

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21st November 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, D Wallace, G Drummond, J. Fletcher, G Middleton, A Brown (19:40),
H Foxen

Apologies: D McKendrick, E Phipps, A McIntyre

Formartine Area Councillors Present: Cllr J Nicol, Cllr A Hassan, Cllr P Johnston (20:35)

Apologies: Cllr D Ritchie (could not log on)

Visitors: A Russel, C Taylor, E & D Leslie, K Badenoch Anne Buchan (AC Roads Dept), Catherine Dryburgh (Barratts), Malcom Smith (Police). Colin Anderson (AC)

1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees

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.

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.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

4. Police Matters & Report Review

8th November Police Report circulated to all BCC members.

Malcom Smith (Police) and Anne Buchan (AC roads) at meeting.

Discussion on speeding throughout the villages especially Potterton. G Drummond has been gathering data for the last 8 months and most of the accidents are with drivers not necessarily breaking the speed limit, they are within the speed limit but not for the ground conditions. Cars coming into Potterton from the North, where there are a couple of bends, tend to leave the road due to lack of adhesion and slide off the road, the last couple of accidents have come very close to being a fatality.

G Drummond was asked as a member of the BCC if it was possible to get the speed limit reduced at the north end where it is 40mph. G Drummond has counted 17 accidents in the last year and is asking the Police and Roads Department if there is anything that can be done.

A Buchan from Aberdeenshire Council Roads Department said they had carried out some work on the Plodhill bend due to a couple of accidents where the cars left the road, they did some re-texturing of the road and advised some more work may be required, there have been accidents all over Aberdeenshire and in her view it is due to drivers not driving to the conditions. Questioned on dropping the speed limit she said that national guidelines would not allow this in this area, but perhaps signs and chevrons with yellow backing boards might help

M Smith from Police Scotland gave the statistics of accidents on the Potterton area, during the last 12 months 11 recorded RTCs and the vast majority were driver error. According to M Smith (PS) using cameras, road markings and signage helps greatly

C Anderson advised there is an initiative starting soon involving Pop-up policemen and community speed watch. Concluding the Potterton discussion G Drummond will speak to the cottages in Potterton and ask them to participate in a road watch and note-take anything they see on that stretch of road and report it to BCC and C Wood will tabulate the results (dates and times) and if a pattern emerges, hopefully something may be effected. BCC would also like A Buchann (AC Roads) to yellow back the chevrons

Police advised to report all incidents even trivial ones to Police so they are being recorded and tell the BCC or BCC members so we can feed it back to the Police.

Report anonymously through the independent charity Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Contact Police on 101 or using the "Contact Us" form on the Police Scotland website

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>

Safe Drive Stay Alive Campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjhWWYEdNoc>

ACTION in Progress: C Wood To give feedback from Friends of Balmedie School to C Anderson's speeding/education group meeting.



ACTION in Progress: C Wood to check for Police Scotland speeding campaigns and publicise through FB.

ACTION: M Smith (PS) to ask Roads Police team to check the Potterton hotspot to see if there are issues.

ACTION: C Wood to add M Smith (PS) meeting list/ contact list

ACTION: C Wood to publicise Crimestoppers on FB

Passed on to a member of BCC that there may be a potential Eigie Road speed protest.

The Police advice on protesting is OK as long as it does not cause obstruction, damage to people. General protests that are on roads cause anger and road rage as people get held up going about their business. M Smith asked BCC to inform himself if or when BCC find out when the protest is taking place so they could have a Police presence to mitigate and allow for a peaceful protest.

Cllr Nicol mentioned the Friends of Balmedie School have been kept informed about the Balmedie speed survey, the technical side of the survey will be done when manpower is available, then hopefully a potential crossing will be put in place.

Cllrs Nicol, Ritchie and Hassan were in discussion with Balmedie Head Teacher about the possibility of the kids doing a speed watch.

A couple of acts of vandalism have also been reported about some of the sapplings that have been planted in the school area by AC.

ACTION in Progress: C Woods to follow up on speeding/accident issues

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

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

5. Presentation by Barratts on Proposed Potterton

C Dryburgh (Barratts) gave a short update on the proposed Potterton situation. A public consultation/workshop was held in September with 55 registered visitors attending, there were more attendees but these did not register. There were 7 feedback forms at the event and 7 more by email, and a few notes were left on the posted notes on the plans. A few topics were hotly debated, buffer zones in terms of housing at Denvie Road, ancient woodlands to the east of the site and Balmedie primary school with education provision. Another topic brought up was vehicles using the road at the east of the site. A speed survey on the road to the east of the site was completed earlier to determine the visibility splay if they are going to take an access out of that road and have a safe junction. They understand the speed of the vehicles up this road but they do not have a note on the types of vehicles. Developer obligations (£4.5k per house) are actually ring fenced to be spent within the local area, this contribution goes towards improving either providing permanent or contributing to an extension at Balmedie School, sports facilities, community halls, play facilities, health facilities and recycling.

Going forward the Master Plan has not been submitted to AC, it has been delayed by National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), this has just gone before to the Scottish Ministers, Barratts want the masterplan to meet the new Framework and its policies, making sure Barratts plans align with new policies. Hopefully Masterplan will be with AC before Christmas.

Public Question (E & D Leslie) How does feedback influence the proposals.

C Dryburgh, Barratts will set out the issues raised and what they have done to address these.

C Dryburgh will be back at BCC January meeting to discuss the Masterplan

ACTION: C Wood send Barratts a link to the January 2023 BCC meeting, send meeting invites to C Taylor, E & D Leslie and A Russel

6. CO-OPT Alex Morton ON TO THE BCC. (all members)

A Morton did not attend the meeting, this will be on the agenda for the December 2022 meeting.

