

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 318th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th May 2018

PRESENT - Mr Morgan (Chair), Mrs Usher, Mr Peaker, Mrs Stephen, Ms Andrew, Mr Ewing, Mr Flockhart, Councillors Evison, Mollison and Pike and 21 members of the public.

Mr Morgan welcomed all present and thanked so many for turning up.

1 - APOLOGIES – Mr Henderson, Mr Hargreaves, Miss Daniels, Ms Ironside.

2 - POLICE REPORT – None.

3 - MINUTE of 317th MEETING – Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill playpark – A meeting was held with Landscape Services on Monday. They are now ready to purchase equipment and hopefully work will start August/September. However, there is controversy regarding Developer Contributions (£26,000) which it was originally thought would go to the Improvement of Newtonhill Playpark. It would now appear Aberdeenshire Council officials are in favour of the money going to supply a 3G football pitch at Portlethen. In part this is as a result of the controversy surrounding the replacement of the playing surface at Portlethen Academy. The situation will be reviewed by Aberdeenshire Council in six months when it is possible that the developer obligations may revert to Newtonhill Park.

(2)(4.2) A90 and underpass – Letter received from the Duke of Fife regarding who owns what. It would appear various areas are owned by various people. Hopefully the underpass will be discussed at the next Chapelton Liaison meeting.

(3)(4.3) Steps at Braehead – Mr Peaker has had a response from Aberdeenshire Council. They will carry out an inspection but because repairs are becoming prohibitively expensive they are to reconsider the upkeep of all coastal paths

(4)(4.4) Aberdeenshire Council Call for Bids Seminar – From 10am on 19th and 20th June 2018, St Bridgets, Stonehaven

(5)(4.5) Community Council Get – together – Thursday 17th May 2018, Lairhillock School.

5 – PLANNING – Nothing major in our Area.

Aberdeen City and Shire are now in the process of drawing up the next Strategic Development Plan. There are four Strategic Development Plan areas in Scotland – Aberdeen (including Aberdeenshire), Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow. The Scottish Government has plans to scrap the Strategic Development Plans but still a way to go before legislation is passed. Mr Morgan summarised what the Strategic Development Plan is, how it works and how it impacts on residents. There are to be no changes in the Aberdeen to Laurencekirk corridor. Comments are required from individuals as well as Community Councils.

In the years 2011-2016 there was plenty of development land with 11,433 houses built. However, this is 2,769 fewer than required in the Plan. Due to the downturn in the oil industry are more houses really needed? Yes, but these are affordable housing and that is not what is being built. Since January, permission has been granted for the building of 40,000 houses but none of these have been so far started.

6 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BIDS –

Aberdeenshire Council is now in the process of drawing up the next Local Development Plan (LDP). This includes 'bids' for building land to be include in the next LDP, due in 2022. Chapelton, our preferred site for all new housing, is now concentrating on retirement homes. There is a proposal to bring forward the building of affordable housing in Phase I. This will be discussed at the Chapelton Liaison meeting on 30th May 2018.

There are 6 'bid' sites in the Local Development Plan for our Community Council area:

1 – KN056 – Chapelton employment land, OP2 is in the current Plan

2 – KN059 – Bid to build 50 houses in Muchalls. A bid for 30 houses was submitted in the previous Plan but was rejected in 2013. To summarise objections – Muchalls is a Conservation Area; exiting on to the A90 is difficult; Special Landscape Area in the current Local Development Plan; Newtonhill Primary School is nearing capacity as is Portlethen Academy; lack of medical facilities.

3 – KN100 – Houses on the Moor. The paddocks have now been excluded; can they now be protected? The masterplan for the site has been accepted by Aberdeenshire Council. What is the status of the road off Park Place? It was never meant to be a main road? To summarise objections – access to a health centre; primary and secondary school nearing capacity; no amenities for children; major increase in traffic; traffic survey done during school holidays; queries still being raised re land donated to the residents of Newtonhill by Bremner King; loss of wildlife; public transport; affordable housing needed but this is not what is being built;

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4 – KN101 – Add on to houses on the moor. To summarise objections – Special Landscape Area; distance from school; flood risk; roads not suitable;

5 – KN133 – Land off Michael Tunstall Place. To summarise objections – once again Special Landscape Area; risk of flooding; too far from school; roads not suitable;

6 – KN132 – Cammachmore – Is this the empty space between Cammies and Bluebell Cottage? – The map is unclear. To summarise objections – Green belt; high water table; includes several existing houses.

Discussions re new Local Plans take place every 5 years. The Plan under discussion should be adopted in 2022. 5 years ago there were a lot more bids most of which were not accepted.

When the last Plan was discussed it was stressed if Chapelton got the go ahead then there would be no need for ribbon development. There would be employment opportunities, new primary and secondary schools, medical facilities provided at Chapelton.

