

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 326<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mrs Usher, Mr Peaker, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Flockhart, Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Councillors Mollison and Pike, PC Camus, Elma Wylie, Neil Clapperton (Chief Executive, Grampian Housing Association) and 4 members of the public.

Mr Morgan welcomed all present.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Chew and Councillor Evison.

2 – MINUTE of 325<sup>th</sup> MEETING – Accepted.

3 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark – Hopefully there will be a meeting with Iain Thomson (Aberdeenshire Council) sometime this week. 3 quotes have been received. Moss on the tennis court has been treated but may need redone.

(2)(4.2) Halls Event – It was a very informal afternoon tea. Attendees discussed the problems they have running halls. Hopefully representatives from Aberdeenshire Council will come back with some answers.

(3)(4.3) Renewable Energy Project – Newtonhill. Mr Morgan was scheduled to meet with Matt Looker from ABEI Energy. Unfortunately, Mr Looker did not appear.

(4)(4.4) Community Council Forum - Mostly dealt with waste and recycling. We will be contacted by someone from Waste re attending a future Community Council meeting. Bubble wrap can be recycled at TESCO. Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray are to join forces to build an Energy from Waste plant at Tullos to be hopefully up and running by 2021. Rubbish that can't be recycled will be burnt and provide heating for premises in the Balnagask area and also electricity for the National Grid.

(5)(4.5) Speed Sensor – Mr Morgan has contacted Ewan Smith of the Roads Department but so far no response.

4 – SKATERAW HALL – Elma Wylie, a member of the Skateraw Hall committee, gave an update on the Hall. The Hall was built in 1889/1890 as a Reading Room for the residents of Skateraw. Over the years, ownership has changed and it is now owned by the Skateraw Development Company. The floor was recently replaced but problems have now arisen and it could be that the floor might have to be completely replaced. This will be a very expensive process. As the committee do not own the Hall and do not have a lease, it is well nigh impossible applying grants. The committee are now hoping to purchase the Hall although previous offers to buy have failed. Surveys are now being carried out.

It was suggested that the Hall Committee in the meantime apply to Aberdeenshire Council for a top-up grant.

5 – POLICE REPORT – PC Camus arrived. There has been a decrease in anti-social crime, assaults were up by 2. There have been several incidents outside licenced premises. Thefts are down and there have been the usual traffic related incidents. Numerous speed checks have been carried out at several local schools.

Parking outside Newtonhill School – Drivers need to be educated. Talks could be held at assemblies but this is very time consuming. Hopefully it won't be too long before banners are ready. Speeds also need to be checked.

6 - PROPOSAL to CREATE a COMMUNITY ORCHARD at MUCHALLS – Neil Clapperton, Chief Executive of Grampian Housing Association, outlined proposals to create a new social enterprise to help support community fruit growing and address the issue of unwanted or surplus fruit. The proposal is at a very early stage. Land in Muchalls could possibly be rented from Aberdeen Endowments Trust but what would be the length of lease (field in front of Stranathro Terrace stretching down towards the pumping station). Points to be considered – need for shelter esp from sea winds, specialist apple trees, how long before fruit begins to appear, damage which could be caused by deer. Would it be better to consider Maryculter Woodland Trust or try and find a derelict walled garden?

7 – PLANNING – Update –(a) Application for planning permission for house next to Muchalls Village Hall will come before the Local Review Board on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and (b) Houses on the Moor – target date is now 10 June 2019. Thanks to Miss Daniels for her work on the NESBRc report.

8 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Responses have to be in by the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Community Council response ready to be submitted.

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9 – LOCALITIES PLAN – (Community Action Plan) has gone out for public consultation. The deadline for comments is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Comments can be made via facebook, web or handed in to TESCO, Newtonhill Library or Newtonhill Pharmacy.

Mr Morgan attended a Community Planning meeting where Live Life was discussed. Libraries are to be made more available to the public. However, there are problems with Newtonhill Library – the ramp is slippery and the roof leaks. Could Developer Obligations be used to upgrade the library? The library needs to be used more.

10 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE – No progress. Another drawing is needed showing the path to the A92. Paths for All to be consulted.

The Causeymouth from Chapelton to St Ternan's Church is very muddy but as this is a Right of Way and not a Core Path there is no need for the Council to carry out repairs.

11- PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL – Mr Flockhart reported on a meeting held with FoN on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. Try to reduce number of cars by encouraging walking to school. It was suggested footprints could be painted on pavements to indicate a safe walking route to school. 39 drivers have been spoken to regarding parking outside the school.

Could the 20mph sign at St Crispin's Road be relocated?

12 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – No volunteers.

### 13 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Plantscape – Blooms all summer long
- (2) Effective Data Protection Impact Assessments – Edinburgh, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019
- (3) Tackling Food Poverty in Scotland – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, Edinburgh.
- (4) Seeking initial information about requirement for election.
- (5) Update on Community Council Insurance.
- (6) KDP feasibility Study – forwarded to Mr Morgan
- (7) Message from Scottish Water – Tell us what you think – Phone survey
- (8) NHS Grampian – Annual Review 2019 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 2 – 3pm, Curl Aberdeen.
- (9) KDP weekly updates
- (10) Police Scotland – Shaping our Delivery 2019-2022 – Survey forwarded to Mr Morgan.
- (11) Earth Anchors Ltd – all steel outdoor furniture.
- (12) AVA March newsletter
- (13) KDP Community Cash Event – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Sherriff Court Building, Stonehaven
- (14) Local Governance Review – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Edinburgh.
- (15) Community Participation Request – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Forwarded to Mr Morgan.
- (16) Improving Health in Urban Communities – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, London.
- (17) Community-led Regeneration in Practice – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Inverness.
- (18) Climate Change in Scotland – Meeting Emissions Reduction Targets – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Edinburgh.
- (19) Effective Data Protection Impact Assessments – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Edinburgh.
- (20) Creating Vibrant Communities through Effective Partnerships – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, Edinburgh.
- (21) Noticeboards online – Wooden lecterns
- (22) Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Information Bulletin – February 2019.
- (23) FROG – Scotland's new community platform.
- (24) Would anyone like to be a member of Aberdeenshire Local Access Forum?
- (25) Animal Health and Welfare Act Amendment Consultation – <https://consult.gov.scot/animal-welfare/animal-health-welfare-act-amendment-2019/>
- (26) Chapelton news Spring 2019
- (27) Local Governance Reform – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Edinburgh.
- (28) Grow Your Group – Budgeting and Finance Workshop due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 has been postponed.
- (29) VOICE is a free tool which anyone can access and use to help them plan, carry out and review community engagement activities.
- (30) Doors Open Days 2019 call for properties. Does anyone know of any properties within our CC area that would like to be involved in 2019 Doors Open Day?
- (31) Understanding the Role of a Data Protection Officer – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, London.
- (32) Participatory Budgeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Edinburgh.
- (33) Plantscape bringing life to outdoor spaces.
- (34) KDP Community Cash Event – Laurencekirk, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

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- (35) Community Council insurance is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Documents have been checked. Aberdeenshire Council will pay Zurich directly and deduct from Community Council grant.
- (36) AGM – AGM will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. 4 vacancies for Newtonhill, one for Muchalls and 2 for Cammachmore. Mr Morgan and Mr Peaker due to stand down but eligible for re-election. Polling stations need to be provisionally booked in case election is needed – week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, 5 – 9pm (voting 6 – 8pm). Once nomination forms are ready, they can be obtained from the Area Office, Michael Morgan, Edith Stephen or by email.

### 14 – AOCB

- (1) All Community Councils have a seat on KDP. At the moment Mr Morgan is our representative but. would like to step down. No volunteers so far.
- (2) Surveying at Muchalls – Concerns were raised re surveying being carried out at Muchalls esp in the field where a bid for the building of 50 houses has been submitted. Various reasons have been given – flood prevention, tree planting and house building. It was pointed out that at the public meeting held in Portlethen regarding the new Main Issues Report no maps of Muchalls were on show. It was recommended that individual residents register their views.
- (3) The Community Council has £707 in the bank.
- (4) When will the hedge be planted at Park Place where the wall was removed? Hopefully sooner rather than later.
- (5) There is debris on the central reservation after an incident at Newtonhill. Barriers have been repaired but debris still there. Road repairs are dealt with by Transport Scotland, whereas debris is the responsibility of the Local Authority and due to Health and Safety this can be an expensive business. Mr Flockhart to contact Police Scotland. (Update – Mr Flockhart has contacted Police Scotland who have reported back the debris will be removed soon).
- (6) There are timetable changes to the 757 bus to Aberdeen Airport. There seems to be a lack of passengers. Need to use it or lose it.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm.

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The 327<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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