

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 20th March 2023 Balmedie Leisure Centre & Online Teams

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

Members Present: J. Fletcher, A McIntyre, G Drummond, G Middleton, D McKendrick,
Members Online: D Wallace, H Foxen, C Wood E Phipps
Apologies: none

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

Visitors:
Visitors Online: M Brown (Allocation of plants)

1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees

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

2. Chairmans Opening Remarks

This meeting is a BCC Hybrid Meeting, Face to face and online Teams.
Chair asked if anyone wants to record this meeting, please make a request to do so prior to the meeting starting.
No requests made.
BCC AGM is on the 19th June 2023, nominations will open on the 10th May 2023 and close on 31st May 2023, if a ballot is required it will take place on Monday 8th June 2023
ACTION: A McIntyre to prebook LC in case of ballot required.
ACTION: D Wallace to check on who requires to sign and send their forms into AC before AGM
Action: C Wood to advertise on FB and BCC web site about being a Community Councillor and stressing that member positions are available.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Police Matters & Report Review.

No Police presence, report was sent to all BCC members, good report plenty of information.

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.

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

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

Speed watch community spirit (D McKendrick report)

Meeting 2 weeks ago and AC and Police Scotland are looking at regional approach to share the cost of equipment and utilise trained personnel, Camera / Hi Viz vests etc approx. £500

D McKendrick has registered and passed the test, now awaiting Police training to complete the system (Others welcome to join). All sites need to be safety assessed by the team prior to commencing projects. Can use people from other areas to avoid any local friction. (D McKendrick will be OK to do our areas).

People who are reported will receive a letter from the police advising them they were breaking the speed limit and repeat behaviour would result in a fine and points (Need 3 reports for fine and points)

Looking to commence pilot exercises when all received the police training.

Communityspeedwatch.org.uk Duncan Cameron (Turriff) Co-ordinating, Colin Anderson

colin.anderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Leading

ACTION: C Wood to publicise on FB and website

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5. Visitors Items

Flower Allocation from AC. With no prior consultation from AC we are told that the number of flowers for each village has been halved this year, previously 3000 is now approx. 1500 plants. Instead of the groups being able to put an order in for the plants they are now in a batch lot and the Community Councils are tasked with distribution, it will be a one person one day one batch pickup situation. C Wood has concocted a formula for each village requirements based on the reduction of plants it will be based on a pro-rata of what the village has ordered. After discussion once the date for collection is given from AC, it was decided the plants would be uplifted from the Ellon Depot by G Drummond and taken to the Leisure Centre where they will be distributed as per Carolyne's formula by the BCC. All interested groups will be given notification of when to collect from the LC
ACTION: C Wood to ask the LC if we can store the flowers in the compound

6. Planning Report

Nothing validated in February or March.

2 approved extensions in February, one in Balmedie, Potterton

2 new houses approved for Whitecairns

In March, 3 new houses approved where the old nursery at Panmuir Gardens.

An issue was raised by R Nicol (BCT) about the old shop across from the Balmedie Fish and Chipshop. This shop has previously been raised with AC by the BCC and it was found that an Enforcement Notice has been applied to the property. During discussion no one seemed to know with what the EN was for and if it was taken care of. C Wood said on numerous occasions BCC has asked AC about the property with no response,

ACTION: Cllr Johnston said he would get in contact with G Buchanan at AC to see what the situation is.

ACTION: G Middleton will try and find out the owner's name

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

Month on Month Transactions

One transaction in the month M365 licence renewal.

Projects

Confirmation received of success application for notice board funding awaiting release of funds from respective bodies:

£2,517.36 Formartine Area Committee Grant on 20 February 2023

£2,518.00 Formartine Community Planning Grant on 22 February 2023

£2,313.07 Formartine Coastal Communities Grant on 14 February 2023

To confirm locations and siting, timescale for completion Aug 23.

8. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes (J Fletcher)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted They were slightly altered then proposed for approval by A McIntyre and seconded by G Drummond.

9. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (J Fletcher)

Item 15 - 25th January 2023 request from AC for BCC membership as election preparation

ACTION Completed: D Wallace has completed and returned from the BCC email address for our records

Item 15 - 29th March 2023 07:00-09:00 pm Community Council Participation Request,

ACTION Completed: H Foxen and C Wood will attend online.

10. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

None

11. General Projects Update

As previous, Park Bench Project, Benches have been stored at G Drummond's premises, paused due to weather. Ongoing discussions as to actual siting of the benches in the villages. A template and plan have been formulated for installation, it is now weather dependant, probably 4-6 weeks. R Nicol sent a request asking that one of the benches designated for Balmedie replace the one outside the White Horse Inn at the bus stop, this was agreed BCC has been successful in acquiring up to £5000 grant from Formartine Committee for some new notice boards. Decision made that Balmedie COOP notice board will be replaced, decision on other to follow.

12. External Meeting Report Back.

Blackdog RA AGM (G Middleton)

Nothing much to feed back on apart from a meeting about the New Community Hall proposition, they have an architect working on the plan which has the backing of AC.

