

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 365th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

PRESENT - Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan, Gillian Davidson, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Ewing, Councillor Sullivan and one member of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed all present.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Jones. Mr Cruickshank, Mr Connolly, Councillors Burnett and Victor.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Response to email from Mr Flockhart. Key codes could be added to data eg O ongoing, D detected, U undetected. Seasonal updates would be time consuming. A request could be made for information but could prove to be quite difficult. Bus shelter info has been passed to the school but it is not PC Charnley's job to report back to CC.

Written reports submitted for June and July. –

JUNE – Youth Disorder 9; Anti-Social 20; Thefts 3; Shoplifting 1; Theft of Motor Vehicle 0; Drink/ Drug Driving 2; Dangerous Driving 0; Careless Driving 1

JULY – Youth Disorder 14; Anti-Social 13; Thefts 1; Shoplifting 3; Theft of Motor Vehicles 1; Drink/Drug Driving 3; Dangerous Driving 2; Careless Driving 3.

3 – MINUTE 364 – Accepted

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) Coastal Communities Fund – Has Mr Jones completed forms? Aberdeenshire Council needs the telescope to be in place before a report is submitted. Part of the report needs to include a copy of the final invoice and a photo of the telescope before the report is submitted. Cheque for payment has been signed.

(2)(7)A92 Muchalls wall – AMEY still trying to ascertain ownership

(3)(10) Defib – Can defibs be kept cosy by using batteries? Defibs don't need a 240V plug-in supply such as those used on golf courses.

(4)(12.2) Mr Morgan attended a public meeting in Stonehaven Town Hall on 28th June 2023 to discuss proposed bus timetable changes. It would appear changes would lead to a poorer service. Mr Morgan has responded on Community Council's behalf. Changes will be implemented as from 21st August 2023. Mr Morgan has written to Stagecoach Scotland and the Traffic Commissioner affirming we are not happy with the changes but so far no response.

(5)(12.13) SSEN What should be in emergency packs – hand warmers, wind up torch, stand-alone lights, flask, long matches? Would the pharmacy be prepared to store emergency packs? Mr Flockhart has submitted an application on our behalf for £5,000.

(6)(13.1) Any progress on the overgrowing bushes at St Ternan's? Mr Flockhart has contacted the Roads Department on several occasions but so far no action

Mr Flockhart to make enquiries re what is happening with repairs to the Bridge at Burn of Elsick which has been closed for quite some time.

(7)(13.2) Any further update on dropped kerbs? No further information although lack of funding could pose a problem.

(8)(13.6) Has the scaffolding at Newtonhill Church been removed? The scaffolding has been removed but now the query has arisen as to where it is. Contact Andy Ward/NVA.

(9)(13.9 and 13.10) Alternating venue and are we happy to keep start time to 7.30? Agreed to stay with 7.30pm start and still unsure about alternating venues.

5 – PLANNING (1) Retrospective planning permission has been granted for fence at Marine Terrace, Muchalls, (2) Felling of 17 trees at Muchalls – needs to be done on grounds of safety, (3) Barratts have once again erected an advertising sign at the top of Newtonhill Road without planning permission. Both Aberdeenshire Council and Barratts have been contacted but no response, (4) LDP Evidence Reports have started. 34 need done by October – 5 have been completed so far.

6 – ROADS and POTHOLES – Lomonds – Amey to discuss with Transport Scotland re ownership Flooding on the A92 – Mr Flockhart contacted Amey re recent flooding on the A92 at Muchalls. The gulleys will be checked ASAP. ISU reported there are some issues with the gulleys – some fully blocked and broken covers. Further investigation of drainage will be carried out to see what is needed. Still investigating water running on to the road from private landowners. Work should start on 14th August 2023 cleaning out gullies. Complaints re height of weeds at side of road and growing in drains.

7 – UNDERPASS – Any update? Nothing to report.

8 – VILLAGE STONES – Now paid in full. Several residents would like one for West Cammachmore. Include in the NEWSEY survey whether Muchalls and Cammachmore want similar.

9 – BINOCULARS/TELESCOPE - £6,500 no VAT. Order has been placed with Southern Telescopes for a Heritage wheelchair accessible telescope. Should be ready in approx. 6 weeks.

Walking maps have now been received but those who have seen them are not impressed. There is a lack of information on local businesses which appeared to be the purpose of the Phoenix Fund. Maps will be delivered with the NEWSEY. Will also be online

10 – CHAPELTON BUS - Confirmed the school bus has been withdrawn.

