

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Briefing Note, July 2020

During the period of lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Council continues to function, but cannot hold any public meetings. The AGM has been postponed from June until October 2020. This Briefing Note outlines some of the work that the Community Council has been involved in.

There is a huge amount of advice for people concerned about COVID-19. If you need help or information, then contact the **Grampian COVID 19 Assistance Hub** www.gcah.org.uk. Tel: **0808 196 3384**

Also, Aberdeen Foyer's FIRST CONTACT service will be there for you. They can help you with immediate support and guidance through these difficult times. Tel: **07848 022834 (Agnes) or 07971 730620 (Cath)** or email: firstcontact@aberdeenfoyer.com

1 – PHOENIX FUND – Newtonhill is eligible for a one-off grant from Aberdeenshire Council to help the region's town centres bounce back from the economic impact of the lockdown. Projects must be business-led collaborations which are able to demonstrate widespread support and commitment and will be able to run for up to 12 months after starting. The Community Council has agreed that the Skateraw Hall Committee coordinate the application from Newtonhill.

2 – PLANNING

- (1) 2020/0545 Application for a Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the moor. The Community Council submitted an objection to the planning application. Now awaiting determination.
- (2) 2020/0945 Second application (first was withdrawn) for Signage to the Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the moor. The Community Council made a detailed submission objecting to the planning application. Now awaiting determination.
- (3) 2019/2797 Change of use of land to garden ground and erection of boundary enclosure at 3 Marine View, Muchalls. Referred to the Local Review Body, but the appeal has been withdrawn.
- (4) 2020/1159 Renewal of permission for two hoarding signs for Chapelton – approved.

3 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Work has now resumed on the development following the lifting of restrictions introduced by the Government. The Community Council continues to be in contact with the Planning Department regarding dust pollution from the site. We have requested that enforcement officers monitor the situation once work resumes. Any breach of planning conditions should be reported to the enforcement officers <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement/>

4 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Proposed Local Development Plan 2021 has been published on the Aberdeenshire Council website <https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/pldp-2020/>. Consultation on this plan has been extended until 31st July 2020. The Community Council will be submitting a response.

5 – GREEN SPACES – We responded to Aberdeenshire Council's Greenspace request for the public to tell them about any grassy areas that could be left to grow wildflowers. We told them that opinion is divided between manicured and managed, but it was made very clear that unmanaged is not acceptable.

6 – RECYCLING and SEASONAL GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – Recycling centres have reopened, but prior booking is required. The garden waste collection at the Bettridge Centre has resumed – no need to book.



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everybody who is working hard, during these difficult and dangerous times, to keep our community safe.



By Quentin Blake