13. Nomination for Future External Meetings

BCT Meeting, 27th March 2023 7:30pm at Forsyth Hall, A McIntyre, C Wood sent details.

Firework Control Zones Workshop, 13th March 02:00-04:00pm, G Drummond



<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fczworkshops/839530/>

Scottish Sentencing Council is running an online webinar

Wednesday 22nd March from 6pm to 7pm, Circulated to members

Community Council Participation Request (from reps of Mearns CC)

Request back in January from Mearns CC "We have suggested that when a consultation with an organisation within a community takes place the Community Council should be informed... A representative of the Community Council could be invited to be part of any discussions."

ACTION Completed: C Wood to let C Young at AC who will attend for BCC (TBC), details sent to BCC members

Resilient Communities Conference 2023 Online Workshops (online) - March and April

ACTION Completed: Circulated to all BCC members, BCT, LC, P McKewan and asked if they want to receive these emails.

14. New Correspondence & Communication

Old Shop, Balmedie R Nicol request when will it be cleaned up? (see item 6)

21st Feb 2023 Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards, Deadline: 31st March 2023

ACTION: C Wood /D Wallace to nominate Mario (Local shop Balmedie) for the Community Spirit award
Awarded to an individual or group who have supported a cause or project which helps to foster a spirited, embracing and vibrant local community.

Petition Concept for Mario, public petition to support Mario immigration status of his family (wife and two children)

Cllr Johnston Pau recommends contacting the MP (Westminister) Richard Thompson about Mario's case.

Cllr Nicol recommends checking with Mario on what's the state of play with the MP, Cllr Nicol also recommends that Cllrs and BCC get people to write to the MP (in due course)

ACTION: BCC to speak to Mario and then contact MP

22nd Feb 2023 bedding plants (see item 5)

ACTION Completed: C Wood invited plant group reps to March meeting

ACTION: C Wood to send date has been fixed to plant contacts with collection time, early evening

22nd Feb 2023 Scottish Water Consultation, Comment on Scottish Water work in our area:

Balmedie A90 junction rerouting of traffic on the roundabout caused a lot of disruption and we were NOT warned about it before hand so could not inform our residents. For all other road works we are informed by the Council and can warn residents through our website and social media.

ACTION Completed: Submitted a response on behalf of the BCC highlighting the lack of communication about the roadworks on the Balmedie A90 roundabout

23rd Feb 2023 BCT Coronation event (Monday 8 May) BCC members interested in helping and promoting BCC at same time, Circulated to all BCC members (28th Feb), Alex happy to get involved

discuss at March meeting - agree who is available to support the event (if the BCC want to take part) and if there are any other activities members feel the BCC could set up or take part in. BBC volunteers to help BCT event:

ACTION: D Wallace to confirm with R Nicol if BCC will be present to promote the BCC

27th Feb 2023 Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy request for ideas for Royal visit locations, Circulated to BCC members

ACTION Completed: A McIntyre suggestion, Beach wheelchairs / Balmedie beach send back the suggestions

13th March 2023 Ellon Park & Ride to Garthdee Transport Corridor Study Consultation

Aberdeen City Council is looking at options to improve walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport connections between Ellon Park & Ride, the City Centre and Garthdee as part of a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)-based study using funding from Transport Scotland through the Bus Partnership Fund (BPF).

ACTION Completed: C Wood publicised through Facebook

13th March 2023 Local Place Plans issue raised by R Nicol (BCT)

"As part of Joni's job remit and as a follow up to the consultation, BCT is starting to look at the Local Place Plans planning circular. Are the Community Council giving this any consideration as these can be created by community councils or community bodies?"

ACTION Completed: BCC to discuss the role in this and ask AC Councillors for advice

Cllr Nicol said it will depend on consultation results to take LPP forward. Cllr Johnston said LPP is beginning already.

14th March 2023 Formartine Area Committee Agenda for 21/03/2023, Circulated to members to be aware, highlighted Potterton development and Formartine Community Plan agenda items

14th March 2023 Sand Bothy Easter Event on Sunday 9th April 2023

R Nicol requesting donations, bottles etc and help on the day, Circulated to BCC members

17th March 2023 Community Council Election Timetable Belhelvie CC (see item 9)

20th March 2023 R Nicol reported broken meter box outside the Leisure Centre reported to BCC

ACTION: J Fletcher to check and let Carlyne know, Carlyne to follow up with SSEN

20th March 2023 Coronation Champions Awards Closing date 2nd April, Publicised via Facebook, Circulated to BCC members

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15. Any Other Business

H Foxen reported that a bench in the Potterton garden area has been vandalised, some one has tried to rip it out, it now been re-established.

H Foxen is at court on the 23rd June 2023 as a witness to a fire at the Potterton tip where a child had been playing close by.

Cllr Nicol to hand the notice boards back to H Foxen.

Meeting closed 21:10

**NB These March 2023 minutes were approved at the 17th April 2023 BCC Meeting.
Next BCC Meeting Monday 15th May 2023 at 7:00pm venue Balmedie Leisure Centre and Online Teams
Visitors welcome.**

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