

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 344<sup>th</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held via email (due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19) during June 2021.

### 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIR and PLANNING OFFICER                      Mr Morgan (Mr Flockhart, Miss Daniels)

VICE-CHAIR    Miss Daniels (Mr Flockhart, Mr Jones)

Mrs Stephen continues as Secretary and Mr Ewing continues as Treasurer.

### 2 – MINUTE OF MEETING 343 (May 2021)

Accepted.

### 3 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(11.7) Queen's Green Canopy – No update on where to plant trees or what type of trees will be available.

(2)(12.2) NESS Energy Project Community Engagement – No suggestions of any projects where we can make use of their help.

4 – POLICE REPORT for May has been received and forwarded to Community Councillors. Decrease in the number of anti-social calls with 47 reported incidents; 2 incidents of suspected wilful fire raising still under investigation; increase in assaults; 21 thefts; one drink driving; 3 dangerous driving; 4 careless driving.

### 5 – PLANNING

An update has been received regarding progress of the Local Development Plan through examination by Scottish Ministers. Documents are now available on the DPEA website at <https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?ID=121481>. There are objections to Aberdeenshire Council's decision to not include bids for 120 more houses on the moor (issue 044, PP1276 Polmuir Properties (Newtonhill) Limited) and 50 houses in Muchalls (issue 047, PP1250 Gladman Developments Ltd).

The Reporters have been appointed and we will need to write to them about these and potentially, other issues.

### 6 – HOUSES ON THE MOOR

Nothing to report.

### 7 – ROCKS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES

A report from a dry stone Dyker indicates the stones offered by Barratts are not suitable. Perhaps some could be acquired from at site at Maryculter. Still no fixed price but could be approx. £1,000 per stone depending on design for stonework and granite nameplate. A dyke would link in to Chapelton. Robertson's Granite cost would depend on size of design but £625 for text size 120mm has been suggested. The quality of any local stone is not suitable for engraving and mounting metal signage would be expensive. Originally suggested that West Cammachmore has two signs. Are two stones needed and should East Cammachmore also be sign posted?

### 8 – PHOENIX PROJECT (Isabella Initiative)

The sculpture was placed at the Braehead on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The steering group declined the opportunity to produce a video of the model and local businesses due mainly as to how this would be used going forward. The limited budget was also a concern as the group are hoping to hold an open day in the not-too-distant future with stalls and promotion of the five walks currently being produced with help from the Aberdeenshire cartographer.

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### 9 – ROADS

Cllr. Mollison has reported that Old Mill Road is to be resurfaced with asphalt, at an estimated cost of £22,500.

MR MORGAN is in contact with a local resident who is in contact with Road Services regarding the road slip on Murray Road.

### 10 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Aberdeenshire Council's Planning Partnership – Funding opportunities for communities.
- (2) NESTRANS update
- (3) Aberdeenshire Peer Support – [MichaelTaylor@turningpointscotland.com](mailto:MichaelTaylor@turningpointscotland.com)
- (4) Doors Open Days 2021 – Save the Date – will be held virtually 18/19 September 2021
- (5) COVID 19 update information.
- (6) Aberdeenshire – Young Persons' Enterprise Programme – The Enterprise Booster comprises six online workshops and an online course for young people interested in starting their own business or becoming self-employed – Will run from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 22 September 2021.
- (7) Stonehaven Vaccination Centre is moving to the Town Hall as from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- (8) Views sought on the impact of coronavirus on Aberdeenshire communities – Survey open till 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/cia>
- (9) Community Council Forum Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Mr Morgan and Mr Flockhart took part. There was a long discussion on Community Planning. Also, the Area Committee is looking for applications to the Area Committee Budget which can be used to top up other funding. Roads Services have engaged a contractor to repair potholes in Ward 18 (Stonehaven). They anticipate having a contract in place for Ward 17 (North Kincardine – including Portlethen and our area) sometime in the next couple of months. Mr Flockhart queried the fact that the road surface outside TESCO had still not been upgraded. When will this happen? Hopefully in the future we will be kept more up to date with what is happening re road repairs.
- (10) Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils – Phase 3. Review nearly at an end with the next round of consultation now open until the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Will go to the Full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.
- (11) Aberdeenshire Council's proposed Equality Outcomes - Formal consultation and how to take part – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/equalities-2021-2025>
- (12) Community Impact Assessment – [https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/community-impact-assessment-2021?tool=survey\\_tool](https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/community-impact-assessment-2021?tool=survey_tool)

### 11 – AOCB

- (1) NESTRANS (Community Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme) – There is a new grant scheme for community projects of up to £10,000. Underpass from Newtonhill to Cammachmore/ access to Newtonhill beach/cliff path at Muchalls? (1) Mr Chew is prepared to help take an application for funding for a feasibility
- (2) study for the underpass forward. Might need to know if planning permission is needed also written permission from land owners and possible costs. (2) Path at Muchalls – Aberdeenshire Council are now involved but it would appear to be more complicated than at first thought. (3) Path to Newtonhill beach – Is planning permission needed? Is there a liability issue?
- (3) There are now 4 wind turbines situated off Newtonhill
- (4) There is a proposal to close Portlethen Police Office

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- (5) Email from Mr Morgan re Developer Obligations. – Area in question is the area covered by the catchment area for Portlethen Academy. Newtonhill and Muchalls are lumped in with Portlethen and it would appear most of the sports funding would go to Portlethen. Further investigation will have to be done!

There is no meeting in July. Have a nice break and hopefully we may be able to meet face to face in August!