

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of the 343rd meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held via email (due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19) during May 2021.

1 – MINUTE OF MEETING 342 (April 2021)

Accepted.

2– MATTERS ARISING

None

3 – POLICE REPORT for April has been received and forwarded to Community Councillors. Also published online. There has been a decrease in antisocial behaviour calls; 2 suspected deliberate fire raising in Newtonhill; an increase in assault crime files; 3 reported incidents of careless driving.

4 – AGM 2021

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on 16th June 2021.

Aberdeenshire Council has announced that nominations for membership of the Community Council are now open and will close on 26th May 2021. As there were fewer nominees than vacancies, no election was necessary.

5 – PLANNING

Aberdeenshire Council submitted the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 to the Scottish Government for approval on 12th March 2021. The case (LDP-110-3), of more than 5000 documents, is currently being checked before being registered to their database. There are objections, by developers, to Aberdeenshire Council's decision not to include bids for 120 more houses on the Moor and 50 houses in Muchalls. Community Council will submit their comments in due course.

6 – HOUSES on the MOOR

There are now 15 completed houses some of which are already occupied. 8 of these are the first phase of the Grampian Housing Association affordable houses to the west of the development. There are another 52 houses currently at various stages of outfitting with a further 3 house foundations completed ready for the erection of the timber frames. The Cairnhill Way access is now open for public access including the footpath which replaces the temporary path over the grass as far as the first of the GHA properties. However, it is not expected that this access to the development will link through to the Park Place access until the summer of 2022. The two security barriers in place across these access roads will progressively move towards the middle of the development as more houses are completed and occupied.

7 – ROCKS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES

No update.

8 – PHOENIX PROJECT (Isabella Initiative)

The sculpture was installed on Sunday 16th May 2021 at circa 4pm. The Press and Journal reporter was in attendance and photos of the event were on the front page and page 3 of Monday's edition. There was also a report on STV on Monday night. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 19th May to discuss the opportunity to shoot a short video. Could social media cover the same topics? A final report into the measures of success is needed to close out the project and a final report needs to be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council. The walks have still to be completed. Hopefully, there will be an official opening in July or August. Thanks to all involved.

9 – ROADS

Roads Service has confirmed that contractors are being called in to tackle major potholes in the Newtonhill and Portlethen area on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council's Roads Service. Residents are

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urged to report all potholes to Aberdeenshire Council on their road faults website at <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadfaults/>. According to a resident who contacted Aberdeenshire Council, potholes in Muchalls should be repaired by the Autumn.

MR MORGAN has again asked Aberdeenshire Council for an update on plans to fix the road slip on Murray Road. Response received from Emma Storey stating this is a major repair and at the moment there are no funds to cover this. The temporary safety barriers will remain in place for the time being.

10 – TENNIS COURTS

Sometime around 2012, the Community Council arranged for the perimeter netting to be repaired, one of the gates to be closed off, the whole playing surface replaced, and tennis, basketball & netball nets and posts replaced. The project was overseen by Aberdeenshire Council (AC). In February of this year, MR MORGAN contacted them about some of the problems with the fencing and about killing the moss on the playing surface (AC had said previously that they would do it annually). There are quite a few other problems that now need to be addressed.

11 - CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Email from Cllr Pike re possible changes to waste collections.
- (2) Trading Standards - Shut Out Scammers Campaign
- (3) Local Place Plans Consultation – <https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/local-place-plan-regulations/>
- (4) Change of date for Community Council Forum – 17th June 2021, 7pm. Any topics for discussion are now welcome.
- (5) Draft National Planning Framework 4 – Housing Land requirement Consultation. This consultation is about the quantity of land that Local Authorities need to make available for house building through the Local Development Plan. The present LDP, which is currently with the Scottish Government, should last for the next five years. In order to preserve Green Belt areas could derelict Brown Field sites be used for house building. Responses to the Scottish Government by Friday 4th June 2021. NPF4housingland@gov.scot
- (6) Community Impact Assessment – Ward 17 Forum, Monday 31st May 2021, 7pm via Skype – volunteers needed.
- (7) Queen’s Green Canopy – Are there any suitable locations in our area for the planning of trees? Aberdeen Endowment’s Trust land at Muchalls, down the road into Muchalls, land round new Barratts new development? NEAT is considering applying for Newtonhill. At the moment no details of which type of trees will be supplied.
- (8) The next Talking Halls Event will be via Zoom at 2pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021.

12 – AOCB

- (1) Hopefully, by the end of May more advice on re-opening halls and holding public meetings will be issued. Once we have this, we could issue a notice - at the end of May - informing people of how the June meeting (the AGM) will be held - whether this is in public or via Zoom.
- (2) NESS Energy Project Community Engagement. ACCIONA has offered practical support for projects. Are there any projects where we can make use of their offer?
- (3) Chapelton/Newtonhill Park and Choose – Approval has now been received from Chapelton to proceed with bus shelter lighting and RTP1 e-paper solar pole solutions.
- (4) Sometime in the future new shops are to open in Chapelton. However, in the meantime, a barber, a deli and a greengrocer will open in ‘portacabins’.
- (5) Aberdeenshire Council are looking at carrying out repairs to the paths leading from Newtonhill Beach to the Braehead, Newtonhill north to Elsie Mill and the path between

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Muchalls and Newtonhill. The possibility of repairing the path to the top of the cliffs at Muchalls is also being investigated by Aberdeenshire Council.

- (6) Just for info – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2021 – Award finalists. COVID 19 Response award the Larder Portlethen (Portlethen); Inspiring Aberdeenshire Lifetime Achievement award – Jim Malcolm (Stonehaven) who sculpted the Isabella.