

**Minutes of Belhelvie Community Council AGM on Monday 15 - 02 - 2010 at Potterton Community Centre.**

Present - G Sinclair, Clr A Hendry, M Slaughter, A Laird, C Secombes, A Robertson, W McBride, D Watson, J Macdonald, Clr J Gifford, H Kershaw, Clr P Johnston.

Members of public - D Briggs, M Ross, W Merchant, A Dobby, A Smith. E Innes.

Apologies - Insp S Pratt, Clr J Loveday, I Edwards.

The chairman opened the AGM and welcomed all.

- 1. Police matters** - apologies from police as they were unable to send a representative.
- 2. AGM minutes for 16 - 02 - 09** - all were asked to read through the minutes and comment if a true and accurate account of minutes. Minutes proposed by G Sinclair and seconded by A Robertson.
- 3. Matters arising from minutes** - nothing.
- 4. Chairman's Report** - the chairman read his report. It is 14 months since BCC was re-established. 2009 was a challenging year and we now have an affiliation and give support to numerous local groups. A new Balmedie Gala committee is soon to be formed and a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February. This year's event will return to the primary school. A newly formed group is Balmedie 2012, a project derived with volunteers from Formartine Aberdeenshire Community Partnership to oversee and support development of local projects and social requirements in our area. Under the Community Planning Partnership, work on 5 aside football pitches will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March. A planning for real event for Balmedie was held in July 2008 and it is envisaged this summer to hold an event in Potterton to include the settlements of Belhelvie and Whitecairns. Two projects are in the pipeline this year, the re draining and reconstruction of Belhelvie football park and play park. Planning gain money has been allocated for construction of a football, play park at Blackdog. The community council has had a fair share of planning matters to deal with, including open space survey, local development bids, Trump International, Easter and Wester Hatton landfill sites.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** - L Thompson is standing down as treasurer due to work commitments. The chairman and secretary will do annual accounts to be submitted and a report will be sent to members.
- 6. Election of members** - a Laird and D Briggs elected as members. We can co-opt up to 4 members and members from Blackdog and Potterton are needed. K Blaikie will stand down due to illness and C Secombes is also standing down. The chair thanked members for their work this year.
- 7. AOCB** - as there was no other business the chair closed the AGM.

End of AGM.

## **Regular meeting**

**8. Minutes for 18 - 01 - 2010** - all read the minutes. Proposed as true and accurate by H Kershaw and seconded by A Robertson.

**9. Matters arising** - the break in at Lumsden way was attended by city police and was not recorded by shire police. Item 3 - Clr A Hendry advised us that a team will clear debris in burn asap. Also new Stagecoach timetables implemented. A suggestion had been made that every second bus from north come in bottom road and do round trip of village. Stagecoach meeting with road management regarding this re safety etc. the xmas tree is down but has not been removed yet. The black bags dumped at Eigie flats have been removed and an eye will be kept on this area. The ill child is still have his medicines etc delivered, updates in due course and it is hoped he gets a place at Raeden Centre. A minute secretary is required and the chair will put out posters regarding this. Some one is needed to update the website as well.

**10. Report on projects, Planning for Real - Balmedie and Potterton, Balmedie Gala-** W McBride gave his report. The original aim of the planning for real group had been achieved and Balmedie residents' wish list now need to be prioritised and actioned. A steering group has been appointed to oversee and monitor the extension project. A gala committee needs to be formed and volunteers enlisted. An email has been sent to R Nicol, Better Balmedie group, to thank them for their considerable contribution to bulb planting in Balmedie and the village litter picks. 2 new benches have been ordered for Belhelvie and Potterton. A request has been made through village enhancement grant for a table/bench unit to be situated near adult exercise equipment. An area in Blackdog has been created for a football pitch and an application has been made to Formartine Partnership for funding for goal posts. The benches at Kirkhill road, Potterton are to be replaced. An article has been submitted to Belhelvie Banter and will include names and contact numbers of councillors. A proposal was made to create a play area in Chapelwell Place. The 5 aside pitches in the old tennis courts will be completer by April.

**11. Report from Torre Ecosse re Potterton development** - the chairman declares an interest and hands over to the secretary. E Innes gives a brief report and left copies of landscape and road appraisals. He will email copies to all members. He will also arrange the uplift of the Christmas tree .

**12. Wester Hatton - planning appeal** - details were circulated, including the appeal itself. Energetica and Trump development declared as of national importance means landfill site is incompatible to this and other future developments. An objection will be made by Friday.

**13. Planning matters** - few applications in last few weeks. H Kershaw contacted by developer of Bruntlands explaining what they plan to do there.

**14. Balmedie gala** - a committee is to be formed, discussed under projects.

**15. AOCB** - shelter belt of trees and Magic wood progressing, trees behind Eigie Crescent also very overgrown. Dog warden checked Belhelvie, Cairnview area bad for dog mess. More dog bins are needed in Potterton. A letter was received from NSPCC suggesting we become a supporter of the helpline to promote and increase awareness. A Dobby suggested planning gain money in Potterton could be used for a small bmx track, patching up the pitches and putting up nets and basketball rings or goals. 3 to 9 year olds have a variety of things to do but there is nothing for 7 to 15 year old to do.

The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

Next meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> March - Balmedie School.