

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 320<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Peaker, Mr Flockhart, Mr Ewing, Councillors Evison and Mollison and 10 members of the public.

Mr Morgan welcome all present and circulated a thank you card from Mr Hargreaves.

1 – APOLOGIES – Ms Ironside and Mrs Usher.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report submitted. Reports have improved and will now be issued monthly.

3 – MINUTE of 319<sup>th</sup> MEETING – Accepted

### 4 – MATTERS ARISING

- (1) Newtonhill Playpark – Proposals to improve the playpark started approx. 2 years ago. Fund raising has been on-going and Developer Obligations were promised to go towards the project. However, these were later switched to the new pitch at Hillside. Aberdeenshire Council has applied for funding for extra equipment in the park, but this has caused a delay. There has been a change in the tendering process but hopefully work will re-commence in September. There is a possibility that Developer Obligations may be returned in October. The missing netball post has been reported to Barry McGillivray and once this has been fixed MR MORGAN will see to fixing netball nets. The surface of the tennis courts needs to be checked out to see what can be done to get it back to a decent state.
- (2) A90 and underpass – Ms Ironside has done a lot of work over the last few weeks. A sub-committee needs to be set up. Richard Elliott, Outdoor Access Officer, will help with grant applications. Land owners can receive grants for footpaths. An approach is to be made to Chapelton.
- (3) Steps at Braehead – Aberdeenshire Council will check out the steps. Mr Peaker feels a maintenance programme is needed to prevent erosion to the steps.
- (4) AWPR update - Mr Flockhart reported on the most recent update meeting. Three people turned up to the meeting. Work is progressing quickly and sections will open as and when completed. The Don crossing is the main reason for any delays. There are no plans for speed cameras to be installed. September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 are to be open days.
- (5) Summer Garden Waste Collection – Newtonhill collection is under threat. What can be done to prove the collection is needed? Residents need to make their views known during the upcoming consultation. Argument is that Newtonhill is too close to both Badentoy and Stonehaven recycling centres.

### 5 – PLANNING –

- (1) Garage at Silver Birch, Cammachmore – Application for a ‘huge’ garage in the Green Belt, totally out of keeping with the houses in the area,
- (2) Cammies – Application to demolish and build 5 houses some of which will be on Green Belt land. No submission made by Community Council,
- (3) Proposal to site monopole at the Bettridge Centre. This will bring no benefits to the Bettridge Centre. The Bowling Club are submitting an objection (noisy, will disturb the line of sight for bowlers). The mast will be sited outwith 900 metres from a school. However, children attend the Out of School Club at the Bettridge Centre. Are they at risk? The mast will be sited on protected land. It is reported that it will also be noisy,
- (4) Houses on the Moor – Another 38 documents have been submitted by Barratts. There was a lengthy discussion re this proposal. Concerns were raised the core path could be closed during construction which could last for some considerable time. Application may come before the Planning committee in September. Individuals and Community Council reps should have a right to speak. Several queries arose – will affordable housing be built first, Developers Contributions, did Aberdeenshire Council follow proper procedure when deciding to sell off land? MR MORGAN to contact each individual Councillor on Community Council’s behalf. However, individual responses are also needed, (5) There is to be a 20m high mast by the side of the A90 at Portlethen advertising the new McDonald’s.

### 6 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Jacqueline Hawkes – Celebrating Armed Forces Day, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- (2) Plantscape – Winter planting and solar lights.
- (3) Meeting the Fairer Scotland Duty – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, Edinburgh.
- (4) Effective Data Visualisation – August 2018, Central Edinburgh
- (5) Creative Play – The Outdoor Play Experts – Keep your community active this summer
- (6) Earth Anchors – 5 year guaranteed noticeboards
- (7) Safe Homes for Scotland’s Gypsy Traveller Communities – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, Edinburgh
- (8) Improving Digital Participation and Inclusion in Scotland – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018
- (9) Women in Local Government – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Central Manchester
- (10) KDP weekly bulletins

