

BENHOLM & JOHNSHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&JCC) Minutes of Meeting
Business Meeting No 484 Wednesday 13 May 2026 7.00pm – Meeting at the Small Hall of the Village Hall

Present: Michael Bennett (MB) Chair, Charis Duthie (CD) Treasurer, Carol Hutton (CH) Note of the meeting, David Neill (DN), Myles Beattie (MyB), Linda Duncan (LD), Cllr George Carr (GC),

Members of the public: 1 attended meeting

Agenda Item		Action
1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	MB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chris Green was thanked for his contribution to B&JCC. The contribution Starfish Studies has made to Benholm and Johnshaven was acknowledged and wished the owners well for the future.	
2. APOLOGIES	Cllr Alison Evison (AE), Susan Madden (SM), Adele Westwood (AW), Alison Millard	
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING No 478	MB went through Minutes of last meeting for accuracy. DN proposed the Minutes and CD seconded them.	
4. MATTERS ARISING	a) Update on actions from Minutes 483 that are not on the agenda: The damage to the Village bus shelter was reported and it will be repaired in due course (it was thought that in its current state it was unsafe) MB to follow up. Heritage Hub direction sign has been replaced at Johnshaven Road End. A92 reduction in speed limit Freedom of Information Act request was refused, however, we were pointed in the direction of data on recorded road accidents in our area on the A92. MB will analyse over the coming weeks. All members to ask friends and neighbours for anecdotal experiences of near misses on the A92 in our area. Also request on Facebook (SM) and website (MyB). MB to chase up road monitoring equipment for use on the A92. Both Bus Shelters on the A92 have been cleaned. b) Coastal Erosion – Apology from Aberdeenshire Council for lack of response on this matter. A response to follow up our meeting in November 2025 and further requests our requests will follow in due course. MB to follow-up if no action is forthcoming. c) Community Policing Report Constable David Charnley (, Community Liaison Officer attended the meeting. Police Scotland will attend at least two meetings per year in the future, possibly more. The new format of Police Scotland reporting was covered. Reports will be posted on both our Facebook page and website; the report will cover: General Update, Specific Serious Incidents, Proactive Work and Seasonal matters. MB to forward reports to SM and MyB. Cold Calling Initiative by Police Scotland at Drumoak was raised and to be put onto a future meeting agenda. d) Roads & Safety New Road Fencing and Mills Wynd: Funding from TULLO was not forthcoming. A new application to TULLO for funding will be submitted at a future date. Unlikely that TULLO will have funds this year. An alternative might be that McPhie's might provide funding, CD to progress. The replacement of fencing on New Road and removal of Mills Wynd fence was agreed by Aberdeenshire Council with the proviso that B&JCC added approximately 4 metres to the fencing adjacent to New Road along	MB All, MyB and CM MB MB CD

	Mills Wynd. Community Garden Group may have a different view of the removal of Mills Wynd Fencing, MB to follow-up. This proviso was felt to be a little cheeky and Aberdeenshire Council should be asked to contribute to the cost, MB to respond. New Road Speed: An individual contacted the CC to raise the matter of vehicles speeding on New Road. Constable David Charnley can arrange speed checks and there is a 'Pop-up-Bobby' that can be made available to further remind drivers. Other ideas were Speedbumps, Flashing Speed Sign, Rumble Strips, monitor situation and report back to a future meeting, All The incidents of near misses at the rear exit onto Barons Pade from Lathallan School was raised. The road signs and layout of the road at the exit are not as well laid out or as effective as they should be, especially the speed restrictions, MB to raise with Roads Department.	MB
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	New Road Improvements –White lines at either side of the road at the bend near Rangoon Cottage will be looked at by Aberdeenshire Council Roads Department. Mirror placed adjacent to Rangoon Cottage to aid exit from Station Place, no from Aberdeenshire Council, if we want a mirror it's up to B&JCC – decision was NO. Barons Pade Speed limit needs to be reassessed, MB to raise with Roads Department.	
	Potholes: Repairs are categorized as; Immediate, within 5 days, within 60 days, and monitor. Encourage all residents to report potholes using the Aberdeenshire website. B&JCC to re-survey potholes in our area, copy Councillors into our findings. A portion of Council Tax Increase was allocated to pothole repairs. Keep Chaing up Aberdeenshire Council. Note: in other parts of the UK residents are being taught to repair local potholes, research MB. All.	MB All
	Scaffolding on Main Street causing a hazard – in future if there is a concern contact Planning Enforcement to check that the work is within parameters.	All
	Main Street to be closed for one day, 18th of May.	
	Stone Wall end opposite Adelaide Cottage damaged over the winter Has not been repaired. MB has raised the matter with Roads, to follow-up. B&JCC could arrange repair if necessary.	MB
	B&JCC letter of support for the Mill of Benholm to have a 40MPH limit outside of the Mill on the A92 was responded to with the standard does not meet Aberdeenshire 'Council's Policy or criteria. It was suggested that the Policy should be reviewed and perhaps common sense should be one of the criteria. Perhaps a survey of our residents asking for their views on a 40 MPH limit on the A92 both at the Mill of Benholm and from Lathallan Scholl to Johnshaven Road End., MB and MyB to consider.	MyB&M
	The removal of Grit Bins in our area has not gone away – B&JCC to monitor this matter and respond as appropriate if there is no change in policy.	MB
	e) Transport LD reported back to B&JCC Mill of Benholm bus stop to be repositioned and work to start 25th of May 2026. Johnshaven Primary Scholl consider projects to work on and one project that has been suggested is improved lighting at both A92 Buss Stops and Johnshaven Road End, MB to discuss with AM.	MB&AM

