

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute 328th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th May 2019.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mr Peaker, Mr Chew, Mr Ewing, Mr Flockhart, Mr Cruickshank, Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Councillors Evison, Mollison and Pike, PC Camus plus a policewoman and 3 members of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mrs Usher.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report submitted. There have been 20 thefts, mostly shop lifting. There has been a slight decrease in anti-social behaviour, assaults are down.

Parking at Newtonhill School – Community Council has donated £50 to Friends of Newtonhill School (FoN) to help purchase a banner. However, PC Camus thinks payment may not be necessary, in which case FoN will be allowed to keep the money as a donation to their funds. Emma Storey is to liaise with schools re banners. There needs to be uniformity of size and message. Perhaps school children could design the banner with a prize going to the best design. We will let FoN follow this up.

Comments were made re speed limits heading to the Charleston junction on the AWPR. There needs to be better signage. MR MORGAN is to write to Barry Beattie, Managing Agent, at Craibstone to register our concerns.

3 – MINUTE of 327th MEETING – Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark - £25,000 is to come from Aberdeenshire Council. There should also be £26,000 from Developer Obligations. However, due to Aberdeenshire Council dragging their heels, problems have arisen with the Developer Obligations and Newtonhill has lost £12,000 due to the time for using it having expired. Part of the delay was due to the whole amount being transferred to Portlethen for upgrading football pitches; it was later returned to Newtonhill. Barratts (the developer involved) has offered to donate the £12,000 to the playpark. Money would have to be given to either NVA or Community Council, then forwarded to the Council. Mr Flockhart felt we should not accept the money. However, after a long discussion most members felt that to refuse the money would deprive the children of badly needed play equipment. It must be stressed this money is Developer Obligations for a previous development at Cairnhill and has nothing to do with the 121 houses on the moor. If the money is accepted then a joint press release must be issued so the position is made quite clear.

Can we do anything to register our disappointment and concerns that Aberdeenshire has had 5 years for this to be decided? There appears to be a great lack of action by Aberdeenshire Council.

Developer obligations will be discussed by Aberdeenshire Councillors on Tuesday 21st May.

(2)(4.2) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum was well attended. Mr Morgan asked if the bus shelter at the Park and Choose could be adopted so that lighting could be provided. The whole site is not up to adoption standards. Currently, the bus shelter is owned by Chapelton Development.

5 – PLANNING – The Reporter found in favour of Barratts building 121 houses on the Moor. Liam Kerr, MSP, has written to Kevin Stewart, Housing Minister, to see if an appeal can be made against the decision on legal grounds. Did the Reporter do exactly what he was supposed to? Was enough detailed information provided by Aberdeenshire Council staff? MR MORGAN to write to Kevin Stewart raising our concerns. Members of the public are also being urged to write their concerns to Kevin Stewart.

Developer Obligations – Mr Flockhart and Mr Cruickshank attended a meeting held by Portlethen and District Community Council at Hillside School where Developer Obligations were discussed. Two representatives from Aberdeenshire Council attended but their presentation left several questions unanswered. Mr Flockhart has asked for a copy of the minutes from the meeting.

Paul Macari from Aberdeenshire Council's Developer Obligations Team is to be invited to attend our next meeting

What might come from 121 houses? Bettridge Centre supposedly getting finances although they appear to be unaware of this. Could some go towards the purchase of the Skateraw Hall? Doubtful. Would money go towards sports facilities in Newtonhill? It was felt money should be spent in the local area and not go to Portlethen.

The Proposed Strategic Development Plan was submitted to the Scottish Government on 22nd April 2019.

6 – LOCALITIES PLAN – Mr Morgan submitted the first draft of our Localities Plan to Community Planning. People are now beginning to respond. Mr Morgan working on the second draft. What do people want? How would they like to see Developer Obligations spent?

7 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE – All documentation has been passed to Laura Ironside. Updated drawing has been received. Immediate neighbours to be shown plans and asked for comments. Relevant permissions from land owners still needed. Also, drainage needs to be improved. Approach to the bus stop needs looked at and also the sound bund. Perhaps it's now time to look for funding.

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8 – PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL – See under Police Report. The School Travel Plan, written by the School, needs to be corrected before it is published.

9 – COMMON GOOD REGISTER – Aberdeenshire Council's Asset Register includes some places in Newtonhill but not the land gifted to the community by the late Bremner King. Currently, there appears to be no way we can stop Aberdeenshire Council selling this piece of land required by Barratts to build their 121 houses.

10 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – None.

11 – AGM – 19th June 2019. Posters and nomination forms now available. Comments needed on the Scheme for Establishment. Accounts need to be verified by someone acceptable to Aberdeenshire Council. Mrs Usher is standing down. There are 5 vacancies for Newtonhill, 2 for Cammachmore and one for Muchalls. Councillor Mollison will take the chair at the first meeting till office bearers are elected.