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- (11) Jess@creativeplay – Community Playground Inspiration
- (12) Broxap litter and recycling bins
- (13) Neighbourhood Planning – Policy and Practice – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018, London.
- (14) Food Education in School and Beyond – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, Edinburgh
- (15) Key Issues for Delivering Low Emission Zones in Scotland – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, Edinburgh.
- (16) Wicksteed – a 100 years of play
- (17) Deadline for contributions to St Cyrus newsletter August/September 2018 is 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- (18) Effective Data Protection Impact Assessments – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Edinburgh.
- (19) Complying with Data Protection Access Requests – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Central London.
- (20) Earth Anchors – Cost effective litter solutions
- (21) Update on Scottish Water “use water wisely campaign”
- (22) Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Briefing Note July 2018
- (23) Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Group – Notes on Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- (24) Delivering Low Emission Zones in Scotland – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, Edinburgh.
- (25) Food Education in School and Beyond – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, Edinburgh
- (26) Meeting the Fairer Scotland Duty – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, Edinburgh
- (27) Improving Digital Participation and Inclusion in Scotland – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018, Edinburgh
- (28) Diane Strachan – Briefing on water scarcity.
- (29) Proposed Environmental Interest Group – No further information.
- (30) A Nation’s Tribute – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- (31) Scottish Health Council – Newsletter information.
- (32) Scottish Health Council – It’s Good to Share
- (33) Supporting Communities Event – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Woodhill House.
- (34) Note of Community Council Forum Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.//
- (35) Holyrood’s Community Regeneration – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018, Edinburgh.
- (36) Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Fund now open
- (37) HAGS – The ultimate play list.
- (38) Improving Digital Participation and Inclusion in Scotland – 23 August 2018, Edinburgh
- (39) Effective Data Protection Impact Assessments – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Edinburgh
- (40) Quick Thinking –
- (41) Safe Homes for Scotland’s Gypsy Travellers in Planning – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, Edinburgh
- (42) New Enforcement Section on Aberdeenshire Council’s website  
– <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/> - Report a Breach to Planning Enforcement.
- (43) Neighbourhood Planning: Policy and Practice – London, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- (44) New Community Council Handbook available
- (45) Community Learning Exchange – <http://www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk/community-learning-exchange>
- (46) High Street Awards – <https://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/> - raise awareness of Aberdeenshire towns
- (47) First World War Commemorations – what is being organised in our area? Newtonhill Village Association is planning something.
- (48) Food Education in School and Beyond – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, Edinburgh.
- (49) Cyber Security Summit – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- (50) Driving Forward Change: Next Steps for Community-led Regeneration – Edinburgh, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.
- (51) Scottish Water – Tell us what you think. You may be contacted by Turquoise Thinking for a 15 minute interview to discuss the future of Scottish Water.
- (52) Proposed Environmental Interest Group – It has been suggested a group be set up to discuss various environmental issues. Initial meeting could take place in September.

7 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – Mr Hargreaves has delivered letters to Cammachmore residents asking for new members for Cammachmore. Still one vacancy for Muchalls and two for Newtonhill.

### 8 – AOCB –

- (1) Change of signatories for Community Council bank account. Councillor Mollison and Eric Hargreaves to be replaced by Mr Morgan and Mr Ewing. Mrs Stephen to remain as signatory. Letter has been sent to the bank.
- (2) Homebase, Portlethen, is to close. Can anything be done to keep it open? Is there any fund for retraining employees? MR MORGAN is to write to Economic Development and Portlethen Community Council.
- (3) Safer route to School – A walking bus uses St Crispin’s Road. Roads Department to be contacted re trimming back bushes which are causing problems.
- (4) Community Arts Exhibition to be held at Chapelton from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 depicting scenes of nature on the moor where Barratts are proposing to build houses.
- (5) Mr Peaker has received 5 gallons of glyphosate (very successful in the destruction of Japanese Knotweed} from NERB.
- (6) Police Scotland is to monitor parking at Newtonhill School
- (7) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the Stagecoach X7 was missing in the afternoon.

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(8) The path either side of St Anne's Wynd is still blocked by overhanging bushes. Street lights are also being covered by overgrowing greenery. The Roads Department needs to be informed.

(9) The potholes at the top of Newtonhill Road where it joins the A90 have been fixed. Remedial work needs to be carried out at the Park and Choose.

(10) Lots of remedial work needs to be carried out on the back roads before the winter sets in.

(11) Mental Health Strategy – Stonehaven Community Centre, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 2pm.

(12) Aberdeenshire Council are considering replacing grassy spaces which need cut with wild flower meadows.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Apologies from Mr Flockhart.

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2 – MINUTE of 320<sup>th</sup> MEETING

3 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark

4 – POLICE REPORT

5 – PLANNING

6 – UNDERPASS link to CAMMACHMORE

7 – HOUSES on the MOOR

8 – ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL WASTE STRATEGY

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10 – CORRESPONDENCE

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