

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of the November Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council (338) held via email.

An agenda was circulated to Community Councillors and Aberdeenshire Councillors.

- 1 MINUTE of 337<sup>th</sup> MEETING- Accepted.
- 2 MATTERS ARISING – None.
- 3 POLICE REPORT – Written report submitted for the Kincardine and Mearns Area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Slight increase in antisocial behaviour calls, a decrease in assaults, 12 thefts, 2 drink/drug drivers, 3 careless driving.
- 4 AGM – The AGM took place via email in October. Details were posted on social media and no comments received. Once accounts are verified, they will be sent to Aberdeenshire Council.
- 5 WATER SEEPING in STRANATHRO TERRACE – Scottish Water has carried out some repairs but water running worse than ever. Scottish Water have said they will return to carry out further repairs.
- 6 PLANNING –
  - (1) 2020/0946 – Second application for Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the Moor. Community Council made a detailed submission objecting to the planning application. Approved by the Kincardine & Mearns Area Committee.
  - (2) 2020/1872 – Erection of Advertisement Signs for Barratt North Scotland at Existing Commercial Unit adjacent to A92 at Newtonhill. The development was almost complete before planning application was published. Transport Scotland advised planning permission be refused. The large rectangular sign adjacent to A92 has been removed. The revised site layout has been accepted by Transport Scotland. Awaiting determination.
  - (3) 2020/1898 – Erection of shed at Land at Cran Hill – This is situated in the Coastal Zone as defined by the Local Development Plan. Planning Policy R1.3 would not support this application. Community Council made a submission objecting to the planning application. Awaiting determination
  - (4) TRE/2020/0085 – Felling of three elms at 13 Stranathro Terrace, Muchalls. As this is a Conservation Area, a copy of the tree report has been requested.
  - (5) APP/2020/2328 – Erection of sculpture, site at Braehead east of 32 Skateraw Road, Newtonhill. – see under Phoenix Fund.
- 7 HOUSES on the MOOR – At the time of writing this update, work has started on approximately 15% of the total 121 houses. The timber shells of 2 detached houses close to the Park Place entrance to the site and two groups of terraced houses close to the Cairnhill Drive entrance have recently been erected. Scaffolding is being erected ahead of the erection of a number of other houses at each location. The foundations have also been laid for more houses at both sides of the site. It is expected that the shells of several more houses will be erected during the next few weeks. Work has also taken place excavating and laying the drains to these and several other plots which has involved continuing with the rock breaking and removal. Hopefully this noisy work will now be almost completed. Work is currently ongoing to complete the road link to Park Place with the junction with Park Place and Heathfield Park being re-aligned. Access to the allotments will now be off the extension of Park Place.

There have been a very significant number of complaints made by residents affected by dust and noise to Barratt, their ground works sub-contractor JKR, Aberdeenshire Planning Department, their Environmental Health Department and their Roads Department. As far as we know, none of these complaints have resulted in any action being taken requiring Barratt to significantly alter their working methods or have resulted in any material improvement to the problems caused by their work.

Community Council has received complaints re mud on the road coming out of Cairnhill Road from the Barratts site onto the flyover. The developer is supposed to keep roads clean and mud free but who enforces this? Community Council is following this up.
- 8 ROCKS at VILLAGE ENTRANCES – No further updates.

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- 9 PHOENIX PROJECT (Isabella Initiative) – Alan Jones, who is leading the Phoenix Fund in Newtonhill, has now been co-opted on to the Community Council as a full member.

A planning application has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council to site the 'new Isabella' at the Braehead. Residents have no objections. Scottish Water has been consulted re location and are happy with the proposed new siting.

- 10 NESTRANS – A copy of NESTRANS Aberdeen-Laurencekirk Multi-Modal Feasibility Study has been distributed to Community Councillors. There may be a potential to introduce new stations at Cove Bay and Newtonhill

- 11 LOCALITY PLAN – The updated Locality Plan has been published on the Community Council website and a copy sent to Aberdeenshire Council.

### 12 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) New funding launched for events – <https://www.visitscotland.org/events/funding/recovery-fund>
- (2) Bruce Stewart has been appointed new Area Manager for Kincardine and Mearns
- (3) Pay and Display parking is to return in January 2021.
- (4) Community Food Fund – Still some funding available
- (5) Does anyone know of anyone who would like a small gift for those who might be on their own at Christmas? Also, are there any families that could do with a little help?
- (6) Slides from Community Council Forum meeting – Mr Morgan reported the Forum had discussed the Community Impact Assessment undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council. The first document shows the regions of vulnerability for Aberdeenshire in general and specifically for Wards 17, 18 and 19. The second document summarises the results of the engagement with the public and gives a picture of how people saw the impact of the first wave of the pandemic. These results will be fed into Community Planning and influence Aberdeenshire Council spending.
- (7) Dates for future Community Council Forum meetings – 24<sup>th</sup> February; 27<sup>th</sup> May; 13<sup>th</sup> September; 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. At the moment, to be held via Skype.

### 13 AOCB

- (1) A reminder there is no meeting in December
- (2) Future meetings will continue to be in the current email format for the time being
- (3) Another car has spun off the A92 dual carriageway and smashed into the wooden fence belonging to houses in St Michael's Road, Newtonhill. Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government are supposedly carrying out an assessment.
- (4) The offshore wind turbine off Newtonhill has gone There are meant to be seven turbines there by the end of this year. Installation offshore is due to start this December
- (5) 20mph speed limits – Aberdeenshire Council Infrastructure Services has proposed 20mph speed limits on minor roads in built up areas, 30/40 mph would be retained in a strategic network of routes, 60mph on country roads, 70mph on dual carriageways outwith built up areas. 20mph limits could also be introduced in designated town centres. Estimated costs £1,000,000 to £1,800,00. This could be phased over a 5 to 10-year period.

# Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021

