

# BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 F2F and Online Teams

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

**Members Online:** C Wood

**Members F2F:** D Wallace, J. Fletcher, A McIntyre, G Middleton, D McKendrick, G Drummond

**Apologies:** E Phipps, H Foxen

**Formartine Area Councillors Online:** Cllr A Hassan, Cllr Nicol

**Online:** Cllr D Ritchie (problems with internet)

**Apologies** Cllr Johnstone,

**Visitors Online:** None

### 1. Apologies & Introductions of any Visitors/Attendees

All attendees were welcomed and asked everyone that all matters be addressed through the chair for the F2F meeting and through C Wood for the Teams Meeting online.

### 2. Chairmans Opening Remarks

Discussion on whether we should put the MOM out earlier. Chairman asked if the draft minutes be circulated to all member asap after the meeting and with a 7 day deadline on comments when after the secretary could issue approved minutes for posting, that way we could get draft minutes on the notice boards within 2 weeks of the meeting, if not the minutes will remain on the notice board for a month before it's replaced, so it could be read 2 months after the meeting date.

A McIntyre said at the Forum meeting it was clarified that a draft of minutes could be posted as soon as they were ready provided at least one office bearer had reviewed them and they were clearly marked as DRAFT. No amendment needed. Some Community Councils already do this. It was decided to leave as is for the moment.

### 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

### 4. Police Matters & Report Review.

No Police presence, apology from Divisional Commander G Mackie

Police area report July 2023, circulated to members 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023, no incidents reported in our area, they are continuing with the traffic monitoring and speed checks, there was an incident of passing a counterfeit note in the area, info received from Police

**ACTION:** C Wood to put on FB page.

It was stressed as below that all incidents should be reported to Police immediately and not just post on social media.

There was an incident of vandalism at Potterton, Notice board broken into and there was damage to fences and hedges.

**ACTION:** C Wood to check next Police attendance at BCC 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>

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

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

### 5. Visitors Items

None

### 6. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Validated, Westmost Cottage, Balmedie extension and new garage

Hillhead of Muirton, White Cairns, change of use of 3 agricultural buildings

Discussion ensued about the amount of planning applications that are for agriculture buildings, then asked for change of use.

This seems to be a common factor, planning permission granted then change of use. An objection was lodged last month on a planning application for the same reason on behalf of BCC and an objection will be put in place for Hillhead of Muirton on behalf of BCC.

**ACTION:** G Middleton to write to AC Planning Dept

**Balmedie Shop on the Old Aberdeen Road**

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

### 7. Treasures Report and Funding Update (E Phipps)

E Phipps not present

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## **8. Funded Projects Status Update** (E Phipps)

Three notice boards have been purchased, there may be enough funds for a fourth notice board. There have been good comments received on the benches put in place by BCC in the villages, big thankyou to G Drummond and his team and G Middleton.. The memorial plaques for Alan Jeffrey and Don Fobes have been purchased and will be in place shortly. Next of kin will be informed when in place.

**ACTION:** D Wallace to send the remembrance plaque costs to E Phipps.

The Community Council Citizen's Award has been purchased and will be presented to the 2023 winner, Mario Mahichiru shortly. The BCC would like to make this an annual award to a person in the villages, nominations will be sought towards the end of the year 2024. BCC would also like to have a youth (young person probably under 18 years) presentation for someone who has gone above and beyond. The criteria for each award will be set up shortly.

The video interview for the AC award (Inspiring Aberdeenshire) which Mario Mahichiru was nominated by BCC was given without a BBC representative present, AC did not follow the correct protocol as the nominee along with the nominated person should have been present during this interview. BCC informed the AC Councillors present that BCC were not happy with the decision.

**ACTION:** D Wallace and AC Councillors present agreed that this was not the correct action to take and would ask Inspiring Aberdeenshire why this was completed incorrectly.

## **9. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes** (J Fletcher)

The minutes from the previous meeting were viewed, they were then proposed for approval by G Middleton and seconded by A McIntyre.

## **10. Matters arising from Previous Meeting** (J Fletcher)

### **Mario Petition**

all **ACTIONs Ongoing**

### **Plants**

Discussion on the plant situation for 2024, decided that A McIntyre and G Drummond would look at the amounts that will be given from AC and calculate which each village will receive.

### **5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Report of bad state of wildflower areas in Belhelvie**

The nearby residents of Scotts Grove have agreed to cutting down the area in question and the BCC have agreed to take action based on the complaint.

AC say for green spaced projects our consultation process usually includes social media posts with details of the plan and opportunity to comment informing local councillors and contacting any adjacent affected residents.

**ACTION:** C Wood to post on FB the proposed plan (G Drummond) for the area so that residents may comment.

### **HGV traffic through Belhelvie**

Previous emails from AC, the Transport Team have said to contact the site directly to discuss the issues of increased HGV traffic.