11 – RE-STATEMENT of RAILWAY STATION at NEWTONHILL - Mr Jones contacted Liam Kerr with several issues – parking, disabled access, fewer buses. Mr Kerr's information comes from a NESTRANS survey carried out a few years ago. Mr Kerr is now Scottish Conservative Education Letters are being sent on Mr Kerr's behalf to residents asking for support for the opening of a new station at Newtonhill.

According to a report in the Mearns Leader Mr Kerr has had 1000 responses.

12 – POSTING on FACEBOOK – Mr Morgan and Miss Daniels are the official posters for Community Council. There are currently 12 people who have access to posting and this usually works well. However, inappropriate articles regarding train survey have recently been posted. We need to monitor what is posted.

We will continue to monitor the situation but could we issue disclaimers stating despite the fact we have posted certain issues it does not mean we do or do not support.

13 – FINANCE REPORT – Community Council £1,335.65. Community Council Grant £815 on its way. Stones £2,900 left, ie £1,145 each for Muchalls and Cammachmore.

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

1 – Community Resilience Course, 2nd October 2023 – Anyone want to go?

2 – KDP annual report 2022/2023

3 – Piers Blaxter – Aberdeenshire Council LDP Consultation by Scottish Government on Engagement of LDPs.

4 – Notification of July – September road works

5 – Let's get together – 12th September 2023 webinar.

6 – Annual Canvass – Aberdeenshire Council is looking to expand its pool of canvassers to assist ensure the electoral role is up to date.

7 – Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund - grants for eco-friendly projects. -

8 – Tackling Poverty 25th July 2023. New ways of working or trying to address poverty and inequality in Aberdeenshire.

9 – Development Proposals – Cairnrobbin – Public consultation event, 15th July 2023

10 – Aberdeenshire Council Public Access Defibs – Consultation Report.

11 – Trax meeting 10th July 2023

12 – Consultation on Aberdeenshire Council's Common Good Policy and Creation of Common Good Asset Register – Common Good/engageAberdeenshire

13 – Aberdeenshire Licensing Board Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy – Responses by 1st September 2023

14 – Response re Montrose Railway Station.

15 – Reminder SSEN Community Benefit Fund

16 – Digital Engagement newsletter.

17 – KDP bulletin focussing on volunteering.

18 – Muir Mhor Offshore Wind farm

19 – My Aberdeenshire Mobile APP

20 – Kincardine and Mearns Sway Quarterly Bulletin

21 – Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2024.

22 – Query from Zurich – Is Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council responsible for the upkeep of any outdoor community play equipment?

23 – Amey July newsletter

24 – Chapelton News

25 – Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path update.

26 – Further info on development at Cairnrobin.

27 – Bus service revisions.

28 – 25th Anniversary Surf Awards for the best practice in community regeneration.

29 – Application round open – Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2023-2024.
Closing date 4th September 2024. Monies to be spent by 28th February 2024.

30 – The Community Council Forum will be held on 6th September 2024. Anyone want to attend?
Any suggestions for the agenda?

31 – Aberdeenshire Council has received the necessary information for Community Council Grant.

32 – Induction Training – Evening of 28th September 2023.

33 – CC Networking Event Saturday 4th November 2023, Woodhill House.

34 – Aberdeenshire Council's Digital Engagement newsletter.

35 – Aberdeenshire Council's Local Development Plan 2028 – Topic Paper – Soil.

15 – AOCB

1 – Proposal by Scottish Government to increase Council Tax for those in Band E and above. Band E £139 (7.5%), Band F £285(12.5%), Band G £485 (17.5%), Band H £781 (22.5%). –

www.gov.scot/publicatioins/consultation-fairer-council-tax

2 – Just Transition Participatory Budgeting and Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund – Solar panels for the Bettridge Centre? Path to Muchalls Beach? Underpass to Cammachmore? Not much time between submission of application and date works need to be completed.

3 – Vandalism in Newtonhill – There has been considerable damage done to a garden in Newtonhill. Hopefully, this has been reported to Police.

4 – Miss Samarakoon now has the keys to West Cammachmore noticeboard. She has also set up a small library at Cammies. All welcome to make use of it.

5 – A local was attacked by two dogs in St Ternan's Road.

6 – Councillor Sullivan is still working on power connection to lamp posts for Christmas lights in Newtonhill.

Next meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th September 2023

Meeting finished at 8.22pm.