	f) Finance Treasurer's Report CD reported that B&JCC currently have £21,136 this will be carried forward into the new financial year. B&JCC have £2330 available for use. The remainder is ring fenced for various projects: War Memorial renovations, Village Shop Noticeboard, Village Storage Group and website development. Previous grants for: Johnshaven cemetery work, Junior Badminton, Winter Warmer lunches as well as previous years for Christmas Lights have all been spent. Grant Applications Recent Tullo grant application for road fencing as mentioned above was not successful and the is to plan to resubmit a grant application at a time in the future. g) Conservation & Infrastructure Johnshaven War Memorial –Work has started on the repair of the wall surrounding the War Memorial at Johnshaven. The garden area has had some work completed and will be finished once the wall repair is completed. Repainting the surrounding fence will be done once all ground works are finished. Coastal Path Update – MERCHAT has received funding for engineering drawings and building standards fee to erect public toilet at Tangleha and also for rock armour to protect North of the slipway and car park at Tangleha. There have been volunteer days for tree planting and gorse cutting. See comment from the public below. Community Garden Access Project: Adel Westwood (AW) along with Casper Lampkin (CL) met on site at the community gardens. The initial plan is to work on improving the access from the Station Place car park. AW is leading this project. Johnshaven Cemetery Improvements: Mo Sangster with the help from the Community Payback Scheme have begun work on an area of the cemetery. Johnshaven Primary School is also involved in making the area attractive. h) Good Housekeeping B&JCC Website – MyB reported that good progress is being made on the website. Myles encourages all members to look at and use the website. Noticeboards – The new noticeboard for Johnshaven is being manufactured. The notice board at Benholm is more complicated as it can't be repaired, but permission from Aberdeenshire Council to remove the old one is agreed. There may be a grant from Aberdeenshire Council available to replace the Benholm Noticeboard. Village Storage – TULLO grant for design and planning is in place. No factual update on the sale of the Masonic Hall to date. i) Community Resilience Allotments – Most allotment fees have been paid. MB to contact those still outstanding. The lease on the allotments will be up in 2028 B&JCC need to start considering renewal in 2027.	CD CD&SM CD AW MS MyB&ALL CD&LD CD MB
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5. CORRESPONDENCE NOT ON AGENDA	. Trading Standards Scams Bulletin – previously circulated and put onto Facebook page.	SM
6. PLANNING UPDATES	No planning applications	
7. NEW BUSINESS	David Neil (DN) presented his short paper on engaging young people with the community council and taking part in community-based activities. DN suggestions were discussed and it was agreed for DN to take his ideas forward to progress his suggested way forward. At some point we will need to find funding for DN initiatives.	DN, CD and MB
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP) Annual General Meeting on the 11th of June 2026, 7 pm at Kinneff Village Hall. Can members give some thought on Public Access Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Benholm and Johnshaven for some point in the future. Not an issue just now but use of electric cars is growing. The Get Your Heart Checked initiative in Aberdeenshire for 40–74-year-olds aims to promote cardiovascular health and prevent preventable heart disease. Contact your Doctors Surgery. George Carr (GC) gave an update on Aberdeenshire Council matters: Inverbervie Men's Sheds (may include Johnshaven), Funding Capita per head is lower than other areas (will post table on our Facebook page and website), "Seed Pod Initiative", Pink Buildings near the airport, 77million spent on this initiative.	MB All
9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC	A member of the public raised the matter of the bad state of the coastal path conditions especially so for cyclists. CD advised that is a Mearns Coastal Path Network (MCPN) matter.	
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Next Meetings: Annual General Meeting (AGM) 7pm on the 10th of June in the Small Hall of the Village Hall CC Business Meeting 485 - Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 7.30 pm (following the AGM) in the Small Hall of the Village Hall.	

Approved: Seconded: Date: