

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING 17th June 2024 F2F and Online

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

Members: J Fletcher, D McKendrick, D Wallace, G Drummond, H Foxen

Members Online: C Wood

Apologies: A McIntyre, E Phipps, G Middleton, S Kerr

Formartine Area Councillors: Cllr J Nicol, Cllr Hassan

Online:

Apologies: Cllr Johnston, Cllr Ritchie

Visitors: W McKenzie, J Bruce (Potterton), B Murray (BLC)

Apologies: Police Scotland

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. Introduction of all attendees

2. Chairmans Opening Remarks

Chairman asked all present to identify themselves.

He said he had received an email from H Foxen who raised a concern about the input sent by G Middleton to the AC Planning Department about the Barratt's Potterton Development. BBC held a meeting on 30th May 2024 was to finalise the proposal to AC Planning Dept. Each point was read out by G Middleton and all BCC members agreed with what G Middleton had written.

After the proposal was sent to AC Planning Dept, H Foxen did not think the statement was what was agreed at the meeting, she said there were two lines that she did not agree with and she wanted this noted. The two lines she disagreed with were, '*It should be noted that the majority of the residents of the parish out with Potterton are fairly neutral about the development*'.

D Wallace sent H Foxen's email to all BCC members and all agreed that the statement that was read out to all was correct.

Another email that was sent from H Foxen to BCC showed that a local from Potterton had emailed her to immediately remove the BCC MOM April 2024 from the notice board as they were not accurate and considered inappropriate and she would like them withdrawn from public view until amended to accurately reflect the request The same Potterton resident also sent an email to AC asking for urgent assistance to remove and amend the same April 2024 BCC MOM, she also copied Cllr Nicol, Cllr Hassan and the other Potterton resident who was mentioned in April 2024 BCC MOM. The email states the minutes failed to provide context and omitted key information leading to misrepresentation of events, the email ends with her Proposed More Accurate Minutes.

After discussion it was stated that these draft April 2024 BCC MOM were sent to all BCC members and Councillors on the 12th April 2024 for perusal and if any changes were required particularly item 5. At the BCC Meeting on 15th April 2024 (H Foxen did not attend) the MOM at item 10 on the agenda were proposed and seconded.

All BCC Members agreed that the minutes were a true reflection and no amendments to be made.

Chair reported that AC (E Brown) had received another complaint from a Potterton resident, this was sent from E Brown to the BCC, the complaint was formalised on the 24th May 2024, '*I will now start the process as set out in the guidance contained within the scheme of establishment for Community Councils*'. E Brown will have an initial phone call with a representative of the BCC once the complaint is distributed to all BCC members and all have read the content of the complaint The BCC is awaiting the phone call from AC.

3. CO-OPT New CC Member (S Kerr)

S Kerr not in attendance, Co-opted onto the BCC, no objections noted, unanimous support.



4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

5. Police Matters & Report Review

Police Scotland no officers present as they have not got enough resources available

Police report, May report circulated, again no significant incidents to report.

In regards to antisocial behaviour, it was noted there has been a Police presence in Blackdog. The Community Officer has been in touch with Ellon and Bridge of Don Schools in regard to incidents in Balmedie. Reported that Balmedie although it has been a bit quieter, there is still egging and kicking of doors. Cllr Hassan reported that the Police will no longer use Pop-Up Bobs (Cardboard Cutouts), it has been identified that they breach the Road Scotland Act of 1994.

ACTION Completed: Cllr Nicol spoke with Officer in charge S McDonald about the Balmedie resident who has been subjected to antisocial behaviour, Police treating the matter seriously and are sending a letter to parents explaining if the situation continues the matter will be progressed.

ACTION Completed: C Wood asked the Police to attend our next meeting

ACTION Completed: C Wood has republished the 101 and form from the Police

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

6. Resilience Planning Update (A McIntyre)

Belhelvie Parish Resilience Group Meeting (A McIntyre)

The next meeting will take place at **6.00pm on Monday 29th July 2024** at the Balmedie Leisure Centre.

7. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Not present

8. Treasures Report and Funding Update (E Phipps)

E Phipps not present, no transfers to report

ACTION Completed: E Phipps has purchased a mobile phone as a BCC phone

9. Visitor Items

Belhelvie Church and Graveyard

William McKenzie gave the BCC an overview of issues surrounding Belhelvie Church and Graveyard.

W McKenzie passed correspondence to the BCC from himself to the AC Landscaping Dept.

W McKenzie has written to AC Landscaping (O Deeming) about his concerns with the areas of the graveyard where the ground is subsiding, the clay soil is not the quality appropriate for a graveyard, grass cuttings left, tyre markings on the grass edges. The 'Parking Area' for visitors is often full from vehicles left there who are not visitors to the graveyard, there are also piles of salt /grit left at either end of the area, probably to be used when the road is iced over as there is running water down the road at all times, meaning the drain are blocked. The other big issue is the cars that have been crashing into the wall, W McKenzie asked if there had been a risk assessment (RA) completed for this type of accident.

AC landscaping (O Deeming) replied to W McKenzie on all the points (Issues at Belhelvie Cemetery Case Ref 5256181). He also received a RA dated 12/04/2024. Most the answers given by O Deeming were not deemed satisfactory.

ACTION: BCC and AC Councillors present do not think this has been dealt with correctly, Cllr Hassan and Nicol will take this up at their next meeting



W Murray Balmedie Leisure Centre

W Murray gave an update of the plans for proposed extensions to the BLC. He outlined the fact that the coffee and kitchen had been outgrown, so they would like to extend the coffee shop, kitchen and additional seating area. After success in their ASM classes received funding from the Formartine Coastal Communities funding to run free ASM classes after being approached by a family in the village that has a child with special needs, they will run this in conjunction with 2 other charities, SenationALL and Metoo who specialise in these play areas. There is an outdoor preschool play area and they are looking to extend and make it more inclusive and put ramps into the small hall and access that play area once extended. The BLC also requires more storage, they are looking to put additional storage at the back of the BLC as all storage areas are full, the showers are being used for storage also. The fitness room also require extending as it is too compact at present.

For the BCC to help, in the past the planning applications and building warrants have sometime gone through the BCC as it reduces costs, also try and find any funding that we find that could be available to the project.

The builds would be in 3 phases, preferably the play area as the ASM class and Busy bees are really popular and the storage.

Extending the car park funding at the park is in place

ACTION: E Phipps to check out any funding that could be available to the BLC build.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were viewed and slightly altered, they were then proposed for approval by D McKendrick and seconded by C Wood.

11. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (J Fletcher)

18th May 2024 Bill McKenzie, Bin at children's play area opposite Whitehorse Pend dog poo bags in the bin incorrectly

ACTION Completed: Raised with AC Councillors and let W McKenzie know it will be raised at the monthly meeting and what actions the AC Councillors recommend. Reported to Waste Team Update: Waste Team enquiry Confirmation W052, Enquiry 841556 (22nd May 2024), C Wood chased AC on Enquiry 841556 and emailed W McKenzie.

ACTION: C Wood to continue to chase AC for response and keep W McKenzie informed.

ACTION Completed: A McIntyre set up resilience stall during the Balmedie Gala

ACTION Completed: Cllr Hassan tried to get Police to attend the Blackdog Residents Association (BRA) meeting about incidents of violence in Blackdog that the residents want raised with the Police. There has been a Police presence in Blackdog

Scott Grove Belhelvie restoration of community area (grass cutting) the failed wildflower area, BCC thought this was a crossed off item from last year as they went through the correct process as asked by AC, all the locals were asked to give their views, they unanimously agreed that the area should be cut and the BCC engaged in doing this, new planters were also put in place by BCC. There was an agreement with AC Landscaping that when they cut the grass they would also cut this area but they have not and It has now been left to grow and is a total mess. the local residents are not happy. One of the Belhelvie residents wants the area to remain as a wild flower area and this seems to have been taken onboard by AC Landscaping. Cllr Nicol advised we contact with E Wallace and forward the emails from AC about the process the BCC went through and all the emails from irate local residents who think that BCC are at fault here.

