

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING 23rd September 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 Present: J Fletcher, D Wallace, H Foxen, G Drummond, G Middleton

Members Online: C Wood, E Phipps

Apologies: D McKendrick, A McIntyre

Formartine Area Councillors: Cllr Hassan

Online: Cllr Ritchie

Apologies: Cllr Johnston Cllr J Nicol

Visitors None

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

1. Chairmans Opening Remarks

Discussion on projects throughout the communities

Chair remarks that the BCC need to make up their minds on various projects as a group collectively rather than individuals.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

3. Police Matters & Report Review

Police Scotland no officers present.

Police report, Police currently reviewing format and frequency of the report.

No report for September during review (Colin Anderson email 17th September 2024)

We have not received the August report, checking with C Anderson to see if this will come or waiting on results of review.

ACTION: C Wood to send invite for next meeting to Police to discuss new community policing policy, ask if this could be made available 2 weeks ahead of the meeting.

ACTION: C Wood to ask the Police their view the Plodhill situation, should the speed limit revert to 60mph

Community Crime Record open to allow anyone to identify crimes within the area so they may be recorded by BCC then passed to Police and AC Councillor feedback.

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

4. Resilience Planning Update (A McIntyre)

Belhelvie Parish Resilience Group Meeting (A McIntyre) none

C Wood placed a page on the website for disaster and emergency support and the BPRG phone numbers.

5. Planning Report (G Middleton)

Validated Hill head of Muirton Whitecairn- Extension to house including indoor swimming pool

Decided Land area of 7 McKays Park Balmedie Installation of ground mounted Solar Panels approx 170sqm.

Approved

Craig our North Beach Road - change of use from domestic garage to cake manufacturing

Approved In addition to the above the Planning department has received an Enquiry whether there is a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the installation of a 49.9 megawatt battery storage facility at Middleton of Potterton including associated substation, roads, fencing CCTV etc. The council have responded saying that this will not be necessary but there will be site specific issues which will need to be addressed with the planning application.



6. Treasures Report and Funding Update (E Phipps)

E Phipps not present, no transfers to report

Enhancement Towns and Villages Fund money to be distributed to the villages

ACTION Completed: J Fletcher has acquired cheques from E Phipps and will distribute.

Balmedie Path Improvements A couple of paths in Balmedie need renovated and we are looking for funding to do this, we were unsuccessful in our application to the Coastal Communities Fund, this reopens in February 2025, in the meantime a couple of other funds have been applied to Ian Findley Fund for Paths for all and one other. We have received £500 from the Formartine Rural Partnership, the estimated cost is £10,000 so we have a bit to find.

BCC was contacted by a gentleman from Belhelvie about the possibility of installing a path from Belhelvie to Balmedie following the road, this was discussed by the BCC members and it was the view of the members that this was an excellent idea but judging by the cost of the project it would be vast but also encroach on private land, AC planning and AC roads would have to be contacted to see if this is a viable project.

ACTION: E Phipps to contact the AC Roads Department and report back.

7. Comments / Approval from the previous Meeting Minutes (A McIntyre)

The minutes from the previous meeting were viewed and slightly altered, they were then proposed for approval by D Wallace and seconded by H Foxen.

8. Matters arising from Previous Meeting (J Fletcher)

Plodhill

22nd September 2024 Gary Douglas chasing a response from the roads team to his email of 19th August 2024

ACTION: The Ward Councillors to speak to the AC Roads Team for a response or attend one of our meetings

ACTION: C Wood to keep asking the AC Roads Team to the BCC meetings

Belhelvie Church and Graveyard

ACTION Ongoing: 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.

ACTION Ongoing: Resident and Young resident of the year process to be deferred until BCC October meeting, discussed and there was an idea to contact schools for young persons award?

ACTION Ongoing: H Foxen to mail G Drummond on the sizes and types of planters required for Potterton

ACTION Ongoing: G Middleton to check with T Sanders (Blackdog) with sizes and types of planters required and detail to G Drummond. (G Middleton awaiting response from T Sanders)

9. General Projects Update

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

Potterton Community Hall (H Foxen)

Awaiting results of village survey.

Noticeboard Replacement

Belhelvie and Balmedie noticeboards to be installed as a priority.

ACTION: Check with G Drummond and should be installed shortly

Additional Benches

As above

ACTION: Check with G Drummond and should be installed shortly

Balmedie Village Green Project, discussed by BCC members

ACTION: A McIntyre to arrange a meeting with BCT to discuss all the views of what each group have in mind for the area adjacent to the Coop.

New Project Development Suggestions

Potterton Wooden Shed

H Foxen suggested reparation of the Potterton wooden shed, a previous survey on the shed showed that there was rotting at the bottom due to the grassy area build up. After discussion the view of the BCC is this would be a costly exercise and perhaps the council were liable for the shed.

ACTION: Cllr Hassan will make enquiries, before any further actions by the BCC.

Belhelvie Bowling Club

G Middleton had a message from the bowling club to see if the BCC could help the bowling club as their green is not in a good state. After discussion it was decided that G Middleton would get in touch with the Green Manager at Newburgh Golf Club and ask if he could give some advice on how to repair their bowling green.

