

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 15th May 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, A McIntyre, G Drummond
Apologies: D McKendrick, G Middleton, J. Fletcher

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

Visitors Online: Scott Harris (Police Scotland)

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 due to limited members able attend in person.

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

The Chair thanked Cllr Nicol for the feedback she provided in relation to school provision in the Belhelvie parish.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

C. Wood and G. Drummond declared a conflict in relation to an item on Planning and advised that they would not participate in discussion on this subject.

4. Police Matters & Report Review

Scott Harris of Police Scotland was in attendance in line with their intention to attend alternate monthly meetings. Next scheduled attendance will be in July meeting. No major crime has been reported in Belhelvie parish. The main issues arising relate to road traffic offences and particularly speeding.

The issue of fly tipping was raised, and the officer advised that it would not be an offence to photograph or video fly tipping in a public area. Fly tipping is a criminal offence under the Civic Scotland Act.

A concern over a parking issue in Whitecairns area was passed onto the police. Police will investigate and if appropriate speak to the driver.

The officer advised that the pop-up bobbies have been stolen.

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 Completed: C Wood to give feedback from Friends of Balmedie School to C Anderson's speeding/education group meeting, no response received

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

None in progress to publicise.

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

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

5. Visitors Items (same as of previous month)

No visitors present

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

Actions not answered as Graham not present.

New planning applications:-

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New house at Blackdog

Garage at Panmuir Gardens, Potterton

Dwellinghouse at Whitecairns

Agricultural Building at Parkseat – Objection to be raised due to concern over actual use

ACTION: G. Middleton to raise objection

Development at Potterton – 5 local objections raised. Meeting of Aberdeenshire Council will determine if a consultation is held. BCC have been informed AC will run a full public consultation following Area Committee agreement to consult the public.

Traffic calming measures in Potterton, BCC did submit comments to AC and to AC Councillors.

ACTION Completed: 19th June 2023, C Wood to submit H Foxens comments (on behalf of BCC) as part of the public consultation

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 H. Foxen and seconded by E. Phipps.

9. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (J Fletcher)

Mario Petition

ACTION: C Wood to follow up with Cllr Ritchie on his discussion with David Duguid (Banff and Buchan MP) to see if this issue can go to the Scottish Secretary.

ACTION: C Wood to follow up on best practice for petition and online petition services.

10. Landfill/ Greenfield/Other Projects

ACTION: E Phipps to check when the Landfill Tax opens

SEPA fund identified as a possible funding source for Potterton Burn

11. General Projects Update

As previous, Park Bench Project, Benches have been stored at G Drummond's premises, paused due to weather.

Park bench locations confirmed as follows: -

3 in Blackdog

2 in Potterton

ACTION: H. Foxen to advise locations.

1 in Belhelvie

1 beside Mario's shop

1 beside bus shelter on Old Road

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.

David contacted O. Deeming and he said he would look at it next time he was passing.

ACTION: D Wallace to get update from 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 is possible to site a new notice board on the wall of the shop.

ACTION Completed: A. McIntyre spoke to Mario who gave permission to put the noticeboard on the shop wall.

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.

Local Place Planning meeting 3th May 2023

Presentations on the role of local place plans and how they relate to Local Development Plans and national planning framework (NPF4). Note there is a new focus on the role of nature and climate in the framework / LDP. LDP is likely to be very different this time round the LDP process. LPP are part of wider planning reform - aiming to reduce conflict, improve community engagement. Focus on identifying Community aspirations and needs.

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LPPs need to be submitted by late 2024, to be created by community bodies such as (but not limited to) Community Councils. Note - Aberdeenshire Council are not obliged to take on board LPP findings.

Issues raised at the meeting by BCC members:

The focus on community aspirations appears out of step with current situation - Council services, education, health services and social care etc are being cut and we are in a cost of living crisis, note LLP concept was planned several years ago in 2019.

Community Council Forum 10th May 2023

Informative and useful presentation on resilience planning from Neil Cameron (Aberdeenshire Council)
Lessons learnt from storms Arwen et

Key dates:

Community Resilience Strategy expected over summer 2023

Community Resilience Conference planned for October 2023

Key messages:

Aberdeenshire Council are aiming to get people into position that they can cope for up to 3 days before any help arrives

Community groups need to plan and take actions that fit their community and that they can achieve

Council are focusing on removing obstacles to resilience - example move on from refusing use of buildings in emergency to Community groups

Council are planning micro grants to be administered by Community Councils for small projects - details TBC

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More and more admin is being put on Community Councils - resilience, plant allocations, micro grants, LLP, speeding scheme, village cleaning, flood burn clearing work. Community Councils are volunteers and do not have unlimited resources to take on this work.

Next meeting:

August likely in person

Disappointingly there is no venue for hybrid meetings in Formartine yet

13. Nomination for Future External Meetings

BCT Meeting at Sand Bothy 29th May 2023 at 7.00pm J. Fletcher and H. Foxen to attend'

The Role of the local Resilience Partnership in an emergency and how Community Groups 'fit ' a response alongside responders 24th May 2023- No attendees identified.

Formartine Area Bus Forum at Ellon Community Campus 7.30 – 9.00pm A. McIntyre to attend.

Democracy Matters Conference Online 10th June C. Wood to attend

Country Park Meeting 14th June A McIntyre and J. Fletcher to attend

14. New Correspondence & Communication

18th April broken spars on bench near Chip shop bus stop - Olly says he needs to investigate the state of the bench

11th May 2023 Belhelvie Parish - Community Consultation 2023- Links to Survey

15. Any Other Business

Council is looking into signage on Blackdog roundabout

Plants no update yet on collection date.

Meeting closed 21.15

Next Meeting 19th June 2023 immediately following the AGM which starts at 7.00pm

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

Next BCC Meeting Monday 19th July 2023 at 7:00pm Online Teams

Visitors welcome.

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