

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 18th September 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, G Middleton, E Phipps, H Foxen

Apologies: J Fletcher, D McKendrick, A McIntyre, G Drummond,

Formartine Area Councillors Online: Cllr Nicol, Cllr D Ritchie (joined 20:43)

Formartine Area Councillors F2F: Cllr A Hassan

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 the Community Council Citizen's Award given to Mario Mahichiru which has been well received by the local public, after being carried on various social media platforms the feedback has been good, we are awaiting confirmation of local press coverage whereby Jaqueline Wade from the P&J is potentially going to make a feature of it on the Business Section.
- The bench installations have been well received inclusive of memorial plaques for Alan Jeffrey and Don Forbes, consequently we have made further application for 2 more benches.
- Ongoing work from team members on the Wildflower planting area in Scott Grove, Potterton to clear the sleeper box in preparation for planting and grass cutting
- Asset register to be created for all noticeboards and benches inclusive of installation dates

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Police Matters & Report Review

No Police presence, later apology received from Graeme Smith (Sergeant A0147) requesting any specific issues be directly feedback to him.

Police area report August 2023, circulated to members 6th September 2023.

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

During the month of August there were several reports of assaults, these have either been detected or have positive lines of enquiry. These have happened in a family setting and public areas.

Acquisitive Crime

The incidents that have been reported this month have either been detected or have positive lines of enquiry.

Road Safety & Road Crime

In August, there were over 99 occasions where Police have been contacted in relation Road Traffic matters, which range from road accidents, assist members of the public or other vehicle enquiries.

ACTION: To request that BCC are used as a main avenue of communication in the first instance where there is a spate of crimes local to our area.

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

N/a. No visitors present.



6. Potterton Community Centre (H Foxen)

It has been noted that Potterton Community Centre is in a state of neglect and disrepair. The windows were replaced using Landfill Tax funding in 2005, however there is little evidence of ongoing upkeep since then. The timber window frames appear to be rotten. A recent site visit was performed by Cllr J Nicol, Cllr A Hassan and Norman Boal from Live Life Aberdeenshire. Some observations from the visit to be highlighted: Some remedial work has been done i.e. tiling, the storage area is a fire hazard with items piled high, user groups generally do not appear to clean up after themselves and other groups are losing out as a consequence. A programme of maintenance needs to be agreed with the issue being accelerated up Aberdeenshire Council. The remedial work is significant and not considered to be within the community's remit to rectify, Live Life Aberdeenshire are responsible for all leisure and sports facilities/buildings. BCC would like to lead a project in alignment with Aberdeenshire Council in order to obtain Landfill Tax funding on condition that Aberdeenshire Council will fund the 10% contribution.

ACTION: Cllr A Hassan to confirm Aberdeenshire Council policy on approved contractors for costings/bills of quantities.

ACTION: BCC to invite representative from Live Life Aberdeenshire and Estates Management to the next BCC meeting.

7. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Nothing validated

Decided 6 houses west and south of Dykeside Whitecairns - Refused

8. Treasures Report and Funding Update (E Phipps)

- Villages & Towns Enhancement Grant monies have now been received, funds to be distributed to all settlements asap.
- Annual admin grant receipted

9. Funded Projects Status Update (E Phipps)

Eight new notice boards have been purchased and delivered, mixture of free standing and wall mounted, the confirmed siting locations as follows: Balmedie Coop, Balmedie shop, Belhelvie, Potterton, Whitecairns, Blackdog (TBC) The intention is to keep 2-3 as rotating spares. Clockwise Technologies have agreed to install.

ACTION: D Wallace to send remembrance plaque costs to E Phipps

ACTION: G Middleton to confirm location for Blackdog noticeboard.

10. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes (E Phipps)

The minutes from the previous meeting were viewed, they were then proposed for approval by D Wallace and seconded by C Smart

11. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (E Phipps)

- C Wood to put police report about counterfeit notes on facebook page. Complete
- C Wood to check police attendance at next meeting and provide dates to police. Complete
- G Middleton to write to AC Planning Dept about recent objection at Hillhead of Muirton. Reply received from Laura Dingwall acknowledging receipt of email. Complete
- Graham Middleton to confirm ultimate owner of old Balmedie Shop. Ongoing.
- D Wallace to send remembrance plaque costs to E Phipps for reimbursement, plaque costs still to be invoiced from Loftus Signs. Ongoing
- D Wallace to confirm why the recent Inspiring Aberdeenshire Award video with Mario was not completed correctly. Ongoing
- Greenspace projects, C Wood to post proposed plan for comment on Facebook page. Complete
- Issue with HGV's at north end of Belhelvie, G Middleton to email roads dept. Ongoing
- Tanker traffic, GM to take pictures from site. Ongoing
- Nomination for external meetings, C Wood to send details to A McIntyre and D Wallace. Complete
- D Wallace to repair bench on beach road. Complete
- Resilience preparedness plans, D Wallace to respond to Rosie Nicol from BCT. Ongoing.
- Enquiry from a parent about how to book Potterton pitches, Cllr J Nicol has responded to parent. Complete
- Communication of thanks to A James from Middleton Farm for clearing the path up to Stead Inn. Complete
- Licence and policy review, C Wood to request copy of policy to be entered into online system. Ongoing

12. General Projects Update (E Phipps)

Noticeboards have been purchased and delivered, installation due late Sep / Early Oct.

Two further benches have been ordered and in production, awaiting delivery. Clockwise Technologies have agreed to install.

13. External Meeting Report Back

Community Council Forum Meeting, 23rd Aug 2023, A McIntyre attended and summarised main agenda items: Issues over time taken to book Council owned facilities for meetings, subject of issuing draft minutes before next meeting,

ACTION: C Wood to distribute minutes from Community Council forum meeting

ACTION: C Wood to forward Ruth Slater contact details to H Foxen in respect of Formartine Rural P'ship

14. Nomination for Future External Meetings

Upcoming meetings: Democracy Matters, BCT, Gas Webinar, Community Council Induction Training, Balmedie Country Park Meeting.

ACTION: Upcoming schedule is very busy, C Wood to send out list of meetings and agendas to all BCC members.

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15. New Correspondence & Communication / AOB

- Feedback from resident in Panmuir Gardens, Potterton to thank H Foxen for her work on the new proposed build out area.
- Belhelvie resident raised the issue of speeding around school times, C Wood has emailed police to ascertain if blackspot and any monitoring planned
- Various reports of noise pollution in Balmedie circa 6am, motorbike noises, Balmedie resident had previously contacted SEPA and transport Scotland. Cllr Ritchie has emailed police Scotland
- G Drummond has requested we put the recent Potterton crashes onto next meeting agenda
- BCC extend thanks to Ian Thompson, Middleton Farm, Potterton for removing the obstructive tree stump
- Formartine Area Committee meeting upcoming Tuesday 26th Sep, Cllr A Hassan and Cllr D Reid to attend, relevant topics to BCC area to be covered on agenda: Potterton build outs and HGV issue at Milton of Potterton.
- Plant allocations deadline 13th Oct, G Drummond and A McIntyre finalising numbers per settlement and then confirm species
- **ACTION:** C Wood to issue Belhelvie banter article

Meeting closed 21.40

NB These September 2023 minutes were approved at the 16th October 2023 BCC Meeting.

**Next BCC Meeting Monday 16th October 2023 at 7:00pm F2F at Balmedie Leisure Centre and Online Teams
Visitors welcome.**

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