

BELHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 21ST February, 2011

VENUE: BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

SECRETARY: W McBride **TREASURER:** A. Robertson

Proposed by: A. Robertson Seconded by: G. Sinclair

PRESENT: D.Watson, A. Robertson, H. Kershaw, I. Edwards, W. McBride, G. Sinclair, W. Anderson, L. Anderson, M. Johnstone, J. McEwan, A. Smith, Cllr. A. Hendry, Cllr J. Gifford, Cllr J. Loveday

VISITORS: J. Macdonald, Grampian Police, A. Jeffries, R. Warrander, Evening Express.

APOLOGIES: D. Briggs, S. Briggs, Cllr. P.Johnston,

Note: R. Miller & M. Ross did not attend due to the fact that they had not been notified of the date of the meeting. Apologies for this omission were tendered.

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all attending.

1: Police Matters Sgt. Harris

The meeting was advised that no major crime had been reported for the period. A number of minor incidences were reported concerning vandalism to a car, theft of money and passing of fake money at Potterton Shop. On the roads a number of road traffic accident occurred plus an instance concerning Road Tax evasion. The sergeant was thanked for his contribution and had to leave to continue his duties.

2: Minutes of meeting of 17th January, 2011

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

5.0 The referral to a Windfarm at Whitecairns should have read Whiterashes.

The minutes were proposed by G. Sinclair and seconded by H. Kershaw.

3. Matter arising from minutes

- Item 1: The gate/chains proposed for use to prevent vehicular access to the football pitches has been changed to some sort of bund/ramp.
- Item 3: Easter Hatton Landfill Site. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 22nd February and will be attended by H. Kershaw & A. Robertson on behalf of BCC.
- Item 8: Bus Stop at Cairntack Road, Belhelvie. Cllr Hendry has taken the matter up with the authorities and this will be reviewed.

4: Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been lodged and were notified to the meeting. No objections were expressed.

2011/0367/69	Belhelvie Lodge	Extension
2011/0382	Cornerways Potterton	Garage Replacement
2011/0132	4 Edgehill Cres. Potterton	Garage
2011/0308	Sceimh Mara Balmedie	Extension
2011/0229	1 Tormentil, Balmedie	Extension
2011/0468	7 Gourdie Park, Potterton	Sun Room
2011/0412	41 Pettens Str, Balmedie	Extension
2011/0244	Yardbury Eng. Whitecairns	Signage

Objection have been lodged on behalf of BCC against the following planning applications.

AAP/2010/3520 Boarding Kennels and Cattery at Menie

AAP/2010/3930 Marvin Belhelvie. Proposed Church.

5: Update on Website

Reports indicate that the website is receiving an increasing number of hits over the last month. One such hit came from Australia from someone looking for information on the area.

Additional material is still required and the new councillors were asked to consider if any articles might be available.

HK indicated that assistance is now required to help with the maintenance of the website

A group photo-shoot took place at the end of the meeting along with individual photos of the new councillors and HK asked each of the new members to submit some text to accompany the photo.

The Website address is: www.belhelvieecc.org.uk

HK requested that items on future agendas should be numbered and fuller details of subjects under discussion be noted.

6: Treasurers Report

The current balance of the BCC account stands at £1366.52 plus £893.63 which is held for the Balmedie Gala and £3970.95 for the Skateboard Park which will be transferred to the Leisure Centre.

7: Correspondance

The following correspondence was received in the last month and was notified to the meeting to allow use by anyone.

- Formartine Community Planning Group 28th February, 2011
- Formartine Community Safety Group 28th February, 2011
- Aberdeenshire Community Safety Group Seminar 19th March, 2011
- Letter received from John Forbes of Balmedie expressing concern over the traffic situation in Eigie Road at school times. Currently no system of traffic control is in place and although various options have been considered, none have been implemented due to various reasons.
WMcB will liaise with Cllr Hendry to discuss possible action to try to arrange some form of traffic control.

8: Potterton Project Phase 2

Plans are in place to hold a second meeting to allow villagers to prioritise their comments from the event in September. These will take place at Belhelvie , Potterton and Balmedie and a flyer will be distributed prior to each event to advertise.

We will be working in conjunction with Formartine Partnership and a planning meeting will take place over the next few weeks organise the event.

9: AOCB

- An unconfirmed report was mentioned regarding the future of Tarts & Crafts. It was suggested that the café had a lease for another year however funding would seem to be a problem. The location is earmarked as a site for a medical centre and the situation will be monitored.
- Blackdog Football Pitch: A survey is being undertaken to assess the drainage work required to create a suitable area
- Dens Road Potterton: Tree pruning has taken place in this area and has improved road visibility considerably.
- A number of instances of road flooding were reported and it was agreed to send a letter to the Roads Department pointing out the areas.
- Village Enhancement Grants: The 2009/10 allocation for the villages have not as yet been applied for and we require to make application urgently in order to avoid losing the funding. The allocation for Balmedie was allocated to Better Balmedie Group to be used to purchase a bench for the grass area in front of the Leisure Centre. The other settlements of Belhelvie, Potterton, Whitecairns & Blackdog each have an allocation of £500 to be used for improvements. WMcB proposed that we make immediate application to Formartine Partnership to place a bench in each of the villages at a site to be decided.
- Due to financial cut-backs the village tidy fund previously allocated will not be available for the year 2011/2012
- Parking at Leisure Centre: A complaint was received regarding the lack of parking spaces at the Leisure Centre. An enquiry will be made to find if additional parking spaces could be made available.