**ACTION:** G Middleton to email 'planningenforcement' to ask them to investigate and copy AC Councillors.

### **TIP near Potterton**

Tanker traffic, Cllr Hassan could not find anything about this,

**ACTION:** G Middleton will try and take some pics of the tankers coming and going from the site that is supposed to be closed

## **11. General Projects Update**

Awaiting notice boards, benches all in place, BCC will try to get funding for more benches

## **12. External Meeting Report Back.**

No Meetings, **BCT** meeting on 24 July CANCELLED

D Wallace and J Fletcher attended the Beach Ballistics preparation, it was well planned and executed. The following day the event took place and it was attended by people from all over the UK, there were numerous parked cars in the vicinity and it was well organised by the Ballistic Group. The following day was clean up and there were only a couple of containers and some marking sticks to be gathered, all else looked in good order.

## **13. Nomination for Future External Meeting**

**Formartine Community Council Forum** (A McIntyre) 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 Hybrid meeting

**ACTION:** C Wood to send details of meeting to A McIntyre and D Wallace

**Scottish Water ACM** (Edinburgh) and Online 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 05:15-06:45 pm

Next BCT meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at The Sand Bothy.TBA

**Country Park Meeting** (D Wallace, J Fletcher, A McIntyre)

Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **14. New Correspondence & Communication**

18th July 2023 confidence to cook course for organisations running cooking courses

Sent on to Shona (Leisure Centre)

5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Police report for July received and circulated to members

9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 R Nicol what's the plan for mending or removing the bench on North Beach Road, checked with David for an update (14<sup>th</sup> August)

**ACTION:** D Wallace to repair by replacing 2 planks and painting, then update R Nicol

15<sup>th</sup> 2023 August G Kennedy (Potterton) request for June minutes to be discussed role played in the meeting by Laura Dingwall.

**ACTION Completed:** J Fletcher sent email with notes from MOM

21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 R Nicol what are the resilience plans?



C Wood forwarded to D Wallace for comment

**ACTION:** D Wallace to respond to R Nicol

21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 enquiry from parent (S Young) his son plays for a Newmachar team. Who should he contact about using the football pitches in Potterton for practice twice a week

**ACTION:** D Wallace to forward email to Cllrs J Nicol and A Hassan, they will respond to S Young.

## **Path clearing - Potterton**

27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 request from Potterton resident (Shona Taylor) through Facebook

"can something be done with the path from wooden houses to Stead Inn? The grass at either side of path is at least 3/4 foot high and in wet weather leans towards the path and you can't avoid getting wet. "

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood emailed O Deeming to check if the path is AC responsibility and when it will be tidied up and the vegetation cut back

**UPDATE:** Update from O Deeming it's a community path so not landscape services responsibility, circulated issue to BCC, let resident know it will be discussed at meeting (via BCC FB).

**UPDATE:** Area has now been cut back A James (Middleton Farm)

**ACTION:** BCC to formally thank A James at September Meeting  
Aberdeenshire Licensing Board consulting on Draft Statement of the Licensing Policy

**ACTION in Progress:** C Wood to request a copy of the questions that can be circulated to members so that an agreed view may be taken and entered into the online system.

Deadline: 1 September 2023

12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Consultation on Aberdeenshire's Common Good Policy and Creation of Common Good Asset Register

<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/common-good>

Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**ACTION in Progress:** C Wood to request a copy of the questions that can be circulated to members so that an agreed view may be taken and entered into the online system.

## **15. Any Other Business**

### **Transport**

Revised bus services will start from Monday 21 August 2023.

"Stagecoach Bluebird has confirmed the revised network of services which will operate across the North East from 21st August 2023. The announcement follows an in-depth review of customer travel patterns, as well as a consultation exercise with customers which has helped shape the final timetables."

Source: Stagecoach press release.

Changes include the Service X65 Aberdeen-Balmedie-Ellon (this replaces services 50 and 53). The new service provides connection between Aberdeen, Balmedie, Foveran and the centre of Ellon. Journeys on service 53A (Balmedie-Ellon Academy) will be retained on service X65. This new route replaces services 50 and 53.

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates/serviceupdatesarticle?SituationId=ID-28/07/2023-17:09:33:601#>

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood publicised on FB and website.

### **Local Transport Strategy**

**ACTION Completed:** Request for your participation in the development of Councils new Local Transport Strategy request questions on transport consultation so J Fletcher can check with members and request extension. AC Councillors support that we need to see all questions to form a response.

**ACTION Completed:** C Wood to circulate questions.

**UPDATE:** Public consultation extended until end of September, C Wood to publicise closing date through BCC FB. Page.

Meeting closed 21.25

**NB These August 2023 minutes were approved at the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 BCC Meeting.**

**Next BCC Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:00pm F2F at Balmedie Leisure Centre and Online Teams**

**Visitors welcome.**

### **Belhelvie Community Council**

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