

## **BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Venue:** BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CHAIR:** D.Watson                      **VICE CHAIR** H.Kershaw

**TREASURER:** A.Robertson              **MINUTES:** J. McEwan

**PRESENT:** D.Watson, A.Robertson, G.Sinclair, L.Anderson, R.Miller,  
M.Ross, I.Edwards, H.Kershaw, J.McEwan, Cllr P.Johnstone

**VISITORS:** G.Whitburn, P.Whitburn, J.Gilbert, M.Slaughter

**APOLOGIES:** A.Smith, W. Anderson, W.McBride, Cllr J Loveday, M. Johnstone  
Mr & Mrs Briggs, Cllr A.Hendry, Cllr J.Gifford

**Police Representative:** Sgt Phil Lamb

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

#### **1. Police Matters**

The meeting was advised that nothing major had been reported for the period. The speed cameras on the A90 had caught quite a few speeders. Reports of vandalism by youths on motor cycles at Balmedie football pitches were being investigated and that tyre prints had been taken and were being checked on police databases. Two incidents of drink driving had occurred and one incident of shoplifting in the local pharmacy had been dealt with.

This meeting was further advised that all incidents should be reported at the time to enable the police to respond swiftly, that the council should also be informed of incidents of illegal dumping/flytipping.

The Chairman stated that the cheque for damage to the notice board had not yet been received, Sgt Lamb said that he would personally liase with Inspector Pratt

The date for the "Mobile Police Community Surgery": Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Balmedie, Leisure Centre Car Park 0930 – 1100

Potterton, Football Pitches Car Park 1200 – 1300

Belhelvie, prominent visible area 1330 – 1400

Blackdog, prominent visible area 1430 – 1500

The Community Council agreed to display posters to this effect in the notice boards.

## **2. Minutes of meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

The Chairman asked everyone to read through the minutes of the last meeting and invited comments.

Cllr P.Johnston noted that Community Council concerns had not been minuted with regard to the Easter Hatton Landfill Site and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that continuing concerns would be forwarded to the appropriate body within the statutory consultation period.

**No objections were received and the minutes were proposed by A.Robertson and seconded by G.Sinclair.**

## **3. Matters Arising from minutes**

- Drainage – Belhelvie. Cllr P.Johnston advised that this has now been dealt with and cleared satisfactorily.
- Core Paths Plan – H.Kershaw advised that a local enquiry is to be held.
- Website – Bowling Club to submit pictures and text.

## **4. Treasurers Report**

D. Robertson reported no changes and that he was still in the process of sorting out signatories with the bank.

## **5. Planning Applications**

**Balmedie School Extension** – M.Slaughter was invited to address the community council with his objections. They were as follows:

- School Access – Ongoing conflicts with local residents and school user traffic. School buses can't always get access via Forsyth Road and Forsyth Drive. No provision for a Drop Off Point for parents.

After some discussion a vote was taken to the following effect:

For objection to be raised **THREE**

For letter of continuing concerns to Chief Executive **SEVEN**

### **Tamala – Whitecairns –**

After some discussion a vote was taken to the following effect:

For objection to be raised **SIX**

Against objection **TWO**

## **6. Letter of complaint**

There was a meeting of Office Bearers to discuss details of allegations and to prepare a response. Copies of the letter of complaints received from Aberdeenshire Council and responses were circulated to Community Council members. As the points raised relate to discrepancies within the minutes.

The Chairman circulated and read out a statement he had prepared.

\*\* Appendix 1

The following points were raised:

- Do the complaints raised relate to Mr D. Watson as a landowner OR as Chairman of Belhelvie Community Council?
- The Legal Department of Aberdeenshire Council has written to Mr Jenkins for further clarification but to our knowledge no response has yet been received.
- Is there a case to answer?
- Should Mr Jenkins be approached with a view to arranging a hearing?

This was put to a vote with the following result:

FOR a hearing           **ONE**

AGAINST a hearing   **EIGHT**

It was agreed there was no case to answer.

At this point H.Kershaw voiced his objection to this action. Tendered his resignation and left the meeting.

A letter of response will be submitted to the legal department of Aberdeenshire council by the Chairman.

## **7. Correspondence**

National Grid

Balmedie Gala

## **8. A.O.C.B**

As the meeting had run well over time it was felt that this should be continued to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 2150hrs

**Date of next meeting – Monday 20th June, 7.30pm in Balmedie Primary School.**