

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of October 2020 Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council (337)

An agenda was circulated to Community Councillors and Aberdeenshire Councillors and was conducted via email.

1 – MINUTE of SEPTEMBER MEETING - Approved

2 - POLICE REPORT – The report covers the Kincardine and Mearns Area for September. Slight decrease in anti-social behaviour calls, 23 reported incidents, 10 relating to youth annoyance. There was an increase in assaults (14). There have been 15 reported thefts, one drink/drug offence and one dangerous driving.

3 – AGM –The face-to-face AGM, re-scheduled for October 2020, has been cancelled. It is now proposed that we hold the 43rd AGM via email. Once accounts have been independently verified, they will be accepted and forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council.

4 – WATER DAMAGE and LEAKS

- (1) The collapse of two gardens off Murray Road – there is now a potential for the road to collapse. Aberdeenshire Council has been asked for an update on what they intend to do to repair the road.
- (2) The path to the beach at Muchalls – No update on any proposals to remedy the situation.
- (3) Water seeping from the ground in Stranathro Terrace, Muchalls – Mr Morgan has written to Scottish Water. Scottish Water appeared on Thursday 22nd October 2020, did some work but water still running.

5 – PLANNING

- (1) Change of use of land to garden and erection of 1.8m high fence at 3 Marine View, Muchalls – So far, no written report but it appears the Local Review Board upheld the refusal of planning permission.
- (2) Second application for sales and information cabin for houses on the moor. Community Council has made a detailed submission objecting to the planning application. Now awaiting a decision.
- (3) Erection of Advertisement Signs for Barratts North Scotland for Existing Commercial Unit adjacent to A92 near Newtonhill. The development was almost complete before planning application was published. The Community Council reported the matter to Aberdeenshire Council's Planning Enforcement; no action will be taken, and planning application will be treated as retrospective. It would appear previous application by NCS for signage was refused on the grounds of traffic.
- (4) Erection of Shed at Cran Hill - MR MORGAN to submit a letter of objection.
- (5) Chapelton Planning Application. – 5 large houses in the gap between the current development and the Causey Mounth. This is not in the Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council area.
- (6) Barratts and lorries – Mr Morgan has written to Barratts asking for signage to be put up to deter deliveries to OP1 going along Park Place.

6 – HOUSES on the MOOR

During the past month there has been no significant issues with either dust blowing off the site or noise. The groundworks sub-contractor still has a considerable quantity of rock to excavate in the middle of the site so we can unfortunately anticipate an increase in both the dust and noise levels in the near future.

The overhead power cables have been removed with the transformer at the end of Park Place moved a few metres to allow the new access road to be joined with Park Place. The main road through the new estate linking Park Place to Cairnhill Way is now part built with the base tarmac course laid along much of its length. One of the planning constraints imposed on Barratt is that this road must be completed before any houses can be occupied.

Barratt have erected a sign instructing delivery drivers not to use the Park Place site entrance however because there were no other signs directing drivers to the correct site address deliveries still continued to use the Park Place entrance. The Community Council has written to Barratt asking them to erect better signage to avoid this happening.

The foundations for a number of houses including the show house have been built and the first roof trusses have been delivered to site so it seems likely we will see the shell of the first house being erected sometime during November.

7 – ROCKS at VILLAGE ENTRANCES – No update. Will planning permission be required?

8 – PHOENIX PROJECT – Alan Jones has been co-opted onto Community Council as an Associate Member. He will sign the funding agreement with Aberdeenshire Council. Mr Jones has received the Grant Award Confirmation from Aberdeenshire Council. Mr Ewing to check it over – to be returned by 22nd October 2020

9 - NESTRANS CONSULTATION – A copy of our final submission to NESTRANS has been distributed to members, including Local Councillors

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10 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Knit a cosy bosie - <https://lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/live-life-at-home/cosy/bosie/>
- (2) Community Council Forum meeting by skype, 17th November 2020, 7-9pm. MR MORGAN to participate
- (3) Updated list of disabled parking spaces.
- (4) Reporting Road Defects – Please use myAberdeenshire app
- (5) Third Sector Strategy Week – 16-20 November 2020
- (6) New Legislation – Domestic Smoke Detection - one smoke detector in the room most frequently used for daytime living purposes, one smoke detector in every circulation space on each storey, eg hallways and landings, one heat alarm in every kitchen, all detectors to be ceiling mounted and interlinked, carbon monoxide detectors also required. This is now due to be postponed until 2022.
- (7) Scam emails and phone calls – members of Cluny/Midmar/Monymusk/Fetternear/Chapel of Garioch Community Council have been targeted. Also, in the same area strangers are checking recycling bins for personal details that can be used in fraud.
- (8) Audit Scotland - Reporting on Aberdeenshire Council
- (9) Launch of Scotland Loves Local Aberdeenshire – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/support-and-advice/scotland-loves-local/>
- (10) Applications to Meikle Carewe are due to open on 1st November 2020 and will run until 31st January 2021.

11 - AOCB – Portlethen and District Community Larder – This is also available to residents in Newtonhill, Muchalls, Marywell and the surrounding areas. It is run by donations from the public and local companies and stocks food that would otherwise go to waste. Anyone can use it and you don't need to be referred or give personal details. There is no cost but donations are welcome. There is also a fresh fruit and veg mart on a Saturday.

The Larder is situated in the Porty Cabin and is open Monday 6-8pm, Wednesday 4-6pm, Friday 2-5pm, Saturday 10-12pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help. Mr Flockhart has offered to help out and be a point of contact – peterflockhart@btopenworld.com

The Larder can be contacted on c19portlethehelp@gmail.com (07376133870)