

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 340th meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held via email (due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19) during February 2021.

1 – MINUTE OF MEETING 339 (JANUARY 2021)

Accepted

2 – MATTERS ARISING

None

3 – POLICE REPORT for 1st to 31st January has been received and forwarded to Community Councillors. Anti-social calls have increased with 71 incidents reported; three assaults; three thefts; 2 careless driving.

4 – AGM

The accounts and minutes have been forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council.

5 – WATER SEEPING IN STRANATHRO TERRACE

Scottish Water continue to search for the water leak. MR MORGAN has asked Scottish Water for a progress report. Another hole has been dug and filled in but water still running. Yet another hole was dug and this time the water has stopped running. It is believed that the pipes were renewed.

6 – PLANNING

(1) 2020/2152 Erection of Storage Shed (Retrospective) - Newton Arms, 10 Old Mill Road, Newtonhill. Refused by Aberdeenshire Council's Planning Department.

(2) 2021/0126 | Erection of Double Garage | Nether Mains of Muchalls, Newtonhill. Awaiting decision by Planning Department.

7 – HOUSES ON THE MOOR

By the end of February, the timber frames for 33 houses had been erected with the foundations for a further 9 houses completed ready for the timber frames to be erected. Overall project completion is estimated at 25%-30% with first occupancy expected by the end of April and overall completion expected during the winter of 2022 subject to the rate of sales. The roadworks at the new junction at the end of Park Place is now open to traffic with full competition (road markings, etc) expected by 12th March. Landscaping around this area is expected to start in late March and the dog waste bin will be re-instated on 3rd March. Road access to the allotments will be open on 2nd March. The new sewer connection from the new estate to the existing sewer pipe on Cairnhill Drive has been completed and the landscaping to re-instate the affected land along the line of this new pipe will be undertaken by the end of April once the ground has stabilised and dried out. Work is underway at the new road connection on Cairnhill Way which is scheduled to be completed no later than week ending 12/03/21. It is expected that the pedestrian access between the Farm Road and Cairnhill Way will then be re-opened. The recent incidents reported on Facebook of construction traffic being parked on pavements at the end of Park Place has been discussed with Barratt who offer their apology and will be more vigilant in future.

8 – ROCKS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES

No update on progress.

9 – PHOENIX PROJECT (Isabella Initiative)

MR JONES has been invited to join to register for the Aberdeenshire Town Centre Toolkit Webinar on 3rd March 2021. The talk will give tips and hints on funding for local projects. The next step for

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the model would be to start to prepare the ground for the support that will fix the model in place. Might be advisable to wait for better weather, perhaps April. There are now five walks and details of historic and local interest are being added. Still progressing the "Newtonhillandbeyond" website.

10 – LOCALITY PLAN

The Locality Plan has been updated to include details of the Skateraw Hall.

11 –CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Zurich insurance has granted some halls an extra three months insurance free
- (2) Keeping You Safe and Warm during COVID 19
- (3) Community Development Webinar – 3rd March 2021 – Mr Flockhart has volunteered
- (4) Prohibition of Waiting on Skateraw Road – 1st March 2021, 9.30 to 15.30 for Scottish Water Works
- (5) Fairer Fares across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray
- (6) Talking Halls – Next meeting – Saturday 27th February 2021, 12 to 2pm.
- (7) KDP AGM - Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 7pm.
- (8) Change of date for Community council Forum from 24th February to 3rd March 2021.
- (9) Developing Aberdeenshire Equalities outcomes 2021-2025. Survey at <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/equalities-2021-2025> Survey open till 14th March 2021.
- (10) Phase 2 – review of the Aberdeenshire Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils
- (11) Scottish Water appeals for help tracing leaks and bursts in the North East – www.scottishwater.co.uk/report
- (12) Seeking your views on the possibility of introducing new Demand and Responsive Transport (DRT) Services in Aberdeenshire – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/> Survey open till 28th March 2021. You can also phone 01467 535333 or email public.transport@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
- (13) Aberdeenshire Council has requested details of membership of Community Council with a view to elections being held in June 2021

12 – AOCB

- (1) Future meetings will continue to be in the current email format for the time being.
- (2) Demolition of Newtonhill Signal Box
- (3) Meikle Carewe Wind Farm fund will open on the 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021.
- (4) This year's Skateraw Fair has been cancelled.
- (5) Aberdeenshire Council have requested comments on the Draft Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021 – MR MORGAN has responded.