

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES of MEETING 17th April 2023 Online Teams

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

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

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

Visitors Online: none

1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees

All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through C Wood as she is the Leader of the Teams Meeting.

2. Chairmans Opening Remarks

This meeting is an online Teams Meeting, Face to face was not possible as there were problems with the wifi at the Leisure Centre.

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

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Police Matters & Report Review.

No Police presence, report received 4th April 2023 and distributed to all BCC members, good report plenty of information.

ACTION: C Woods to remind members that Police will be present at our May 2023 meeting and to send any questions ahead of the meeting.

ACTION: C Wood to pass the questions to the Police before the meeting

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. (C 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.

5. Visitors Items (same as of previous month)

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Flower Allocation from AC. 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 Carlyne's formula by the BCC. All interested groups will be given notification of when to collect from the LC

ACTION Completed: C Wood has confirmed 2 trips are ok for picking up the order from AC. Also update BCT R Nicol.

BCC Members to help distribute, A McIntyre, J Fletcher, H Foxen, and D McKendrick

6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

G Middleton not present

Blamedie Shop on the Old Aberdeen Road

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

No actions answered as both not present.

Cllr Hassan read an email from AC from 1st March 2023, we can advise that the enforcement team has never served an enforcement notice, based on the information provided there is no breach of planning control at the current time, details of concerns were passed to building standards for consideration and they advised that after a building inspector had been at the site he found it to be fully secure and will not be taking the matter any further at this time. In future if any constituents have any concerns concerning the site, please contact the enforcement team or building standards to enquire if any further action can be taken.

7. Treasurers Report (E Phipps)

No transactions this month

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 D Wallace and seconded by A McIntyre.

9. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (J Fletcher)

ACTION Completed: A McIntyre has prebooked LC in case of ballot required.

ACTION Completed: D Wallace has checked who requires to sign and send their forms into AC before AGM

ACTION Completed: C Wood has advertised on FB and BCC web site about being a Community Councillor and stressing that member positions are available.

Flower allocation from AC

ACTION Completed: C Wood confirmed the LC can store the flowers in the compound

ACTION Completed: BCC nominated Mario for Community Spirit Award

ACTION Completed: J Fletcher checked and took photographs of the Scottish Gas junction box on Eigie, tried to phone Scottish Gas to no avail.

ACTION: C Wood to continue with detection with SSEN.

UPDATE: Box relates to Leisure Centre and they have asked AC to fix it

10. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

ACTION: E Phipps to check when the Landfill Tax opens

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 weeks.

The seat at the Bus Stop on the Old Road was looked at by D Wallace and he thinks it has been vandalised and there might be able to get a spare repair part from AC O. Deeming.

ACTION: D Wallace to contact O Deeming.

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, as will Belhelvie, decision on others to follow.

ACTION: A McIntyre to ask Mario if it, possible to site a new notice board on the wall of the shop.

ACTION: J Fletcher to measure Belhelvie notice board and photograph.

H Foxen suggested at the other side of the Potterton Burn and Garden area, they have the children's play park, the climbing frames/ slides are in need of replacement, potentially a Landfill project (see item 10).

ACTION: H Foxen to find out if AC own the equipment.

12. External Meeting Report Back.

Formartine Rural Partnership AGM (H Foxen)

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H Foxen attended the AGM at Haddo House and they are desperate for more people to be involved and help the Trust, H Foxen is now a Trustee of FRP supporting the chair as he is ill.

13. Nomination for Future External Meetings

Community Council Forum 10th May (C Wood)

Presentations from: "Neil Cameron the emergency planning officer along to give an update on the progress being made in respect of Resilience Planning and to answer any queries you may have in respect of this. Prior to the meeting it would be good to know how each of you have approached Resilience and to get an idea of what is in place in each area or what is being planned / worked on. Could I ask you to provide a brief update so I can collate responses and get an idea of the overall picture across Formartine and where further support may be needed. Colin Anderson (AC)

ACTION Completed: Circulated to BCC members before April Meeting, attendees D Wallace, C Wood

ACTION: C Wood to check with Cllr Nicol at BCC Meeting, what information does she have on locations and support they can provide in an emergency.

