

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of the 312th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Cameron, Miss Daniels, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Peaker, Mrs Usher, Ms Andrew, Councillors, Mollison and Pike, Willie Munro (Area Manager), Ailsa Anderson (Senior Development Planner), Alison Hogge (Representative for Kincardine and Mearns) and 8 members of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Colin Henderson (perhaps November too) and Stephen Jury.

2 - POLICE REPORT - Neighbourhood Alert affords Police the opportunity to send email messages relating to local crime trends and containing crime prevention advice quickly and effectively to a wide audience. – Members of the public are being encouraged to sign up to Neighbourhood Alert – <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/91/Join>

3 - ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - COMMUNITY VISION WORKSHOP – Mr Morgan then welcomed Willie Munro (Area Manager), Ailsa Anderson (Senior Development Officer) and Alison Hogge (Representative for Kincardine and Mearns Area) who had come to talk to us on the Aberdeenshire Local Plan and Vision Workshops.

The Local Development Plan deals with how communities develop in the future. Hopefully after discussions and a series of workshops the new LDP will be adopted in 2021 or 2022, at the latest.

The areas we were dealing with are Cammachmore, Muchalls, Bridge of Muchalls and Newtonhill. Although other areas were briefly discussed including the future of Muchalls Conservation Area Status, they concentrated mainly on Newtonhill.

There were two groups discussing what is right/wrong with Newtonhill and what residents would like to see, including walking and cycling paths between Portlethen and Stonehaven.

Hopefully future plans will not see the same mistakes as previously.

Consensus of opinion was that there should be no further house building in the area and that efforts should be made to concentrate on making a success of Chapelton – a purpose built new town.

There were lots of adverse comments about the proposal by Barratts to build 131 houses at Newtonhill.

Mr Morgan thanked Willie, Alison and Ailsa for attending and the presentation finished at 9.30pm. The rest of normal meeting followed.

4 - MINUTE of 311th MEETING - Accepted

5 – MATTERS ARISING

- (1) Newtonhill playpark and trees. New paths are being constructed. The trees in the playpark are to be felled as they are too close to the boundary. Hopefully the playpark will be upgraded by spring 2018. Equipment has been prioritised – the more money raised the more equipment can be purchased. The plan is for the play equipment to be more suited to a broader range of ages and abilities. NVA are to fund raise and hopefully there will be money from developer obligations.
- (2) Have your say on Council priorities – 5th October 2017, Portlethen. Did anyone attend? No.
- (3) AWPR update – Wednesday 11th October 2017. Did anyone attend? Councillor Mollison attended an alternative meeting covering the same issues and has issued a report. The new Charleston Bridge is now open.
- (4) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum – Mr Morgan has issued a report to Community Councillors.
- (5) Community Council Forum – 21st November 2017, 7 – 9pm, Chamber, Viewmount, Stonehaven.
- (6) Kincardine and Mearns Halls Event – Only 2 halls have responded so meeting on hold at the moment.
- (7) KDP AGM – Bettridge Centre, 26th October 2017, 7 – 9pm. Community Cash Award of £500. Representative for our Community Council needed.
- (8) A90 and underpass – (1) Access to the A90 from St Michael's Road – need to ascertain who owns the land the path would be sited on. (2) Mr Henderson has completed a comprehensive survey of A90 gap in fence and underpass. At the moment water flows into the underpass, but from where? Could this be remedied at reasonable cost? Laura Ironside has contacted the owners of the land running through the underpass and they are happy for work to be carried out. A path would be needed on the north bound carriageway of the A90. Could Community Justice help tidy up the area round the underpass?
At this point Mr Morgan proposed Laura Ironside be co-opted to Community Council as a member with special interest in re-opening the underpass. Agreed.

6 – PLANNING – No updates.

7 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Several of those present attended Barratt's presentation for their Masterplan. MR MORGAN has submitted our comments. Concerns were raised re some of the false information being given out by Barratt's at their presentation.

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8 – SCHEME for ESTABLISHMENT of COMMUNITY COUNCILS – Has been passed by Aberdeenshire Council. Constitution needs updated by April 2018. Awaiting notification of dates for elections.