ACTION: C Wood to send original agreement from AC Landscaping about the cutting area, the log and package emails to E Wallace and ask why the agreement has been scrapped.

H Foxen on Potterton plans and progress

ACTION Completed: AC have employed a person to speak with Potterton residents on how they can make Potterton better, a questionnaire has been given out and a couple of coffee mornings set up.

ACTION: C Wood to update Website with Election arrangements for 2024, when AC have finalised their info, radio adverts, campaign, constitution template as per Claire Young's email received 16th May 2024.

ACTION Ongoing: Local Place Plan, LPP Meeting to be raised in July meeting

Potterton Road Accident Blackspot



40mph signage now in place, this will be in operation for 18 months, No accidents in the last month.

ACTION Ongoing: G Drummond to continue to monitor.

ACTION Ongoing: Cllr Ritchie to raise the issue of the broken glass at the glass bottle bank at the side of the local shop in Balmedie. Cllr Ritchie not present.

Derelict Shop in Balmedie (across from the chip-shop)

ACTION: G Middleton to write to owners of the old shop in Balmedie and ask what plans they have for it, apart from being an eye sore it looks to have Health & Safety issues.

Blackdog Playpark delay

ACTION Completed: Cllr Nicol updated by the contractors and the start date will be 17th June 2024

BCC Phone

ACTION: J Fletcher to send an email to ask each BCC member if they will take part in the phone sharing plan. Discuss dates for each at the next meeting.

12. General Projects Update

ACTION Ongoing: for all members to put some thought on this for discussion at next meeting.

ACTION Ongoing: Notice Board Replacement Projects.

G Drummond, to try and get the boards placed this month.

Additional Benches, sites to be decided in Belhelvie and Balmedie Eigie Road, hopefully in place in the next 30 days.

Planters for Blackdog, G Middleton and T Sanders to advise, H Foxen asking for planter for Potterton,

ACTION: H Foxen to send G Drummond the type of planters required and where to be situated.

13. External Meeting Report Back

Balmedie Country Park Meeting 4th June 2024 (D Wallace/A McIntyre) online 6-7:30pm

Trump golf course fence protecting public from heavy duty vehicles has been torn down and BCT reported this shows the locals do not want Trump golf course, not everyone is of this opinion within the village.

Eigie Burn discussion, trees are falling into the burn, O Deeming undertook a site visit to establish ownership and reported it was not on his side.

Frequency of CP meetings will now be every two months

Storage facility to be sited for the Sand Bothy use.

Evaluate the re-installing of a caravan park at the south side of the CP, W Murray (BLC) said it might be worth while approaching the Caravan Club to see if they would be willing to take this on.

W Murray wants to plant trees at the side of the football fields and BCT had some trees they could give him.

The booking process for the CP was discussed, all bookings are taken by O Deeming (AC Landscaping) and the dates for events and what they are sent to the BCT, D Wallace requested that the BCC were copied on the bookings as the BCC were the statutory body and should be able to discuss what is being proposed as bookings.

Community Council Forum 1st May 2024 (D Wallace /A McIntyre).

Discussed topics were Primary care and Health care in Aberdeenshire.

The Health and Social Care Partnership gave a presentation, Udney Station closure or not awaiting the outcome. Post Covid, all vaccines are now carried out in vaccination stations. New GP contract and a new Dental Contract with NHS Dentists, check ups have now moved from 6 months to 12-24 months.

On other matters, the Forum asked if there were any matters that could be discussed during the Forum meeting, Ythan Community Council reported being inundated with complaints from certain individuals which is tying them up in knots and are not being able to get CC work done.