ACTION: D Wallace to send a response to C Anderson, resilience situation in Belhelvie Area (see forum email folder)

ACTION: Completed: C Wood has sent a reminder to D Wallace and meeting link

Upcoming meetings / training

LPP/ CAP Community Forum (online Teams) 2 & 3 May

Tuesday 2 May 2023 18:30 20:00

Wednesday 3 May 2023 18:30 20:00

RSVP to marr@aberdeenshire.gov.uk with details of who will be attending including their email address no later than **Friday 28th April 2023**.

ACTION Completed: C Wood Circulated to all BCC members, attendees, D Wallace, H Foxen, C Wood, also requested the link on behalf of attendees

ACTION: Report back to BCC at May BCC Meeting

SCDC webinar for Community Councils - Wed 24 May at 6pm

The Improvement Service, Scottish Rural Network and the Scottish Community Development Centre are hosting a free online webinar for community councillors on the **National Standards for Community Engagement** on Wednesday 24th May 2023 from 6pm to 7pm.

In this webinar, the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) will share the National Standards for Community Engagement, how they are used throughout the VOICE tool and how these can help groups who are working with communities, groups and individuals.

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members, C Wood will attend

BCT meeting Monday 29 May, 7pm, Forsyth Hall

5th Monday of month, not the 4th Monday, due to holidays, Attending J Fletcher, H Foxen

14. New Correspondence & Communication

24th March 2023 Proposed Traffic Calming Measure - Potterton

Deadline: comments or objections by noon on Friday 5th May 2023

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members

ACTION: Public consultation after Area Committee Meeting

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roads/traffic-management/traffic-measures>

ACTION Completed: Discuss at April BCC Meeting

ACTIONS: H Foxen to send feedback to BCC and then pass on to AC, Send AC Roads Dept BCC feedback by 5th May 2023, publicise to residents after Area Committee

24th March 2023 Aberdeenshire Council has announced the withdrawal of funding on some fixed route bus journeys from 12 June 2023, including the 64 Blackdog to Aberdeen - Mon & Thurs inter-peak service.

ACTION Completed: C Wood publicised the post from AC on FB

23rd March 2023 Brownfield sites consultation, deadline 30th April 2023

ACTION Completed: C Wood publicised on FB (17th April 2023)

28th March 2023 Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy - very enthusiastic about BCT projects for potential Royal visit. C Wood has let Rosie know about the recommendation.

31st March 2023 Asset Transfer Policy Review Consultation, Deadline Sunday 23 April

ACTION Completed: C Wood Publicised through FB (4 April), raised at BCC Meeting, circulated to all BCC Members, sent to BCT R Nicol for Sand Bothy process feedback.

17th April 2023 Community Speed Watch update from Colin Anderson (AC), Little uptake so far, suggesting a trial/pilot in one area (smaller than all of Formartine), Forwarded to D McKendrick for his views on this and if he would be willing to take part.

17th April 2023 LPP/ CAP Community Forum events (see events below)

15. Any Other Business

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Coronation: Are BCC doing anything? Or taking part in Sand Bothy? From R Nicol BCT, C Wood has let Rosie know it will be raised in meeting

This was discussed at the BCC meeting, A McIntyre will attend and volunteer to litter pick as will others if available.

ACTION Completed: C Wood replied to BCT and asked for details and what help required

Banter

ACTION Completed: C Wood to write article & ideas from members,

Content ideas: upcoming elections and role of Community Councillor check dates- current projects benches, noticeboards, play park (Potterton).

emergency contacts details and BCC webpage link / resilience planning

Community speeding scheme sign up details.

Deadline 21st April 2023

Mario: Immigration status

ACTION: C Wood to look at online tools for petition

ACTION: Cllr Ritchie to approach D Duguid (Banff & Buchan MP) to see if this may go before the Scottish Secretary

Meeting closed 20:55

NB These April 2023 minutes were approved at the 15th May 2023 BCC Meeting.

Next BCC Meeting Monday 19th June 2023 at 7:00pm venue Balmedie Leisure Centre and Online Teams

Visitors welcome.

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