

# **BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 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, D Wallace, A Brown  
A McIntyre, H Foxen, J Nicol, E Phipps

**Apologies:** D McKendrick, G Middleton, Colin Anderson (Formartine Community Planning Officer),

**Formartine Area Councillors Present,** Cllr J Gifford, Cllr S Powell,

**Apologies:** Cllr A Hassan, Cllr P Johnston

**Visitors:** Louise Carstairs (Balmedie Parents Group)

### **1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees**

All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through Carolyne 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.

### **2. 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.  
Mike Stuart has resigned from the BCC due to work commitment, we thank Mike for his time working with BCC.

### **3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None.

### **4. Police Matters & Report Review (C Wood if no Police presence)**

No Police Presence, No police report for this month.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood to chase up the report,

**UPDATE** report received from Cllr Gifford and distributed.

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

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

### **5. Visitors Items**

#### **P7 leaving events - Balmedie School**

Update from L Carstairs on parents planning for fundraising, The Sand Bothy has made a donation and in return the children and parents are going to litter pick and tidy the Sand Bothy area on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Budget/target to raise £1600 to date

L Carstairs will share fundraising event info link to FB post 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Update from BCC Treasurer E Phipps of a donation to the leavers event.

**ACTION Completed:** E Phipps to make the payment after getting details from L Carstairs.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood to put H Foxen Potterton Green Fingers Group and L Carstairs in touch to arrange children to help for planting.

L Carstairs thanked the BCC from all the children, for the donation received.

### **6. Planning Report (G Middleton not present)**

All to check the weekly reports from AC.

Validated: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 APP/2022/0758

Crestview Balmedie, full planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house and formation of roof terrace.

Validated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, APP/2022/0598

OP 1 Site, Land to the east of Blackdog Industrial Estate, Blackdog (Kirkwood Homes Ltd)  
Full planning permission for erection of 44 dwelling residential units (change of house type from previously approved APP/2020/0349).

Validated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 APP/2022/0602

Site at Cothill Farm, Balmedie, full planning permission for erection of dwelling house.

#### **Gamping Site Parkseat Whitecairns**

D Wallace received a Phone call and email through the BCC account from Architect Mathew W Merchant to raise a point that there is a wide spread concern from neighbours about the planning application APP/2021/2886 for the glamping site at Parkseat Whitecairns, this application was discussed in the February 2022 meeting. The application was for six huts, two to be sited underground, two pods, one tree house and associated works. During the BCC discussion it was checked and there were no public comments associated with this application so there were no grounds for objections from BCC. J Nicol checked the application during this meeting and found there were still no public comments entered.

#### **7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)**

Contribution made to Balmedie Primary School P7 leavers event at £x per head, parents and children to assist with Planting in and around the parish.

Payment to Ellon Men's Shed for erection of new Notice Board and removing previous.

Coastal Communities Fund Round 2 now open, application submitted for funding towards new public benches.

Confirmation from ABZ propeller fund that application for funding towards public benches was unsuccessful.

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund for generators for community buildings (Jenny Nicol coordinating).

#### **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 A McIntyre.

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

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood to contact A Rychert on MUGA update and invite her to the April BCC meeting. A Rychert could not attend.

The Resilience Community Fund is open until the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022. BCC should apply for funding for a generator if possible.

**ACTION Completed:** J Fletcher Inform E Phipps of this fund

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 new scheme of establishment sent by AC, Circulated to BCC members

**ACTION:** Request training in complaints procedure, members to review new guidance and discuss at next meeting

14<sup>th</sup> March Crossing and speed in Balmedie emails to Andrew Hassan (AOB)

**ACTION:** ask D McKendrick to update on the latest in April meeting. D McKendrick was unable to attend the meeting.

**ACTION Completed:** G Middleton has tried to find out who the other interested group could be that wants to utilise the Bowling club, G Middleton has set up a meeting with the Bowling Club and the elected councillors to progress the matter

**ACTION:** Cllr Gifford to discuss at the next ward meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and report back to BCC.

**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:** 7<sup>th</sup> April C Wood checked with testing team to see if we will get a pop-up collection point in our settlements before the service is withdrawn  
answer received not possible to visit smaller settlement due to current demand.

**ACTION:** E Phipps to check if any resilience funds are required to be returned, if not, what could the funds be used for.

**11. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects**

Leisure Centre new defibrillator at the Pavilion

**12. General Projects Update**

**ACTION Ongoing:** Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) project requires further discussion we know the likely costs involved and there will have to be some sort of committee set up to try and see how this could be funded.

Methlick set up separate group to arrange funding for their MUGA and they were required to raise £125k

Methlick charges £5 **per use**, Balmedie LC £5 **per adult**, £3 **per child**

**ACTION:** Update A Rychert and invite to the BBC 16<sup>th</sup> May Meeting

**13. External Meeting Report Back.**

**BCT (H Foxen)**

BCT have secured £106,000 Lottery funding and with the money it will provide 3 years of employment for J Corbet who will be coordinating use of the Sand Bothy amongst other duties.

