

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of the 305th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Mrs Brown Mrs Nelson, Mrs Vassilikos, Mr Jury, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Peaker, Councillors Evison, Mollison and Nelson, Colin Pike, 2 PCs and two members of the public.

Mrs Ash has tendered her resignation.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mrs Usher

2 – POLICE REPORT – Two PCs Attended. Crime remains low in the Kincardine and Mearns Area. Since the middle of January 2017 there have been 186 incidents reported resulting in 33 Crime Reports being raised in the Kincardine Area. There were reports of youth annoyance and unlawful door to door selling in Newtonhill. The sellers have had their goods confiscated and have been reported.

Change in personnel – Inspector Sheila McDerment has taken over from Inspector Finn McPhail at Stonehaven Police Office. Sgt Chris Smith will be in contact with regard to Community Councils.

3 – MINUTE of 304th MEETING – Accepted.

2(cont) – Police Engagement with Community Councils. – Members discussed their responses to consultation including more details of crimes for specific areas, what types of crime, written reports and Police attendance if possible, response to issued raised. Consultation form completed.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.2) Green waste collection in Newtonhill – Collection will continue this year.

(2)(4.3) Seat on the moor – Still awaiting response from Aberdeenshire Council. COUNCILLOR MOLLISON to follow up.

(3)(4.4) Children's Safety – No response from Newtonhill Primary School.

(4)(5.3) 'Grey box' – Councillor Mollison has met and had discussions with representative from Kelda Water. Several suggestions were made to improve the situation. Kelda Water is now considering various options.

(5)(9) Future of Community Councils – MR Morgan fed back our responses to Area Manager, Willie Munro, but so far no response. The Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils will go before Full Council on 27th April 2017. After discussion it was agreed MR MORGAN respond to survey.

(6)(13.2) Community Council funds – Mrs Nelson enquired re possible donation to Muchalls Village Association defibrillator fund. However, once various expenses have been paid, current account now stands at £171.83 so at the moment no spare funds.

(7)(13.4) Enhanced Provision - Thursday 16th February 2017 this will be discussed at Aberdeenshire Council's Education and Children's Services Committee. Aberdeenshire Council want to move Enhanced Provision to Portlethen despite there being no service users in Portlethen. Mr Morgan has forwarded copies of our submission all 14 committee members. Councillor Evison assured all points raised would be discussed and responded to.

(8)(13.8) Litter – Mr Morgan has written to Aberdeen Journals and they have been out and replaced the paper box. He also contacted Aberdeenshire Council and a new bin is to be sited in the area. There are to be 6 new bins in total in Newtonhill.

(9)(13.9) Path from the Mill to the Retreat – Mr Morgan wrote to Willie Munro The Environmental Team are to be repairing/upgrading the path from the playpark to Elsick Mill – hopefully this financial year or early next year. Councillor Mollison contacted AWPR re possible help and they are now considering the request. COUNCILLOR MOLLISON to liaise with Aberdeenshire Council.

5 – PLANNING – (1) Planning application for 6 houses at Cammies was approved by the Area Committee but refused by Infrastructure Services Committee. Has now gone to appeal, (2) Planning application for Gillybrands – No update, (3) Planning application for a house at Dunlukin, East Cammachmore has been withdrawn, (4) Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Storage etc at Nether Mains of Muchalls - no submission required. Hopefully it will tidy up the area.

Proposed Changes to the Planning System – There are 4 main proposals leading to 20 changes. Mr Morgan handed out summaries of document. Members are to consider changes with a view to discussing at the next meeting.

6 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Sale of piece of land has now gone to the Public Services Ombudsman, but it could 5/6 weeks before it can be dealt with. The submission to the Ombudsman has asked for a review of the sale of land and the documents issued to Aberdeenshire Councillors before the issue was debated.

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7 – AGM - Councillor Nelson, Returning Officer, reported that there were three candidates for three vacancies in Muchalls – Edith Stephen, Moira Cameron and Alison Daniels and three candidates for Newtonhill – Sheila Usher, Rob Peaker and Mariana Yarnold. This leaves two vacancies for Newtonhill. Councillor Nelson stressed that if any member misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause, then they should be asked to stand down.

