

# **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **MINUTES of MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> July 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, D Wallace, J. Fletcher, H. Foxen  
A McIntyre, E Phipps, G Drummond  
**Apologies:** A Brown, G Middleton, D McKendrick

**Formartine Area Councillors Present:** Cllr J Nicol, Cllr A Hassan  
**Apologies:** Cllr D Ritchie, Cllr P Johnston, C Anderson (AC)

**Visitors:** A Morton, A Rychert, G Thomson

### **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 requests made.  
Recent bench application successful, Item 12

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

None.

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

No Police Presence, Police report for June sent to all, nothing raised from this report.  
24<sup>th</sup> June contacted Police about accidents in Potterton (numbers reported by G Drummond)  
PROGRESS: feedback from Police contact AC roads team Roads team emailed with all previous emails Gavin's numbers, location and Police advice (18<sup>th</sup> July), and forwarded email to all BCC members as an update  
G Drummond is continuing to keep count, and Carolyne has passed the info to D McKendrick.  
Roads dept have fixed the speed sign in Eigie Road, Balmedie.  
**ACTION:** C Woods to keep following up with roads team  
08090807060 <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents>  
Police (non emergency) 101 Police /Fire Brigade (Emergency) 999

### **5. Visitors Items**

Visitors, A Morton (Belhelvie), G Thomson (road junction Victoria Hall), A Rychert (MUGA)  
A Morton has just moved back to the village of Belhelvie and is disappointed with the facilities available in Belhelvie, they tend to be disproportionately lagging behind the other villages in the Belhelvie Parish. The main focal point of the Belhelvie is the park and the all apparatus are aged and require replacing. He has spoken to a number of residents and they thought the way to get the community to come together would be new equipment. They also have only one park bench and no barbeque stands. Mr Morton asked the BCC how he should go about trying to get funding for the above. Cllr Hassan said there was an historic Developer Obligation Fund of £3500.00 and thinks this has been spent or passed the deadline.  
**ACTION:** Cllr Hassan to find out how the money was spent and report back in August.

Cllr Nicol agreed that Belhelvie is lacking and mentioned ways for funding via the Belhelvie Community Trust, R Nicol has helped fund things in the play park in Potterton and at the Sand Bothy. D Wallace said that BCC has applied for funding from Vaatenfall and failed, but there may be a possibility of getting something from the Landfill Tax. The landfill tax is for environmental projects, so when applying for funding, give a lot of thought to how you are going to improve the environment. A suggestion would be to form a group of interested residents, plan out what you require then talk to E Phipps BCC treasurer, R Nicol BCT and H Foxen BCC Potterton (Green fingers group), these people have all helped with funding of projects.

Multi Use Game Area (MUGA) A McIntyre and Cllr Hassan gave a brief summary of what different areas have and the costs involved.

A Rychert is concerned that there is not a safe place that children can play as the nights start to get darker, going to the play fields is not an option as there is no lighting through the woods. The play park has lights but they are not bright enough. She said her ideal MUGA would be similar to the Duthie Park, football and basket-ball, but with flood lights, there is not very good drainage in the play park this would also stop the kids from getting muddy as it would all-weather pitch. A discussion on costs of the various systems and ways of funding followed.

A Rychert was advised that she needs to get all the interested parents that would like this MUGA and form a residents group or committee, when this committee agrees on what is required, MUGA, flood lighting, enclosed area, benches etc, also maintenance has to be part of the project, find the total costs of this and then come back to the BCC to see how we can help fund the project.

G Thomson reporting about the junction at the Belhelvie Garage, it is marked up for priority to the two houses on the right.

**ACTION Completed:** C Woods has emailed the Roads Department AC for an answer to this problem. Chairman said we will wait for the answer from The Roads Department to see the response and decide if it is a response we can live with or one that we want to challenge. During this discussion G Drummond reported that during winter there was a lot of surface water running down that road coming from just below the church, when frozen this is a hazard. The precise location once given will be sent to Roads Dept for information.

#### **6. Planning Report (G Middleton)**

G Middleton not present, report in August

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

One transaction in the period: £35 ICO data protection fee annual renewal

Aberdeenshire Coastal Communities Challenge Fund Round 2 confirmation received that our application has been approved and a grant offer contract issued for £5.8k. The Project is to cover 8 new public benches in and around the area.

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund application for generators, awaiting finalised resilience plan to accompany application

STP Funding Finder Per the monthly newsletter there are a range of funds covering a broad range of categories, most of which are applicable to charitable organisations and community interest companies, can we come up with some projects that we can target or ask the community

#### **8. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:** BCC AGM MOM, to be reviewed and approved in August BCC Meeting.

#### **9. 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 H Foxen.

#### **10. Matters arising from previous meetings**

**Resilience Planning** (ongoing as C Anderson could not attend)

**ACTION:** Groups to be informed, Forsyth Hall, Brethren Church, First Responders, Potterton Community Group, Blackdog Residents Association, BCT to gauge their potential involvement.