There will be a consultation by BCT regarding what people would like in the community. BCT has some left-over money that they have been allowed to buy new Potterton swings as replacements are required. R Nicol reported they would not do too many major projects this year as they have had a busy time over the last year. A safe guarding children volunteer policy at the Sand Bothy when children are there for activities to be set up. Sand Bothy had an Easter event that was quite well appreciated. The beach wheel chairs had £13,000 which has allowed them to fund a special wheel chair which will allow more people access to the beach. Some of the bridges at the beach require altering to safely take the wheel chairs especially the latest as it is a self-drive wheel chair. Changing places toilets, new swings completed. £1000 received from the COOP for the Sensory Garden, new container for the lawnmower secured. The young lad that litter-picks around Balmedie has had his trolley vandalised and there are reports of bullying, the trolley has now been repaired. Dr Forbes reported there are 12,000 patients that use his surgery and that things are slowly getting back to normal and there is a new surgery at Dyce.

The new Blackdog RA chairperson Alan Nevie was introduced and reported ongoing issues with the lack of a bridge to access the beach. The Potterton Burn Project was created through BCT working with N Burr a Potterton resident, who had developed a plan of work to renovate neglected and blocked burn in the centre of the village. The BCT gave assistance and the Scottish Landfill Tax Community Fund was approached and awarded £22,000. The work has been completed by a contractor, the burn cleared, drainage improved, new fencing and hedging in place plus a new gravel path to enjoy residents to enjoy the area. This has created a huge difference to the centre of the village.

**Barratts Potterton Development Proposal Consultation Meeting (J Nicol/ H Foxen)**

15 minutes to the hour every hour between 3pm and 7pm, where questions could be asked. Many questions not answered and just passed off, a lot of blame to AC for most issues, during the presentation Barratts staff seemed to outnumber residents. The meetings are difficult for certain people to join online, it did not feel like an open meeting due to this. Face to face meetings would be more beneficial

**14. Nomination for Future External Meetings**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Formartine Community Council Forum, A McIntyre/D Wallace

**15. New Correspondence & Communication**

30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Bins at Country Park (R Nicol/D Wallace) any improvement.

**ACTION Completed:** If no improvement, can the AC councillors help resolve, it appears to be an issue between the waste management and landscape services.

**ACTION:** Cllr Powell to follow up on this and raise it at the 19<sup>th</sup> April AC meeting.

30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Colin Anderson (new Community Planning Officer for Formartine) making contact and resilience planning.

"I am aware that there has already been some good work undertaken on resilience planning within the Community Councils and other local groups, so will be looking to support you as I pick up my new role, initially it would be good to see how you are progressing with this and for me to be aware of your local issues and the type of support that we can provide, to allow me to be better placed to this I have arranged some time with other CPO's and the Council Risk & resilience team and will also be looking to get an understanding of the plans you for each of your areas."

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood to add C Anderson to the BCC contact list and let him know he'll be getting an invitation to the May meeting

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Election arrangements, request for information from AC, Forwarded to D Wallace for action.

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Mike Stuart's resignation from BCC. C Wood removed M Stuart from the BCC contact list. C Wood removed M Stuart from the BCC website

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Development Plan Scheme 2022. C Wood forwarded to all members

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 C Wood checked with resident in Whitecairns to see if Cllr Hassan had been in touch about parking and laybys in Whitecairns, Cllr Hassan wasn't able to catch her recently so C Wood had forwarded on her emails (with permission) and asked Cllr Hassan to CC the BCC so we have a record on progress with the issues of parking.

**UPDATE:** Cllr Hassan and BCC have been in contact with resident

13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 new defibrillator at the LC pavilion C Wood checking how to publicise online and offline

**ACTION Completed:** Link to BCFR facebook post, FB and BCC website.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Town Twinning Request Chatillon-sur-Indre from Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) **ACTION Completed:** C Wood forwarded to BCC members

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 ongoing issues that Bowling Club cannot access the Belhelvie Community Hall

**ACTION:** G Middleton to update at 16<sup>th</sup> May meeting.

**UPDATE:** G Middleton has set up a meeting with AC elected Councillors and Bowling club.

## 16. **Any Other Business**

**CC Elections 2022, 2021 Elected**

John Fletcher, Adam Brown, Jennifer Nicol, 2020 elections were postponed until 2021  
2019 Elected to stand again this year, Hilary Foxen, Carlyne Wood, Graham Middleton,  
David Wallace, Alexander McIntyre.

Still co-opted and need to stand again (TBC):

David McKendrick and Ewan Phipps

**Belhelvie Banter**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. *we have now moved to our two-editions-a-year arrangement. So, this is your reminder that the deadline for sending in articles for our next edition (Spring/ Summer 2022) is **Friday 22nd April 2022**. Distribution starts from Saturday 21st May, so, if you're including details of events happening, make sure they are after this date.*

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood asked BCC members of information they may want to add

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood sent R Nicol a thank you for the litter pickers and bird boxes for Potterton burn project and general thanks from BCC.

Meeting closed 21:05

**DUE TO ONGOING CORONA VIRUS ISSUES**

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

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