Praise was given to the local Aberdeenshire Councillors for their input into the discussion on Barratts masterplan. Mr Morgan was also thanked for all his hard work as Planning Officer. But it was stressed the Community Council needs the backing from residents in Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore.

7 – PLACE STANDARD CONSULTATION - A work in progress.

8 – DATA PROTECTION – There is now a privacy notice on NMCCC's web site. Community Councillors have been issued with forms to complete re disclosing contact details.

9 – CONSTITUTION – Proposed amendment to constitution – “The maximum number of persons elected to the Community Council shall be increased from twelve to thirteen, with the additional seat allocated to the Newtonhill subdivision.” Motion proposed Peter Flockhart, seconded George Ewing. Voting in favour was unanimous, but with one abstention.

10 – AGM - 20th June 2018, 7.30pm, Skateraw Hall.

11 - CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Effective Performance and Management Analysis – 21st June 2018, Central London.

(2) Taking Action again

(3) st Hate Crime – 14th June 2018, London.

(4) Identifying, Preventing and Managing Data Breaches – 17th July 2018, Central London.

(5) Chapelton Newsletter, Spring 2018.

(6) Jacqui Hawkes – Royal Wedding merchandise.

(7) AVA may 2018 newsletter

(8) KDP email bulletin information alert.

(9) Better Skills, Better Careers – 15th May 2018, London.

(10) Minute of Community Council Forum held on 28th March 2018.

(11) KDP weekly bulletins.

(12) KDP are planning a booklet of good news stories. Do we have any?

(13) Identifying, Disruption and Preventing Food Crime – 17th July 2018, London.

(14) Local Government Briefing – Complying with General Data Protection Regulations – Central London, 12th June 2018.

(15) Earth Anchors – Furniture for Parks and Streets

(16) Meet the Scottish Charity Regulator – 30th May 2018, Peterhead.

(17) Scottish Health Council Grampian April newsletter – www.nhsgrampian.org/NHSNews

(18) Update of the Licensing (Procedure)(Scotland) Regulations 2007 – Consultation – <https://consult.gov.scot/criminal-law/licensing-procedure/>

(19) Stagecoach – Bus timetables change on Monday 7th May 2018.

(20) Community Council Research – Survey 2018 – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CommunityCouncils2018> by 30th May 2018

(21) Jess@creativeplay – New outdoor fitness equipment

(22) Louise Ellison Newton – Church noticeboards

(23) Earth Anchors – Heavy duty Picnic and tri-tables.

(24) Effective Data Visualisation – 29th August 2018, Central Edinburgh.

(25) Minutes of Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum held on 29th March 2018.

(26) HAGS – Get Moving – summer of Sport

(27) ALISS Community Road Show – What Keeps You Well in Aberdeenshire? A Local System for Scotland Roadshow Event – 31st May 2018, 1 – 4.30pm, Garioch Heritage centre.

(28) Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum – Agenda.

(29) NHS Grampian – Name needed for new unit being created at ARI. Received 11th May to be back by 15th May 2018.-

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- (30) A Nation's Tribute, 11th November 2018
- (31) Aberdeen City Region Deal
- (32) Deadline for articles for St Cyrus newsletter is 20th May 2018.
- (33) Request for Phil Mills-Bishop to give a presentation on Stonehaven's twinning with Acheres.
- (34) Request for an item on Community Planning to be included in the next Community Council Forum meeting on 3rd September 2028.
- (35) For Consideration – Mearns Railway Stations Study – Should be a report at Community Council Forum meeting on 24th May 2018. Study commissioned by NESTRANs – projected passenger numbers for Stonehaven, Portlethen and Laurencekirk.
- (36) Stagecoach now accepting contactless payments.
- (37) Glasdon – Village gateways.
- (38) A new way to have your say – workshops around Scotland on participation requests – 7th June 2018, Garioch Heritage Centre.
- (39) Excellence at Implementing GDPR – Thursday 27th September 2018, Central Edinburgh.
- (40) Copy of NMCCC privacy notice from Mr Morgan.
- (41) Karen McWilliam – General Data Protection Regulation.
- (42) Place names and locality.scotdomains made available

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- (1) This year's NMCCC admin grant will be £651
- (2) MR MORGAN is to contact the Police re problems caused by parents parking when dropping off and picking up children from Newtonhill School. This is worse in the afternoon.
- (3) Mr Peaker has sprayed hogweed in Newtonhill and it appears to be dying off. Knotweed has nearly all been killed off. There is now a liaison officer.
- (4) The Area Committee granted Newtonhill £4,150 towards the replacement festive lights with LEDS. This is subject to a review of Christmas lights on lamp standards.
- (5) Councillor Evison commented it was nice to see so many people turning up to give their opinions. This is how Aberdeenshire Councillors discover residents' opinions.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th June 2018. This will be immediately followed by the 319th meeting.

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