



BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 26th September 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, G Drummond, D McKendrick
J. Fletcher, E Phipps

Apologies: A McIntyre, H. Foxen A Brown, G Middleton

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr J Nicol, Cllr A Hassan, Cllr D Ritchie

Apologies: Cllr P Johnston

Visitors: L Kennedy, E Watt, A Burr, Laura Dingwall

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

Warm welcome to Cllr D Ritchie our new area councillor.

This meeting was pushed back from 19th September 2022 because of the Queen's funeral until the 16th September 2022.

Chair asked if anyone wants to record this meeting, please make a request to do so prior to the meeting starting. No requests made.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

4. Police Matters & Report Review

Circulated latest report 26th Sept 2022

Republished 101 information on FB there have been reports in Blackdog Facebook group of minor theft.

Speeding Potterton

17th August 2022 G Drummond's note *"Potterton lost its island lamp post last night and also its welcome to Potterton sign got side swiped by a lorry too. It seems that the vehicle ran completely over the island, so I don't even want to imagine the outcome if somebody was on it or crossing at that time to the bus stop. Another incident to justify reducing the speed in the village. The lamppost was collected in the morning as it was across the road and a cone and sign erected."*

ACTION: C Woods to chase the roads issue raised by G Drummond

Blackdog Roundabout

Blackdog roundabout issue see June notes for action with G Middleton.

Update: C Woods has emailed G Middleton's comments to Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils and asked how they would like to take this forward.

Update: B Beatie (Aberdeen City) is following up with Aberdeen roads Ltd (ARL) and transport Scotland

ACTION: Follow up with B Beatie

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

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

5. Visitors Items (Old nursery development of 3 houses (2022/1599), Potterton

For clarity the Aberdeenshire Councillors will not be commenting during the discussion on an active planning application as they may at some point be at the determination of the application. A discussion was started about a planning application by N Burr for 3 houses to the rear of Panmuir Gardens in Potterton. A Planning Permission in Principle (rebuttal document) was sent to all BCC members for viewing prior to this meeting. Present at this meeting were L Kennedy and E Watt who are objecting to the application, with A Burr and L Dingwall willing to answer any questions and objections raised during the conversation. Unfortunately the discussion was halted as L Kennedy / E Watt had a problem with their microphone and this made it difficult to convey their part in the conference. BCC has also not received a reply from AC planning to see if an extension to comments has been given.

It was decided by the BCC members that a further meeting would take place on 3rd October 2022

ACTION: C Wood to send an urgent email to AC planning to see if we may comment on this application, if we can, C Wood will then set up the meeting for 03/10/22, informing all concerned

6. Planning Report (G. Middleton)

G Middleton was not present at the meeting, J Fletcher read out the applications applying to Belhelvie area.

Ref Number	Site Address	Proposal/ grid ref	Publica Comment expiry date
APP/2022/1669 Validated 15/08/22	August Longdrum, Whitecairns AB23 8UP	FPP for change of Agriculture land to class 9 (retrospective) and alterations and ext to dwelling house E.392826 N.817332	29/09/22
APP/2022/1779 Validated 17/08/22	22 Lumsden Way, Balmedie AB23 8TS	FPP for ext to dwelling house. E.396564 N.818037	07/09/22
APP/2022/1808 Validated 19/08/22	OP 1Site, land at Blackdog	Advertisement Consent for display of signage E.396118 N.814506	08/09/22
APP/2022/1831 Validated 23/08/22	Land at Bridlefolds, Whitecairns AB23 8UJ	Prior notification for erection of Agricultural Building E.393382 N.818191	N/A
APP/2022/1740 08/09/22	Land south of Canada Cottage, Whitecairns AB23 8XE	Prior notification for erection of Agricultural Building E.391606 N. 820339	N/A
# APP/2022/1859 Validated 14/09/22	Land to the south west of Bruntdlandpark, Whitecairns	FPP for ext to Storage Yard and erection of 1.8m high fence (Retrospective) E.392603 N.818419	13/10/22

Discussion on why this Storage Yard has been completed when the proposal was retrospective.

ACTION: Note to AC Planning Dept as to why this site has been completed under a retrospective proposal

7. Tresurers Report (E. Phipps)

Village Enhancement money received last week. Still awaiting admin grant

ACTION: E Phipps to follow up with AC on timings of this.

8. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted They were then proposed for approval by D. Wallace and seconded by G Drummond.

9. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

Cllr J Nicol is formulating the Resilience Plan in conjunction with C Anderson for the Belhelvie area, she is compiling a list of people to contact, any feedback to be sent to Cllr J Nicol.

Cllr J. Nicol will issue a draft she has been working on when completed

ACTION: Cllr J Nicol will contact all groups and persons, to discuss their potential involvement.

ACTION: D. Wallace to include Alex Morton's co-option as an agenda item for October meeting

10. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives

It has been confirmed that taxis can be made available for people with transport issues for upcoming Covid / Flu vaccination programme

ACTION Ongoing: C. Wood to update website and Facebook page to advertise that taxis are available for people who need them.

11. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

Started to build the facilities for children at the Leisure Centre

ACTION: C Wood to ask A Morton if he has contacted the groups to help with the funding of Belhelvie play park

12. General Projects Update

Park Bench Project, Benches due to arrive at G Drummond's premises tomorrow.

Discussion required as to actual siting of the benches.

Coastal communities fund requested some further info regarding our notice board application by Wednesday 28th September 2022 COB.

ACTION: E Phipps to will follow up on this.

13. External Meeting Report Back.

FORMARTINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM (A McIntyre)

Colin Anderson advised that they were involved in supporting Methlick all weather pitch project and would offer help with Balmedie project if it went ahead.

