

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21st February 2022 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, D Wallace, M Stuart,
A McIntyre, G Middleton, H Foxen, D McKendrick, J Nicol

Apologies: A Brown, E Phipps

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

Apologies: None

Visitors: Aleksandra Rychert (Balmedie resident)

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.

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

None.

4. Police Matters & Report Review

No January report received, no Police presence at the meeting

Burning at Potterton, letter from MSP on progress.

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

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

5. Discussion CC Forum Survey

The survey was read out, each point discussed by all BCC members and filled in by C Wood

ACTION: C Wood to send the form to J Fletcher to complete and return to AC (Elaine Brown) asap.

6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Validated

Menie Close Balmedie Extension to house and form decked area

Land at Parkseat Whitecairns Erection of 6 huts (2 underground) 2 Pods and a treehouse.

Decided

Piggery Middleton View Potterton - 9 new houses - Approved

North Wester Hatton Cottages - 2 new houses - Refused

Menie Estate (Trump golf course) 500 new houses and 50 Retail / Leisure units - Approved

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Paid Ellon Men's Shed £50 to take down the rotten board.

Paid Taxi fare for the local person receiving chemo at ARI, course now completed

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 Wallace and seconded by G Middleton

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

Resilience Planning (on hold from August 2021)

ACTION: Groups to be informed, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Group, Blackdog Residents Association, 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.

ACTION Completed: A McIntyre discussed the feedback at the AC Forum meeting about sharing of experiences from the other Community Councils in our area.

ACTION Completed: C Wood has invited the head of the football club (D Duncan) asking for the Potterton asset transfer, no response. C Wood will send an email again for the March meeting.

Play parks Aleksandra Rychert (Balmedie resident)

Aleksandra explained to all that she finds Balmedie lacking in things to do for children and she would like to see something put in place in Balmedie, preferably for free

She has looked for suitable playgrounds that are for children of a range of ages and photos were sent to A McIntyre with pitches for football or basket-ball (Duthie Park) with flood-lit all-weather surfaces which may be used in the cold weather and not locked with access restricted. '*Somewhere in Balmedie where children can play outside and be safe*', this may also encourage parents to join in on the action as the beach pitches are not lit after dark and away from the village. She has also had discussions with other school parents in the village and they felt the same, at the moment it requires the family to travel from Balmedie to look for something for their older kids to do, no one holds out much hope for the project to take off. A McIntyre said that previously the tennis courts and basketball courts were vandalised, this is why access is restricted and controlled.

Looking at the Duthie Park as an example it looks robust enough to be vandal proof.

Cllr Hassan was supportive and said there is definitely a demand for it, but there is a cost, as there are no currently developer obligations money for Balmedie, a smaller scale court maybe deliverable but the to set up and maintenance would be an issue due to costs and resources.

Cllr Gifford suggest BCC takes this forward via sub-group, possibly landfill money, someone would have to run with it going forward as It would require a proper plan for how to deliver, support and maintain it.

D McKendrick asked if we could collaborate with the Leisure Centre to increase use and access to Leisure centre pitches, also asked if we could get the community to try and raise money towards the project by various methods.

Cllr Johnston said that the set up at Methlick was completely village funded and has an all-weather court with lights and an example of costs could be sought from Jay Allan (at Ythan View Hotel). Previously a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Balmedie had a cost issue due to the management of the maintenance. When restructured to the Leisure Centre there was talk about free to play time for the courts. Evidence needed to support case for football is what is wanted, or is it other sports eg basketball, or tennis for example, a community consultation process should be set up for this.

Cllr Hassan said it was potentially £75K for all weather court with lights with an ongoing issue of paying the electricity for the lights.

Cllr Johnston said the Methlick set up was £120k and they charge users.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/MethlickMUGAPlayPark>

J Nicol has been recently tried to buy basket-ball hoops for an existing area in Potterton and they are charging £6K each, she also said that with the spats of vandalism in Balmedie we need to get the kids on board with this and get them involved in the project.

ACTION: C Woods to check with R Nicol about a community questionnaire on the type of sports.

ACTION: A McIntyre to contact Jay Allan at Methlick to discuss costs

ACTION: A McIntyre/ D Wallace to speak with the Leisure Centre about the ideas and how it could be funded, run and sited

ACTION Completed: Sea Changers Coastal Fund application sent by E Phipps

ACTION Completed: C Woods has updated the list of plant contacts

ACTION Completed: C Wood checked with O Deeming AC that the overhanging tree on the beach road has been taken care off.

10. 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 Completed: C Woods publicised 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 Completed: C Wood publicised any new SG Covid updates on the BCC FB page

11. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

No Updates

12. General Projects Update

Sea Changers Coastal Fund application sent by E Phipps for benches

13. External Meeting Report Back.

Country Park Meeting Wednesday 23rd February 2022 (D Wallace/ A McIntyre)

An action list was discussed. BCC reported pot holes in the road passed the sewage station, O Deeming to meet with Scottish Water to discuss.