10: Dates and venues of future meetings

Monday March 21st 2011	Balmedie Primary School
Monday 18th April 2011	TBA
Monday 16th May 2011	TBA
Monday 20th June 2011	TBA

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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VISITORS: A. Jeffries, R. Warrander - Evening Express

APOLOGIES: Cllr. P. Johnston, D. Briggs, S. Briggs.

Note: R. Miller & M. Ross did not attend due to the fact that they had not been advised of the date of the AGM. Apologies were offered for this omission.

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all attending. The format of the meeting was to have the Annual General Meeting first but due to the non arrival of the Presiding Officer, the General Meeting was conducted in the hopes that the Presiding Officer would arrive late.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Belhelvie Community Council on Monday 21st February, 2011.

Due to the non-arrival of the Presiding Officer, Keith Newton, Mrs A. Jeffries was asked if she would assume the role of Presiding Officer which was duly agreed by all present.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman summarised the events and projects which had taken place during 2010/2011 period and expressed thanks to H. Kershaw & J. Lamb for their considerable work in establishing the new Website.

- Construction and re-construction of football pitches at Blackdog, Belhelvie and Balmedie are in process and will hopefully be ready for use for the 2012 season.
- The Planning for Real project at Potterton was a great success and is now entering Phase 2 with meetings arranged in each of the villages (where possible).
- The Leisure Centre has now established the Astro Turf 5-a-side pitches and plans are in process for the construction of a Conservatory/Café within the centre. Other future plans include a skate park, multi use pitch and outside children's play area.
- Balmedie Gala: The gala was held on 19th June and was very well attended by all villagers. The gala fund raised £2043 of which a large proportion was donated to local groups and clubs with a small balance still to be distributed.

- The Community Council in conjunction with Better Balmedie Group carried out a lot of planting at the end of 2009 and again in June of 2010 and provided colour and beauty to all the villages within our area.
- The dualling of the A90 Balmedie/Tipperty is due to commence within the next year and will prove an asset to both users of the road and in promotion of the future plans for the area.
- The Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee to J. Macdonald & M. Slaughter who are standing down.
- He also mentioned the excellent number of nominations for community councillors and this will give us the manpower to carry out our plans for the coming year and beyond.
- In conclusion, the Chairman commended all members of the current council for their hard work and enthusiasm over the past year.

Retiring Community Councillors

M. Slaughter

J. Macdonald

H. Kershaw (standing for re-election)

W. McBride (standing for re-election)

Newly appointed Community Councillors

Mrs L. Anderson - Balmedie

Mr W. Anderson - Balmedie

Mrs S. Briggs - Balmedie

Mr M. Johnstone - Balmedie

Miss J. McEwan - Belhelvie

Mr R. Miller - Potterton

Mr M. Ross - Belhelvie

Mr A.D. Smith – Whitecairns

Appointment of Office Bearers

Nominations were invited for the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and only single nominations were offered for each post as follows:-

Chairman – David Watson: Proposer – W McBride, Secunder – A. Robertson

Vice Chair – Howard Kershaw: Proposer – I. Edwards, Secunder – A. Smith

Secretary – Wishart McBride: Proposer – D. Watson, Secunder – G. Sinclair

Treasurer – A. Robertson: Proposer – G. Sinclair, Secunder – I. Edwards

The proposals were acceptable to all three nominees and with no objections being voiced, the offices were confirmed.

The following community councillors will stand down prior to future AGM's in line with the conditions of the constitution.

2012: D.Robertson/D. Watson/G. Sinclair/I. Edwards/D. Briggs

2013: W. Anderson/S. Briggs/M. Johnstone/J. McEwan/M. Ross

2014: L. Anderson/H. Kershaw/ W. McBride/ R. Miller/ AD Smith

Minutes of AGM of 2010

Minutes of the previous AGM were reviewed and Cllr Gifford pointed out that there were discrepancies in the process of the AGM. These were noted. A. Smith requested a copy of the previous AGM and this will be supplied.

The minutes were proposed by H. Kershaw and Seconded by A. Robertson.

Treasurer's Report

The opening balance was £2125.85 which included £893.63 to be transferred to the Balmedie Gala account.

Income for the year was £5888.45 which included £3970.95 which will be transferred to the Skateboard Account to be held by the Leisure Centre.

Expenses for the year totalled £1783.20 leaving a working capital of £1366.52.

The Treasurer reported that our working capital was very low due to £300 having been outlaid for the setting up of the BCC Website. However it is hoped to receive a further administration grant to cover expenses for the coming year.

The accounts will now be submitted for independent auditing prior to submitting to Aberdeenshire Council.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mrs A. Jeffries for her assistance in acting as Returning Officer.

No further matter required discussion and the AGM was declared complete.