Police were not present but sent a proposal to merge the 3 ward reports in Formartine area with specific local issues included at end of the report. It was accepted in the hope that reports would be issued on a more regular basis. To be reviewed in 6 months to see if Community Councils are satisfied.

New Charman is David Hekelaar from Tarves CC. Vice Chair open. No volunteers at the meeting. Any volunteers to contact Area Office before next meeting.

Elaine Brown covered two aspects of the Scheme of Establishment, Agenda & Minutes and Complaints.

Agenda to be posted a minimum of 3 working days before the meeting. Minutes to be submitted to Area Office within 10 days of approval. Agenda and minutes to be displayed in a public place (Noticeboards or Library).

Complaints process has been improved. Process depends on whether complaint is against a councillor or a Council. If a councillor complaint to be handled by Community Council. Support in this process available from Area Office. Complaints against a Council will be handled by Area Office. Efforts will be made to resolve issue to complainant's satisfaction before a Complaint Hearing is carried out.

Community Planning Group – going forward 1 representative per Ward will attend. Colin Duncan of Udny will represent Ward 8.

Each Community Council gave report – One particularly interesting point was that Tarves got £20,000 from SSEN Resilience fund towards cost of a Temporary Generator.

Ellon Community Council has dissolved due to lack of members. This is despite efforts made by Area Office to advertise in hope to find enough numbers to form a Council

COUNTRY PARK MEETING (A McIntyre/ J Fletcher)

Oliver Deeming report

Path replacement scope complete for this year. More will be included in next year's budget

Replacement of steps down to marsh area near South Toilet block still to be completed.

New picnic tables installed in park. When asked about potential benches for Belhelvie he advised that council will not provide these but would install them if Community purchased them.

New trees to be installed at South Toilet block.

David Brown Report

Main issue in David's report was the damage done by Beach Ballistic over the years and their failure to work with the council to ensure that beach environment is not irreparably damaged. It was agreed that they be contacted by Council to get key for bollards returned and also to discuss the continued involvement of this event in the Country Park.

BCT Report

Sand Bothy have had a good year and managed to open some weekdays during the school holidays. They are hosting a Doors Open Event on 16th/ 17th September

Beach Wheelchairs now have 7 chairs and have had busiest year so far in 2022

Preliminary work ongoing for new bridge to link picnic area to the Beach Wheelchairs

Leisure Centre

Car Park at changing rooms – still trying to get quotes for work

Upgrades to fitness suite being carried out

Inclusive play area work has started.

Coastal Funds

Funded a Ranger post for 2 days per week.

Litter collection infrastructure improved

Water Bottle refill station approved (this was a BCC Proposal)

Discussion took place about investigation into feasibility into possible Glamping / Camping at beach. A study is being conducted into a potential alternative access path from village to beach being carried out.

Next Meeting 6.00pm 2nd November 2022 on Teams.

14. Nomination for Future External Meetings

29th September 2022, 7.30pm-9pm **Bus Forum Meeting** (in-person) Staff Room at Meldrum Academy

ACTION Completed: C Wood publicised on FB and website, no one from BCC to attend.

Community Council Induction Training in November (online and in person)

Wednesday 16th November from 7.00pm to 8.30pm general introduction

Wednesday 23rd November from 7.00pm to 8.30pm planning matters, Circulated to BCC members

11, 12, 13th October **Resilience planning workshops** Circulated to BCC members

2nd November **Balmedie Country Park Group - 6pm-8pm**

15. New Correspondence & Communication

22nd August 2022 Community Council Representation Formartine Community Planning Group Forwarded to members to see if anyone interested in representing CCs in Ward 8 (Mid-Formartine) on the FCPG. Members to email back before 31st August 2022.

UPDATE: 6th Sept 2022 Colin Duncan (Udny CC) is representing Ward 8 at the FCPG, also meeting on 7th Sept 2022 has been cancelled.

29th August G Thomson road priority issue at Belhelvie Church - requesting update.

Update from roads (1st Sept) Ann Buchanan, and Carolyne has let Grieg know the response.

"I can confirm that we have been discussing this junction with our Road Safety Unit to determine how we can improve it. A works instruction has been issued to carry out the agreed improvements regarding road markings and will be done when resources permit."

UPDATE: 2nd Sept G Thomson will follow up with the roads team directly and keep BCC informed

UPDATE: 7th Sept Anne Buchanan has responded with explanation of their decision

29th August White Cairns complaint resolved, emailed AC actions (x3) to all members 1st Sept

30th August Cllr J Nicol question on ownership of the footpath linking Menie Crescent and the Old Road, Balmedie, forwarded on to members. Cllr J Nicol this could be a footpath project but we need to know who owns the land, it could be all home owners on the estate, to check land register or planning team. Issue raised by residents with state of the path.

ACTION: Cllr J Nicol to follow up.

1st September Mapping of local not for profit cafes in Aberdeenshire survey

Forwarded to Leisure Centre and R Nicol (BCT) for them to complete or forward on to other facilities/cafes

5th September Banter deadline 23rd September 2022, Circulated request for ideas to members.

ACTION Completed: C Wood to write article and submit by 23rd September 2022

20th September - Aberdeenshire flag competition from Lord Lieutenancy and P&J

ACTION Completed: C Wood posted on FB sent to guides, scouts, rangers and brownie leaders.

26th September R Nicol Co-op noticeboard is not water tight.

ACTION Completed: C Wood to check at meeting what is happening with noticeboards

ACTION Completed: C Wood informed R Nicol noticeboards being worked on.

ACTION: Check progress and date for Co-op noticeboard improvement

16. Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed 21:14

NB These September 2022 minutes were approved at the 17th October 2022 BCC Meeting. Next BCC Meeting Monday 21st November at 7:00pm using Teams Phone-in, Visitors welcome.

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