MPI Milton of Potterton Stage 2 (H Foxen)

Lots of discussion but it seems no decisions can be made at present regarding the road as they are getting enough info and the correct info, there have been several accidents there the Police have only reported as one because it was an injury accident and this takes away how dangerous this section road is. Speed test recording mechanism were placed by the Police for one week in February when people are more cautious in their driving. There was no acknowledgement of the accidents reported by the locals from Milton of Potterton



14. Attending Nomination for Future External Meetings/Training

BCT meetings now quarterly (2024)

Monday 22nd July 2024 location TBC

Monday 28th October 2024 location TBC

Attending: A McIntyre, J Fletcher

ACTION: C Wood to send details when available

Belhelvie Parish Resilience Group

6.00pm on Monday 29th July 2024 at the Balmedie Leisure Centre.

Attendee A McIntyre.

Bus Forum Regarding Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Ellon to Aberdeen Services (and Town Services)

Date/time: Monday 17th June 2024, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Location: Hybrid - online/Teams & Council Chambers at Buchan House, Peterhead

Description: Regular bus forum meeting

Organiser: Aberdeenshire Council

Meeting clashes with BCC meeting so no one present

ACTION: A McIntyre to follow up with minutes and changes to routes.

15. New Correspondence & Communication

-29th May 2024 Scott Strachan felt he couldn't speak as he wanted at Community Meeting for the Barratts Potterton Development.

-20th May 2024 Gwen Pirie objecting to landowner and developer at the above Community meeting

-24th May 2024 Claire Young Process and Documents for amending Community Council Constitutions
BCC received the guidance from AC on updating the constitution in line with the new election process.

BCC to use the templates for new constitution, have the new constitution approved by the Area manager and then agreed by the BCC (meeting where it is discussed to be advertised with the constitution as an agenda item), finally document to be sent back to AC.

Deadline ahead of CC elections in September 2024.

ACTION Completed: Circulated to all BCC members

ACTION: J Fletcher /D Wallace to update the constitution.

ACTION: J Fletcher to send out for approval of BCC members in July meeting

-29th June 2024 request from A McIntyre to discuss the following: "Fun Day at the Beach (28th July 2024) Discuss if BCC want to take up invitation to run a bottle stall at this event.

ACTION: Discuss at BCC July meeting

-29th June 2024 request from A McIntyre Belhelvie Noticeboard "At Gala I was approached by a Belhelvie resident who suggested that the noticeboard would be better sited at the bus stop at Cairntack Road. I am not familiar with the proposed location but might be worth discussing before the new board is sited. If new location opted for I would propose that the old one is left in situ in case the new location gets negative feedback.

ACTION: Discuss at July Meeting, A McIntyre/ G Drummond to follow up

-17th June 2024 H Foxen request to have minutes edited.

ACTION Completed: J Fletcher received H Foxen's minutes of Potterton meeting, formatted for BCC and send to all BCC members for comment.

-16th June 2024 Community meeting minutes, Enquiry from Diane Massie will there be minutes made available from the Community meeting?

ACTION: BCC members to discuss and agree or not to the posting of the Notes from the Potterton Meeting.

-16th June 2024 A McIntyre noted that Foveran School on hold article P&J

Cllr Nicol gave an update on progress, consultations etc in coming year

16. AOB

Process for agenda items from residents

ACTION Completed: C Wood to send round a proposal for members to approve for meeting items being submitted by residents.

ACTION: Discuss proposal at July BCC meeting

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ACTION: C Wood to update website meeting pages, all agenda items need to be submitted ahead of the BCC Meeting to the BCC in writing or by phone.

G Drummond asked why the AC Roads Department is in a hurry to spend money on the Potterton Road Blackspot area to then put the speed limit back to 60mph when they could just let it run as is for the 18 months promised.

ACTION: Cllrs Nicol and Hassan to report back after decision taken at AC meeting

Meeting closed 22:13

**NB These June 2024 minutes were approved at the 15th July 2024 BCC Meeting.
Next BCC Meeting Monday 19th August 2024 at 6:30pm F2F at Balmedie Leisure Centre and
Online Teams (resources permitting)**

Visitors welcome.

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