC members who would like to attend.

13. New Correspondence & Communication

J Nicol/People have voiced their concerns about large vehicles possibly customers or delivery trucks in Panmure Gardens Potterton that have parked outside the Potterton Shop, they cannot legally reverse into the B999, so they proceed to estate of bungalows to turn so that they may go onto the B999 the correct way. The delivery trucks are now dropping off and proceeding through the village, so it looks like it is customers parking that is the main concern. Traffic through Panmure Gardens is heavy with some speeding, is it possible to apply to change the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph, paint 20mph on the road, or have signs for 20s Plenty.

ACTION: C Wood to raise with the Police and AC roads department and mail D McKendrick as he has been dealing with speeding matters.

J Nicol/ awaiting comments from M Young (Police)

J Nicol/after discussion with SEPA she is following up with Gillian Martin MSP and Maggie Chapmen (Greens) MSP to see if these can help.

J Nicol/access to the PCC for knit and natter, she has had assurances from Live Life Aberdeenshire that more than one group may use the CC, Joanne Murray is now the contact if any group wants to use the CC.

7th October 2021 notification of suicide prevention training dates in November circulated to all BCC members

8th October 2021 received reminder to order AC plants for 2022 checked with plant contacts that they have received this from AC as they should have done

12th October 2021 Aberdeenshire Council trade waste survey information received, publicised on Facebook

Banter Deadlines 29th October article deadline, 27th November distribution contact C Wood if you want anything added to report

14. Any Other Business

November Meeting to be held through Teams

Leisure Centre has granted permission for F2F meetings, subject to Covid 19 LC rules, this hasn't been taken up yet.

Meeting closed 21:30

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These October 2021 minutes were approved at the 15th November 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 20th December 2021 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, visitors welcome,

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