8 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Homelessness and Inclusion Health – 1st and 2nd March, London.
- (2) Doors Open Days – Suggestions needed.
- (3) KDP weekly bulletins.
- (4) Community Emergency Plan – Safety cabinets, etc.
- (5) The Future of Troubled Families – Strand Palace Hotel, 31st January 2017.
- (6) Agenda for TrAK meeting to be held on Tuesday 24th January 2017.
- (7) Document on Proposed Changes to Planning System.
- (8) Phil Mills-Bishop – Defibrillator Availability Bill
- (9) AWPR – Update meeting, Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 6.30pm – 8pm, Woodhill House
- (10) Funding Opportunities.
- (11) Consultation on Community Justice – www.ibpsurveys.co.uk/AberdeenshireCommunityJusticeConsultation
- (12) The Role of Local Authorities in Safeguarding Wildlife on Local Highways – Central London, Wednesday 3rd May 2017.
- (13) Women into Leadership Scotland 2017 – May 25th 2017, Edinburgh.
- (14) BROXAP Street Furniture.
- (15) PLANTSCAPE - Solar lights and planters.
- (16) Engage your audience through data – 14th March 2017, Edinburgh.
- (17) Community- led regeneration – 9th March 2017, Central Edinburgh
- (18) Making the Asset Transfer Process Work – 25th April 2017, Edinburgh.
- (19) TrAK Meeting Minutes 24.1.17 – Next meeting 1st March 2017.
- (20) A motion to stop more pylons in the Scottish landscape – Mike Rumbles, MSP.
- (21) Women in Local Government – London, 26th April 2017.
- (22) The Sandpiper Trust: Our cardiac arrest initiative is now live!
- (23) Phil Mills-Bishop - Transfer of Cultural, Libraries and Sports Services.
- (24) NESCU are looking for volunteers aged over 18.
- (25) AVA newsletter for January 2017 – Circulate.
- (26) Local Development Plan – feedback from the Reporter – <http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=8&meetid=18773>
- (27) Community Planning Partnership briefing note January 2017.
- (28) Access EU Funding for your organisation – Interactive training – Thursday 27th April 2017, Central Edinburgh.
- (29) Making the Asset Transfer Process Work – Edinburgh, 25th April 2017.
- (30) The Role of Local Authorities in Safeguarding Wildlife on Local Highways: Protecting wildlife and Improving Road Safety – 3rd May 2017, Central London.
- (31) Consultation on the proposed Aberdeenshire Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Consultation runs from 7th February 2017 to 16th March 2017 – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Commcouncils>
- (32) Copy of Mr Morgan's article for the Newsey
- (33) Aberdeenshire Council Budget Cuts.
- (34) Community Council website newsletter and feedback survey – <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SQAA3>
- (35) Places, people and planning – A consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System – Consultation open until 4th April 2017 – <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>. There is an online guide – <http://www.communitycouncils.scot/>
- (36) Development Plan Scheme – Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan – Development Plan Scheme 2017 – www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/LDP
- (37) Reminder next Community Council Forum will take place on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7pm, Viewmount. Note of meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016.
- (38) Tree Charter Survey from the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) about the Tree Charter (<https://treecharter.uk/> Survey – <http://www.nalc.gov.uk>
- (39) Understanding Data Protection & GDPR – Central Edinburgh, 25th May 2017.

9 – AOCB

- (1) Mr Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the three retiring members – Mrs Brown, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Vassilikos. Mrs Nelson suggested that perhaps the seating should be arranged differently. This will be tried next month.
- (2) Councillor Evison gave a resume of decisions made at Aberdeenshire Council Budget meeting.

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- (3) Councillor Nelson commented that once Aberdeenshire Councillors pass the Development Plan there will be no means for residents to make comment on changes.
- (4) Councillor Mollison commented that the Reporters picked up on several mistakes which had previously not been noted.
- (5) A member of the public reported a wish list had been presented to Aberdeenshire Council for improvements to the playpark in Newtonhill Road. However, work has come to a stop allegedly due to complaints from Community Council. MR MORGAN to consult Aberdeenshire Council.

The 306th meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be held in the Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill immediately after the AGM on Wednesday 15th March 2017.

AGENDA

- 1 – APOLOGIES
- 2 – ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS
- 3 – POLICE REPORT
- 4 – MINUTE of 305th MEETING
- 5 – MATTERS ARISING
 - (1)(4.2) Seat on the Moor
 - (2)(4.4) Grey box
 - (3)(4.5) Future of Community Councils
 - (4)(4.7) Enhanced Provision
 - (5)(4.9) Path from Elsie Mill to the Retreat
 - (6)(8.9) Did anyone attend AWPR update meeting on 22nd February 2017?
 - (7)(8.19) Did anyone attend TRaK meeting on 2nd March 2017?
 - (8)(8.37) Did anyone attend Community Council Forum on 22nd February 2017?
 - (9)(9.5) Newtonhill playpark
- 6 – PLANNING
- 7 – HOUSES on the MOOR
- 8 – PROPOSED CHANGES to PLANNING REGULATIONS
- 9 – CORRESPONDENCE
- 10 - AOCB