



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 20th December 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, A Brown, D Wallace, M Stuart, J Nicol,
A McIntyre, G Middleton

Apologies: D McKendrick, E Phipps, H Foxen

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

Apologies: Cllr J Gifford

Visitors: None

1. Chairmans Opening Remarks

Chair asked if anyone wants to record this meeting please make a request to do so prior to the meeting starting. No one asked for permission.

Chair acknowledged the passing of Sam Rawlins from the Aberdeenshire Council Ellon Office and it was very sad to hear. Sam had many dealings with BCC, heading up the Community Planning Group and Resilience Planning Effort and worked well with C Wood and H Foxen. BCC has formally sent a message of condolence to Elaine Brown and Jan McRobbie at the Aberdeenshire area office to be passed onto the team and Sam's family.

Update of the situation of the three complaints against BCC, a brief outline was given to BCC members that these recorded complaints are progressing through the AC area office by the correct channels.

Request from H Foxen (Not present) to discuss the Potterton Christmas Tree Issue this will be deferred until the BCC January Meeting.

2. Apologies & Introductions 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 on the Management Committee of the Leisure Centre, if LC is discussed, he will take no part.

4. Police Matters & Report Review

Ward Report, Police report that SEPA are continuing to interview individuals in Potterton in relation to illegal burning in the Scrapyard, they are not aware of any ongoings in November 2021. The scrapyard itself has been blocked off to vehicles by large boulders in front of the gates

Two incidents, one in Balmedie where the christmas tree lights have been smashed on the tree at the roundabout and secondly the Santa lights stolen in Belhelvie (re report in P&J).

BCC had success in getting the Police to attend resident with parking issues.

ACTION Completed: republished 101 details on BCC FB page to remind everyone to report incidents to the Police.

08090807060 <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents>

Police (non emergency) 101 Police /Fire Brigade (Emergency) 999

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

November

Validated: Main House Belhelvie Lodge, replacement roof and rebuild of extension outbuilding.

Balmedie Leisure Centre, erect gazebo, creation of an external play area and install electric charge points.

December

Validated: Golf View Blackdog, erect agricultural building

Middleton View Potterton, Demolition of piggery and erection of 6 houses (NB 2 separate applications)

North of Wester Hatton Cottages Blackdog, two new houses

Decided: Stead Inn Potterton, change of layout of retail units

Blackdog New Town Centre, further approval of phasing of development for regional food hall, retail units, leisure complex etc. and all associated roads, pavements and car parking.

There are a number of minor applications, extensions and conversions etc. but for the sake of brevity these have been omitted as anyone other than the applicants would be interested.

BCC received an email from AC planning department in connection with the LDP which is nearing the end of its examination, they are now turning their attention to the next LDP and specifically the lessons they can learn from the previous plan making cycle. Planning

department have to produce a development plan scheme (DPS) each year, this would normally include the program for the next LDP, but due to slippage in the SG program to

implement the Planning Scotland Act 2019. There is a survey that the planning department

want CC to complete, the survey may be completed as group or singularly and shared to anyone who has an interest, it has to be completed by the 14th January 2022. C Wood will

forward the link to BCC members and it was suggested to send the link to Blackdog and Potterton resident groups.

6. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

E Phipps not present

The security for the BCC computer and the license for Microsoft paid

7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

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 Group, Blackdog Residents Association and BCT.

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.

NB With the recent storms it is obvious that the villages require a Resilience Plan, Potterton were without power for 6 days, trying to get keys to the Scouts building and equipment (hot water urns etc) and permission to use it proved difficult, the local shop provided hot water for water bottles and flasks for the residents over the weekend. On Monday it was obvious that the plans for the electrical supplies to come back on wasn't going to happen, some of the local residents and Elected Councillors, helped to progress the permission for use of the Scouts equipment and the Community Centre to aid the village. This storm highlighted the difficulties and dangers in not having a Resilience Plan in place.

Secure Communities (Formartine Community Planning Group Meeting)

If you see it, report it campaign

ACTION: C Wood to send feedback on the AC Forum about sharing of experiences of the groups.

9. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives

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

ACTION: C Woods to re-publicise the following. As part of the ongoing vaccine rollout across the age groups we are still offering free taxi transport for those without transport availability

ACTION: Any new SG Covid updates will be published on the BCC FB page

10. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

Potterton Burn update (N Burr) R Nicol started a group chat (in messenger) with some local residents to get some support going for the project, planting etc. N Burr is still looking for consultation support for the path. There was a Digger at the site on the 16th November 2021 tidying up the area and putting everything back to how it was.

Leisure Centre Developments (E Phipps)

Erection of Gazebo and external play areas waiting for approval.

11. General Projects Update- Coastal Communities Fund

Nothing to report.

12. External Meeting Report Back

17th November 2021 Formartine Community Planning Group Meeting (C Wood)

Update from Police in reporting through 101

Update from Formartine Rural Partnership, they are still operating and have their small fund available for planters etc (£500).

Haddo House will be closed for the foreseeable future.

13. Nomination for Future External Meetings

10th January 2022 notification of an external meeting to discuss the BCC response to the recommendations after the first complaint hearing and who will take part in the second complaint hearing.

14. New Correspondence & Communication

1st December 2021 S Jenkins copied BCC on email to AC about wifi being available at the Potterton Community Centre in emergencies.

ACTION Completed: C Wood asked J Nicol, A Brown, and H Foxen if they could check with S Jenkins if BCC could help in any way to follow up with AC.

Update: Cllr P Johnstone reported the wifi can be enabled if the decision is made by Mr Ford (nursery).

2nd December 2021 parking outside the Potterton CC, BCC copied on an email from S Jenkins to AC about staff parking on the road outside the centre, making driving and access very difficult for residents.

ACTION Completed: C Wood asked J Nicol, A Brown, and H Foxen if they could check with S Jenkins if BCC could help in any way to follow up with AC

Update: J Nicol, this has possibly been dealt with, J Nicol to confirm with S Jenkins.

8th December 2021 D Duncan Hermes FC (youth) Bridge of Don is interested in a Community Asset Transfer for the football pitch and pavilion in Potterton. Mail forwarded to all BCC members for discussion at monthly meeting.

ACTION: D Duncan to be asked if he can attend or BCC can invite him to January 2022 meeting.

8th December 2021 H Foxen has the costs for the new Potterton noticeboard made by the Men's Shed Ellon, to be passed to E Phipps (Treasurer).

8th December 2021 J Nicol sent P&J article on new play area at leisure Centre - newspaper incorrectly attributed management of Leisure Centre to BCC. C Wood let W Murray (LC) know we were not asked about the article before publication. Bill confirmed they failed to check with him either, he is waiting for a call back from the paper.

9th December 2021 Aberdeenshire Licensing Board, Review of Gambling Policy, consultation.

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent link to all BCC members

9th December 2021 Mr A Hendry request to change a sentence from MOM for October 2021.

It was discussed and the agreed correction will be put into the minutes for BCC 20th December meeting (see AOB).

ACTION: Chair to reply Mr Hendry

10th December 2021 Christmas decoration destroyed in Balmedie, and Santa display stolen in Belhelvie - P&J have since run a story on this with quotes from D Wallace. BCC contacted residents responsible for the decorations and passed on P&J journalist contact details to them.

15th December 2021 Advice on AC, CC meetings in light of Omicron, AC trial of hybrid meetings has ended and AC will now return to online meetings only.

17th December 2021 Community Engagement team in Grampian are looking to start a local engagement project in January 2022. They would like to engage with the local Youth community.

ACTION Completed: Passed to all BCC members to see if any contacts could help the NHS team.

17th December 2021 Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan and Development Plan Scheme. see item 5 Planning Report, deadline 14th January 2022.

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent email to all BCC members, publicise on FB, sent to all Community groups, BCT, PCG, M Brown (Whitecairns), A Neave BRA.

15. Any Other Business

There was correspondence to the Chair of BCC stating that there was an inaccuracy and a misrepresentation in the MOM from 18th October 2021. Item 1 on Education. The sentence, *He has an area to build a new school* should have read *There is an area to build a new school*. The BCC apologises for this.

During the recent storm many of the green sleeves for the trees planted by the builders of the AWPR have up rooted and been blown across the AWPR and Blackdog. Previously it was reported that these are biodegradable, but it doesn't look if they are. Councillors were asked if these are going to be collected or left, is there a plan.

Cllr Johnstone said this was an issue around all of the AWPR areas and the question has been asked of Transport Scotland who have an obligation to do something about this and he will be interested to see what they propose.

Cllr Johnstone also said these are not biodegradable, they are compostable which means these sleeves fall apart into smaller pieces and eventually into the ground, so not ideal.

Meeting closed 21:08

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These December 2021 minutes were approved at the 17th January 2021 BCC Meeting, next BCC Meeting will be on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, visitors welcome,

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