9 - CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Report from Michael Morgan on K and M Bus Forum
- (2) KDP weekly bulletins.
- (3) Tackling the Gender Pay Gap – 18th January 2018, Central London.
- (4) Aberdeenshire Council needs your views – 5th October 2017, Portlethen Community Campus
- (5) PLANTSCAPE – Solar powered Christmas trees.
- (6) AVA October newsletter
- (7) Kincardine and Mearns Developer Obligations – September 2017 – Newtonhill – Libraries £3,770.88; Recreation/Sports Facilities £26,794.30; Sustainable and Public Transport £2,276. Total £32,841.18. £40,000 has been set aside for improvements to the Bettridge Centre – must be used within 18 months.
- (8) Next Steps for Low-Carbon Energy in Scotland – 23rd January 2018, Edinburgh.
- (9) Community Council Event held on 30th September 2017 – Comments on the Place Standard Tool
- (10) The Future of Troubled Families – 25th January 2018, Central London.
- (11) Neighbourhood Alert system
- (12) Newtonhill to Portlethen Academy Buses – A problem arose on 27th September when one of the buses developed a mechanical fault. However, no children were late for school.
- (13) Delivering Digital Transformation – 19th October 2017, Central London/
- (14) Cyber Security Summit – 16th November 2017, London.
- (15) Meikle Carewe Windfarm Community Fund - Decision making panel – Thursday 16th November 2017, 7 – 9pm.
- (16) Women in Local Government Conference – 31st January 2018, Central London
- (17) Halls Events – Only 2 halls have responded so meeting on hold at the moment.
- (18) Aberdeenshire Town Centres Parking Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GQ8LSGF>
- (19) Community Council Event – 30th September 2017 – some feedback on the Place Standard tool.
- (20) Effective Data Visualisation – 5th December 2017, Central Edinburgh
- (21) Jacqueline Hawkes – Hallowe'en Décor Packs
- (22) Contactless Card Protection – A security protection device will be available shortly from public libraries. Mr Morgan has registered his support
- (23) TheKing'sFund Annual Conference – 29-30 November 2017
- (24) Tackling Dangerous Dogs Attacks – 28th February 2018, Central London.
- (25) Contact details for Andrew Bowie, MP
- (26) Reece Safety Products – grit bins, etc
- (27) 2017 Cyber Security Expo
- (28) Chapelton News Autumn 2017
- (29) SHC Grampian News September 2017 – www.scottishhealthcouncil.org
- (30) Understanding Data Protection – 23rd November 2017, Central Manchester.
- (31) Traffex Road Expo and Bridges Scotland – 1-2 November 2017, Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh.
- (32) Community Planning Briefing Note
- (33) AVA Emergency First Aid at Work course – 6th November 2017, Stonehaven.
- (34) Saltex – Your industry, your show.
- (35) Oscar@playforce
- (36) Blogging for Beginners – London/Manchester
- (37) 3rd European Dredging Summit - 28th February to 1st March 2018
- (38) Jacqueline Hawkes – Christmas hats

9 – AOCB

- (1) Christmas Night Out - Try to book the Station Hotel, Stonehaven for Thursday 7th December 2017
- (2) Mr Hargreaves has been trying to set up a bank account with HBOS due to RBS closing in Stonehaven. Due to need for references from specialised person, eg lawyer, registered account etc and the cost this would incur, the decision was made to withdraw application from HBOS. Mr Hargreaves will just go to Aberdeen when necessary.
- (3) Data Protection needs paid.
- (4) Willie Munro will update us on payment of Community Council insurance.
- (5) Newtonhill Christmas lights are progressing satisfactorily. Donation of £4,000 received from TESCO. Would quite like volunteers to climb the poles to erect the lights. All volunteers welcome.

The meeting finished at 10.20pm

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The 313th meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

AGENDA

1 – APOLOGIES – Mrs Usher, Mr Henderson?

2 – POLICE REPORT

3 – MINUTE of 312th MEETING

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) Newtonhill Playpark

(2)(5.5) Community Council Forum

(3)(5.7) KDP AGM

(4)(5.8) A90 and underpass

5 – ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – COMMUNITY VISION WORKSHOP – Debrief

6 – PLANNING

7 – HOUSES on the MOOR

8 – CORRESPONDENCE

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Date of next meeting.

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