12 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) HAGS playground spring offers.
- (2) KDP weekly meetings
- (3) Community Council Forum meeting, 23rd May 2019 – Anything anyone would added to future agendas?
- (4) Community-Led Regeneration in Practice – 13th June 2019, Inverness.
- (5) Women into Leadership 2019 – Glasgow, Liverpool, Belfast, London, Manchester.
- (6) Infrastructure Service Review.
- (7) Kincardine and Mearns Surface Dressing Programme
- (8) Effective Data Analytics – 11th June 2019, Edinburgh.
- (9) Tri-Community Council Meeting 2019 – 7pm, 30th July 2019, Support Centre, Portlethen
- (10) Greener Kincardine and Mearns Inaugural EGM 2nd May 2019.
- (11) Do we want someone from Stagecoach to come to a meeting? Discuss once we reconvene in July.
- (12) Jennifer Smith, Energy Adviser with the Home Energy Advice Team at SCARF would like to attend a Community Council meeting. Discuss when we reconvene in July.
- (13) Local Authority Parking: Creating a Fairer and More Efficient Future – 9th July 2019, London.
- (14) Advanced Minute Taking – 20th June 2019, London.
- (15) K and M Halls Association EGM – Date needed for meeting to re-instate Halls Association
- (16) Latest on Building Regulations from the Hackitt Review – 14th May 2019, Central London.
- (17) Regeneration in Scotland – 21st May 2019, Edinburgh.
- (18) AVA May 2019 newsletter.
- (19) What does the Integrated Communities Action Plan mean for Schools – July 2019, London.
- (20) Kincardine and Mearns Volunteer Fair – Thursday 6th June 2019, Fetteresso Church, 1pm to 4pm.
- (21) Kincardine and Mearns Halls Facebook Group
- (22) K and M Halls Association membership form.
- (23) Kincardine and Mearns Information Area Committee Bulletin – April 2019.
- (24) Women into Leadership – 16th March 2019, Glasgow.
- (25) Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum – Note of meeting held on 27th February 2019 plus agenda for meeting of Thursday 23rd May, 2019, 7pm, Viewmount.
- (26) Story telling for business – 11th June 2019, Edinburgh.
- (27) Regeneration in Scotland – 21st May 2019, Edinburgh
- (28) D Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations (6th June) decoration packs.
- (29) Launch of the Investing in Communities Fund – investingincommunities@gov.scot

13 – AOCB

- (1) Request for street lighting at the path at the park beside TESCO. It is not Aberdeenshire Council's policy to light park paths but when lights are replaced with LEDs it may be possible to resite a lamp post which might alleviate the situation. Mention in the community plan.
- (2) Muchalls Village Association AGM will be held on Monday 27th May 2019.
- (3) Mr Flockhart has reported need for lines to be repainted at crossing at TESCO. Also, anti-skid surface is deteriorating. Councillor Mollison reported painting should be done this summer but anti-skid requires a specialist team.
- (4) Request was made at the Bus Forum to improve the bus service passing the School. This stop is quite often missed as there is only one bus each way per day.
- (5) Mr Peaker reported there is not a lot of Japanese Knotweed left. Spraying will continue till it has gone.
- (6) Newtonhill signal box has now been decommissioned and will soon be demolished.
- (7) NESTRANS – further discussions re possible re-opening of a station at Newtonhill. However, an increase in trains could lead to a decrease in buses. Still a long way away.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.

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The 42nd AGM of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th June 2019.

AGENDA

- 1 – APOLOGIES
- 2 – MINUTE of 41st AGM
- 3 – MATTERS ARISING
- 4 – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
- 5 – TREASURER'S REPORT
- 6 – RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT
- 7 – AOCB

The 329th meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be held in the Skateraw Hall immediately after the AGM on Wednesday 19th June 2019

AGENDA

- 1 – APOLOGIES
- 2 – ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS
- 3 – POLICE REPORT
- 4 – MINUTE of 328th MEETING
- 5 – MATTERS ARISING
 - (1)(4.1) Playpark
 - (2)(12.3) Community Council Forum meeting on 23rd May 2019
 - (3)(12.9) Tri-Community Council meeting
 - (4)(12.11) Visit by someone from Stagecoach
 - (5)(12.12) Visit by someone from SCARF
 - (6)(13.3) Painting of lines at TESCO
- 6 – DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS – Paul Macari
- 7 – PLANNING
- 8 – LOCALITIES PLAN
- 9 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE
- 10 – PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL
- 11 – CORRESPONDENCE
- 12 – AOCB