ACTION Completed: D. Wallace has included Alex Morton's co-option as an agenda item for the BCC December meeting.

7. Planning Report (G. Middleton)

Nothing to report.

8. Treasurers Report (E. Phipps)

E Phipps not present, report next month.

9. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

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

10. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

ACTION Completed: Cllr J Nicol sent draft plan to BCT member C Humphreys

R Nicol reported a problem with the COOP notice board

ACTION Completed: COOP notice board fixed by G Drummond's squad.

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There is still a question on ownership of the footpath linking Menie Crescent and the Old Road,

ACTION Completed: Cllr J Nicol still awaiting a reply

ACTION Completed: J Fletcher, Monies from Village Enhancement sent to the various groups.

BCC lost out on the Coastal Communities Fund regarding our notice board application as we did not reply in time. There may be still money available in the fund.

ACTION Completed: Period extended to 2023 D Wallace/E Phipps to follow up on this.

11. Covid Related Support Projects, Actions & Initiatives / Resilience Planning

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

Resilience Planning (C Anderson)

C Anderson provided a quick update on the progress that the set-up team have made, the planning was tested and put into practice at the weekend with the flooding in various parts of Aberdeenshire, there was a great reaction from local communities, this helped highlight during the incident itself what requires to be worked on. Great improvements have been made on the RP for Persons risk data bases sheltered houses, care homes, engaged in Community Council Forums, web site available, funding from SSEN. They are now looking at the next steps for our area, sending leaflets to allow people to be self-prepared, the LiveLife Essential leaflet has been circulated, people can sign up for free wifi, showers, warm places. They are looking now for Communities to start looking after themselves, taking a leading roll in their own Community, there are some really good established groups across Aberdeenshire.

The Local Resilience Plan Update: Cllr Nicol passed the Local RP draft plan to the BCC and also to Craig Humfreys who is a member of the BCT but also works in Resilience Planning with Police Scotland. Cllr Nicol was hoping that C Humfreys will be condense the plan as it is quite a large document. We are now at the stage to invite all parties, who have all been informed, to a meeting, so that the plan may be laid out and volunteers identified.

ACTION: D Wallace to organise a resilience meeting for all community groups who would be involved, perhaps at Forsyth Hall or Leisure Centre, possibly early 2023

ACTION: C Wood article in the next Banter with where to get help in an emergency, national and local numbers etc.

12. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

Leisure Centre play area for children is completed.

ACTION Ongoing: C Wood to ask A Morton if he has contacted the groups to help with the funding of Belhelvie play park, eg. BCT and BCC (E Phipps)

13. General Projects Update

Park Bench Project, Benches being stored at G Drummond's premises.

Ongoing discussions as to actual siting of the benches in the villages, resolved in Blackdog

ACTION: Siting of benches at Blackdog in the villages, A Neave/ G Middleton to deal with this along with G Drummond, a template and plan to be developed.

14. External Meeting Report Back.

9th November 2022 **Community Council Forum Meeting** online (A McIntyre)

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent A McIntyre's notes to all BCC members

2nd November 2022 **Country Park Meeting** (J Fletcher/A McIntyre)

ACTION: C Wood to send MOM when received to all BCC members

Next Meeting 15th February 2023

10th November 2022 **Meeting about re-zoning Blackdog primary school to Balmedie Primary School** (J Fletcher/A McIntyre)

Very quick meeting outlining how the schools would be rezoning.

The link for the proposal document was sent to all BCC members

15. Nomination for Future External Meetings

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

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

Elected Member Training Digital Workshop Community Sector

9th November 2022, 9:30 11:45, Location Online, circulated to all BCC members

23rd January 2023 BCT AGM in person

24th November 2023 SSEN 'Powering on Together This Winter' online

28th November 2023 BCT meeting Monday CANCELLED

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16. New Correspondence & Communication

20th October 2022 Delay Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Scheme 2022

21st October 2022 Elected Member Training Digital Workshop Community Sector, 9th November 2022, 9:30-11:45, Location Online, circulated to members.

31st October 2022 Formartine Area Committee Agenda for Tuesday 8 November, Agenda Circulated to BCC members with note on agenda item 5 Statutory Consultation on the Rezoning of Balmedie School Catchment at Blackdog.

ACTION in Progress: C Wood to circulate the link from Cllr Hassan, School Catchment, Item at the Formartine Area Committee (from 1:09:30)

8th November Formartine Area Committee items 4B to 7

1st November Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund Webinars

Circulated to R Nicol, S Buchan, D Wallace, E Phipps

8th November Police report received

ACTION Completed: C Wood Circulated to all BCC members

8th November Consultation, The Boundary Commission for Scotland has published its revised proposals for new UK Parliamentary constituencies in Scotland.

ACTION Completed: C Wood Publicised on FB

10th November from Cllr Nicol SSEN Distribution Stakeholder Surgeries, Powering on together this winter, North of Scotland Powering On Together this Winter

Date: Thursday 24th November from 11:30 to 13:00 (Teams)

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members

16th November 2022 BCC would like to discuss resilience planning, we are looking at options where we can offer free soups, beverages, food & snacks when required.

17. Any Other Business

F2F meetings may start again, Cllr Hassan said Leisure Centre may be viable, White Horse Inn may also be available. Availability and Wifi to checked in each.

ACTION Completed: A McIntyre checked Leisure Centre, B Murray advised that we could use the committee room or the coffee shop and the staff wifi would be available. J Fletcher checked White Horse, wifi speed was 72Mbps.

ACTION: C Wood to republicize school zoning consultation deadline January 2023

Meeting closed 21:44

NB These November 2022 minutes were approved at the 19th December 2022 BCC Meeting.

Next BCC Meeting Monday 16th January 2023 at 7:00pm venue Balmedie Leisure Centre

Visitors welcome.

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