**ACTION:** C. Wood to invite Colin Anderson (AC) Community Plan Officer who will guide the group through the Resilience Planning, basically what does the Community require, what do we want, He has a lot of information that will help support and give us guidance, there is a template for a plan and he will share the link that shows more detail so that everyone could have an understanding.

**ACTION:** D. Wallace to include Resilience Planning as an Agenda item

**ACTION:** J. Nicol agreed to prepare a learning report from the experiences from the storms early in 2022 for August BCC Meeting.

**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 and D. Wallace sent feedback to A. Rychart on their findings to date on MUGA equipment and preliminary cost feedback.

#### **BCC Website**

To be updated to highlight ongoing activities BCC are involved with.

**ACTION Ongoing:** C. Wood to continue to update website

Concern raised by Blackdog resident regarding marking on the Blackdog roundabout. Issue to be addressed with Transport Scotland and copied to AC Roads department.

**ACTION Ongoing:** C. Wood to check with G Middleton who is responsible for markings. BCT asset transfer request for help with land at the back of the library. Donna Sutherland checking with AC property team

**ACTION Completed:** D Sutherland (AC) reported it was AC land and nothing is being done with it at present, it will be asset transfer or sale.

**ACTION:** Discuss the possibility of returning to face-to-face meeting was raised as we move out of the Covid crisis. This to be discussed at August BCC meeting and venue to be agreed.

**ACTION:** C Wood to ask O Deeming about a couple of barbeques and picnic tables for Belhelvie.

#### **11. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives**

BCC Facebook page to be updated with information on Foodbanks and other support organisations in our area, links from the General help and support page

**ACTION Ongoing:** C. Wood to update website and Facebook page

#### **12. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects**

Nothing to report

#### **13. General Projects Update**

##### **Park Benches**

Coastal Communities Fund application has been successful, we have enough for 8 new benches around the villages

#### **14. External Meeting Report Back.**

BCT meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and the LDP Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May were both attended by H. Foxen. H Foxen said it was an interesting presentation and sounded wonderful as the planning is to be completed differently, with communities being asked what they wanted. This turns out to be a lot of work as a few villages have already set it out, but they do not think it is moving forward as they thought it would. H Foxen will check the questionnaire to see what it contains.

**Balmedie Country Park** schedule for 15<sup>th</sup> June was postponed to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 Formartine D Wallace attended, Country Park News letter Summer 2022 was sent to all.

#### **15. Nomination for Future External Meetings**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Balmedie Country Park meeting, attendees to be nominated

BCT meeting will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Forsyth Hall, attendees to be nominated.

#### **16. New Correspondence & Communication**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Local Development Plan Reporter's View received from Cllr Hassan and forwarded on the members

**ACTION:** Chairman to ask G Middleton to talk about this subject at the August BCC Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Invitation to Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards (15 Sept 6pm, Circulated to all members.

28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 May Police report received and circulated to members

29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Donna Sutherland land behind the library AC have no plans at the moment for the land, she would like to hear BCT plans.

**ACTION Completed:** 5<sup>th</sup> July C Wood has asked BCT to think about their ideas and let BCC/Donna know so BCC can help/support as we can.

**UPDATE:** R Nicol to consult BCT members about possible uses for the land.

6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 CC newsletter The Police Scotland survey for 2022/23 is now open to help the Police gather public feedback on the needs of their communities. Feedback from the survey is reported quarterly and is used to shape community policing and the Annual Police Plan.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/>

**ACTION Completed:** added to BCC FB

13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Updated Scheme of Governance relates to the powers of AC planning officers. Circulated to members for information.

13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Engagement on the Local Development Plan processes for 2022

**ACTION Completed:** No replies, BCC members to review Questions and send feedback to BCC email by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**ACTION:** C Wood and G Middleton to collate responses and submit survey to AC by end of July.

13<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 Grieg Thomson (attending meeting) road junction beside Belhelvie Church. With the change of the new road and the termination of the old road to access the A90 there has been no consideration made for people still using this junction. The road markings place your car in a poor sighting for turning right here, Also the priority has been left for the 2 houses down the dead end and not the higher volume of traffic accessing the church and roads further on.

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 BCT summary

**ACTION:** BCC to follow up with O Deeming AC on the rotted footbridge in the Potterton (burn project) on behalf of BCT (R Nicol). Emailed O Deeming for update 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Cllr Nicol thinks this issue may be AC Roads Department.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood raised the issue of volunteers being treated aggressively by the public and being blamed for the state of the toilet block, which again has issues being cleaned. AC Councillors

**ACTION:** Cllr Nicol to check on the toilet cleaning rota etc.

## 17. **Any Other Business**

- Notice board in Belhelvie is jammed so notices can be placed inside at present.

**ACTION:** C Wood to ask M Brown the contact details of the carpenter used previously.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood sent ALDO details to request login to members so they can request access/account. Also re-sent Open University email for training courses email.

**ACTION:** J Fletcher to mail C Young at AC about the Village Enhancement monies.

Meeting closed 21:39

**NB These July 2022 minutes were approved at the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 BCC Meeting. Next BCC Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome.**

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