

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING 19th December 2022 Balmedie Leisure Centre

Chair: David Wallace; **Vice Chair:** Alex McIntyre **Treasurer:** Ewan Phipps
Secretary: John Fletcher **Planning Reporter:** Graham Middleton
Communications Coordinator: Carlyne Wood

Members Present: D Wallace, G Drummond, J. Fletcher, G Middleton, A McIntyre, E Phipps
Apologies: D McKendrick, C Wood, A Brown, H Foxen

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

Visitors: None

1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees

All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through the chair. Special thankyou to Cllr Hassan as a usually ever present in attendance at our meetings

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.

No Police presence

13th December Police Report sent to all BCC members

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

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

Cllr Hassan said there may be a possibility of getting the Police Report that is sent to the Aberdeenshire Councillors, he will check this.

5. Visitors Items

No Visitors present

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

To be removed from agenda

7. Planning Report (G. Middleton)

Nothing to report.

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8. Treasurers Report (E. Phipps)

A report to be sent to the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) explain our situation with the purchased benches. CCF Application for new notice boards is ready for application, there will be a discussion on where the boards will be sited if the application is successful.

All monies paid out for the Village Enhancement.

ACTION: E Phipps to check when the SSEN fund opens, the Leisure Centre may be able apply for a generator as part of Resilience Planning.

9. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted They were slightly altered then proposed for approval by D Wallace and seconded by G Middleton

10. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

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

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

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

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.

The Local Resilience Plan Update: short discussion on the organisation and what shape it will take and who would take the leading role.

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.

12. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

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).

Discussion to advise on any project BCC could help with using an application from the Landfill Fund.

13. General Projects Update

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

Ongoing discussions as to actual siting of the benches in the villages. A template and plan have been formulated for installation of the benches, it is now weather dependant.

14. External Meeting Report Back.

No meetings

15. Nomination for Future External Meetings

23rd January 2023 BCT AGM (F2F)

17th January 2023 Formartine Area Committee Agenda (C Anderson)

16. New Correspondence & Communication

5th December 2022 Resilience workshops feedback requested by AC

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members

12th December 2022 Greg Thomson, Belhelvie Church Junction

D Wallace to discuss issues raised at December meeting

13th December 2022 Police report sent to all BCC members

15th December 2022 State of roads around Belhelvie, email from James Gordon

16th December 2022 Community Speed Watch proposed meeting in January date TBC, D McKendrick to represent BCC.

17. Any Other Business

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A discussion was held as to whether the BCC meetings could proceed to a once every two monthly instead of monthly meetings. Conclusion: all BCC members present, voted to stay the same and continue with monthly meetings.

The Leisure Centre will be used for next month's meeting.

State of roads in Belhelvie, see below

(E mail from J Gordon). I have just read the Belhelvie Banter and are amazed to even think Aberdeenshire council have improved any roads going into Belhelvie, the road from Blackdog roundabout to Belhelvie is an absolute disgrace the area at the turn off to Potterton gets worse every week, there is a slow sign been painted on the road heading to Potterton turn off which has been there for years and buses ground on that part unless they slow down. A perfectly good section of road was resurfaced in the summer, but the potholes and uneven surfaces in Belhelvie village has never been touched despite numerous people complaining and logging the matter on the roads department website. Numerous large lorries turn into the quarry every day which is churning up the road.

I have lived in Belhelvie for over twenty years and have never seen so many cement trucks and lorries coming into the village, obviously the quarry has started making cement and tar now, I don't recall these operations when we first moved to Belhelvie, the dust and stour this generates for the residents must be damaging to the air which we breathe, our car is covered in dust from the quarry almost every day windows caked in dust and even plants in the summer have a fine coating of dust. surely the quarry could use some kind of filter to lessen the dust in the area. I have contacted Aberdeenshire Council regarding this matter on a few occasions, but have met with very limited response, even suggesting we contact the manager of the quarry, which I do not think is my responsibility. After discussion which included Cllr Hassan, it was decided that Mr Gordon should get in touch with the elected members of the Council and Cllr Hassan said he would look into this.

Belhelvie Church Junction

(E mail from G Thomson) Although away at the moment I have heard of yet another incident at the junction of the Balmedie to Belhelvie link road and Ardo Road. As some of you are aware I have been in contact with Aberdeenshire Council roads planning department, however that prove itself to be a wasted effort and was left feeling that my voice was not worth hearing (I have the emails still to support that).

It is worth considering though that I have used this junction in past and present form for over 20 years and hold every licence apart from the one that lets you fly, that supported by a previous vocation in continuous improvement could almost justify the Aberdeenshire Council maybe engaging more about this issue.

To get to the point I feel it would be in everyone's interest that uses this junction or has lost loved ones in the Church graveyard that we discuss this in person if possible and at the junction. With a focus on three things.

1. The issue of the approach to the give way, where 4 people have crashed through the wall in recent years.
2. The priority at the junction outside Victoria Garage.
3. The old road markings at the junction at Victoria Garage
4. And finally vehicles parking at the junction at Victoria Garage.

After discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Roads Department at AC do not think there should be any changes at this junction, it was decided, that the matter should be brought to the attention of the roads department again. Cllr Hassan said that he would meet with G Thomson on his return.

Meeting closed 20:45

**NB These December 2022 minutes were approved at the 16th January 2022 BCC Meeting.
Next BCC Meeting Monday 20th February 2023 at 7:00pm venue Balmedie Leisure Centre
Visitors welcome.**

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