The boardwalk issue, most of the boardwalk has been removed and no timeline for replacement.

New notice boards have been installed, signage set up. Public toilets upgrades are complete, there are new bins on order, there will be some changes to the horse parking area, if parking in this area illegally, you may be issued with a ticket.

The north and south parking resurfacing at the sports pavilion has been quoted as £100,000 each and to widen the track for access will be £15,000, other quotes will be sought.

The Sand Bothy opens on the 2nd April 2022 and the Wheel Chair bookings will be as before. There will be more money available from the Coastal Community Fund, which may be used from one mile from the shoreline, Balmedie may apply for this.

There will be a Gala in Balmedie on 29th May 2022

A new defibrillator is required for the outside of the football pavilion.

Community Council Forum (A McIntyre)

David Brown the Formartine Area Ranger was the quest speaker, he discussed the Forvie Nature Reserve one of their big successes with lots of birds etc. biodiversity, climate change. They have produced a biodiversity educational pack which is available for schools.

Other topics included the use of Zoom for meetings, the fee of £159 was paid by AC through covid funding, in future this would have to be paid by the Community Council out of its admin budget, it was stated that Teams was free. The Formartine Partnership has moved to Haddo House. When BCC starts looking into Resilience planning there is a fund that could possibly provide money for a generator for a Community Hall in the case of loss of electricity in future.

There is an SSEN grant scheme which is also available for local resilience funds.

The next meeting is on 11th May 2022 @ 7pm

14. Nomination for Future External Meetings

17th March 2022 6.30pm - 8pm (online meeting)

Formartine Area Forum - Storms Arwen, Malik and Corrie

Attending: Jenny Nicol

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

15. New Correspondence & Communication

19th January Mind yer Mind Campaign Survey,

ACTION Completed: C Wood Circulated to BCC members for them to comment directly if they wish to.

20th January Bin collections moving to 3 weeks and changing types of rubbish

ACTION Completed: C Wood Circulated to BCC members and reposted AC post on BCC FB page.

20th January G Middleton email about Bowling Club being denied access to Belhelvie Community Centre

ACTION Completed: got an update from G Middleton and AC Councillors
27th January email from Julie Mason about planning application 2021/2640

ACTION: G Middleton will investigate and will raise at next meeting

ACTION Completed: Application has been withdrawn

ACTION: C Wood to let J Mason know

3rd February 2022 Formartine Area Committee: 8th February 2022 circulated as point 4 on agenda, Aberdeenshire Development Plan Scheme 2022

<https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=5&meetid=19791>

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to BCC members

4th February 2022 AC review of CC Forums - circulated to members, D Wallace to add to the agenda.

ACTION Completed: All BCC members to discuss at next meeting and form opinions

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent form to J Fletcher who completed and sent to AC

14th February 2022 Balmedie Eigie Rd Greenspace Proposal from AC

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to BCC members, respond by 21st February 2022

Update/ **ACTION Completed:** Location of wild flower site is in the way of where children run through, A McIntyre suggested different locations, AC need to be shown what happens when the school shuts and the children are using the apparatus area. A McIntyre and J Fletcher will meet with AC contact and walk the area also show AC where the burn is getting blocked

14th February 2022 Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd Installation of Rain Radar Instrument European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre Consultation Response Required by 14 March 2022

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent to G Middleton to discuss under planning item

16th February 2022 Further information from Paul Davidson (Kintore Community Council) about the changes to delegated authority for Council Officers with regard to planning applications.

ACTION Completed: Circulated to BCC members

ACTION Completed: Discussed at meeting and formed an opinion, add to notice boards

Update Cllr Hassan this will be discussed to full AC this week

ACTION Completed: C Wood contacted football team about asset transfer and arranging Mr Duncan to attend the March meeting

ACTION in Progress: C Wood to try the area office to see if they have any information on the asset transfer of the pavilion etc in Potterton.

13th March 2022 C Wood contacted D Sutherland AC about the transfer and asked for an update.

ACTION Completed: email from Catherine Thornhill (Barratts) wanting to present to BCC, all agreed it is not appropriate to meet with Barratts at this time before the DPEA reporter from SG has reported. D Wallace to send the response from BCC email.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Johnston told the meeting that the BCT has won an award from the SG through the supporting communities funds of £100,000, this will enable BCT to employ two people, one to develop the Sand Bothy as a social enterprise and the second to employ a development worker for BCT and the Parish.

Meeting closed 21:45

DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES

NB These February 2022 minutes were approved at the 21st March 2022 BCC Meeting. Next BCC Meeting Monday 18th April 2022 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome.

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