ACTION: G Middleton to follow up

10. External Meetings Report Back

Formartine Partnership Meeting (H Foxen)

Partnership offering grants of up to £5000

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Community Council Forum (A McIntyre) 21st August 2024

The bulk of the time was spent on a presentation by Piers Baxter on the Local Development Plan. As a Statutory Consultee he emphasised how important Community Council feedback was to his department. His department has only 7 people in it and with 67 Community Councils in Aberdeenshire it is very useful to get Community Council Feedback. The first part of the process is the Evidence Report which they are due get approved by Aberdeenshire Council on 16th January 2025.

Community Councils are permitted to undertake Local Place Plans, but these are expensive. Foveran Community Council have spent £15000 on one of these. Only 3 Community Councils in Aberdeenshire have done this. The Local Development Plan is the overriding document. Proposals which are not in the LDP are highly unlikely to get approved even on appeal. Existing sites in the LDP are unlikely to have a problem featuring in future plans. Stalled sites which have been on several LDPs but show no sign of progressing will be looked at being removed. Also, developers who have approved sites on existing LDP and have not developed them are unlikely to receive allocation in new plans if they haven't developed ones they have in existing LDPs. There is a demand for new housing in Aberdeenshire for larger houses as people want to live in smaller family units and in larger houses. LDP is due to be approved early 2029.

The other items discussed were the new Council elections and a lot of discussion on bank accounts for the day between 18th and 20th September.

In new constitution a co-opted member will become a full member after 6 months has elapsed.

The issue of Christmas lights came up. It seems most Community Councils have received a form to complete from Aberdeenshire Council. I am not aware of BCC receiving this.

Formartine Partnership now have 2 funding opportunities per year.

11. Attending Nomination for Future External Meetings/Training

Monthly Formartine Partnership Meeting

Haddo House H Foxen to attend

Ready Scotland Webinar for Community Councils

Date/time: Wednesday 25th September, 6-7pm

Location: MS Teams

Description: Webinar to explore how Community Councils around Scotland are supporting people through the impacts of emergencies in their local communities

Organiser: Scottish Government's Resilient Communities Team

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members

Webinar for Community Councils: Hearing Children and Young People's Voice in the Community

Date/time: Wednesday 2 October at 6pm

Location: Online / Webinar

Description: Explores ways to hear the voices of children and young people about their local community and environment. Examples from Edinburgh and beyond of how local children and young people came together with other community members to explore their local areas and identify sustainable and inclusive improvements for their local spaces.

Organiser: Scottish Improvement Service

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members

Community Resilience Conference 2024

Date/time: Thursday 3rd October 9.30-3.30

Location: Holiday Inn, Westhill

Description: Conference - speakers and group exercises

Organiser: Aberdeenshire Council

Action Completed: A McIntyre attending as part of Belhelvie Resilience Group

Belhelvie Community Trust meeting

Date/time: Monday 28 October

Location: TBC

Description: Regular BCT meeting

Organiser: Rosie Nicol / BCT

ACTION: C Wood to circulate to all BCC members, FB and noticeboards.

12. New Correspondence & Communication

26th August 2024 Aug Area Committee meeting 3rd September 2024

Agenda item of note Feedback on Community Asset Transfer is available in:

Item 12 Appendix 1b Community Feedback Summary.

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members 26th August 2024

9th September 2024 Consultation on changes to disable parking in villages

ACTION Completed: C Wood circulated to all BCC members 9th September 2024, deadline 4th October 2024

13th September 2024 Bill McKenzie graveyard photos

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ACTION: C Wood to let B McKenzie know it was discussed at the September meeting and BCC are awaiting Councillors action, Cllr Hassan and Nicol will take this up at their next meeting."

17th September 2024 (Colin Anderson) Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership next Strategic Plan events.

ACTION Completed: C Wood has publicised through FB, and requested it to be added to the notice boards 23rd September 2024 plants for 2025

Deadline for orders: 21st October 2024

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent A McIntyre the plant contacts and last years numbers.

ACTION: A McIntyre to head this

Process advised:

- BCC decides numbers
- Groups/individual gardeners decide which plants they want
- TBC groups/individuals and return order to AC (CC the BCC for BCC records)

1st August 2024 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration are currently open for applications.

13. AOB

DATES: Next AGM 16th June 2023 (6.30pm, then monthly meeting at 7:00pm)

Next inaugural meeting (following elections) September 2027

ACTION Completed: C Wood published AGM MOM with new date for the next AGM in 2025

ACTION Completed: C Wood removed S Kerr from the members page and updated contact list

ACTION: C Wood to follow up with A McIntyre about the disaster support page and see if ok to publish <https://belhelviecc.org.uk/emergency-disaster-support.html>)

ACTION: Website, C Wood to add new phone to footer

ACTION Completed: Website, C Wood has updated contact page

ACTION: C Wood to update the bench locations and add upcoming benches and noticeboards

ACTION Completed: C Wood sent Claire Young AC the updated BCC contacts 19th September 2024

Meeting closed 21:30

**NB These September 2024 minutes were approved at the 21st October 2024 BCC Meeting.
Next BCC Meeting Monday 18th November 2024 at 6:30pm F2F at Balmedie Leisure Centre and Online Teams (resources permitting)**

Visitors welcome.

Belhelvie Community Council

Email: belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com **for the phone-in number or Teams Link**

Web: www.belhelviecc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BelhelvieCommunityCouncil

Meetings: belhelviecc.org.uk/meetings.html