

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 329th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill immediately after the AGM on Wednesday 19th June 2019

PRESENT – Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Peaker, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Flockhart, Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Councillors Evison and Mollison, PC Camus, Emma Storey (Area Committee Officer Kincardine and Mearns), Paul Macari (Principal Developer Obligations Officer, Aberdeenshire Council) and one member of the public.

1 - APOLOGIES – Mr Chew, Ms Ironside, Mrs Usher, Councillor Pike. This would have been Mrs Usher's last meeting as she is standing down having enjoyed her years as a Community Councillor.

Mr Morgan stepped down as Chair and Councillor Mollison took the Chair for the election of Office Bearers.

2 – ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS

CHAIR and PLANNING OFFICER	Mr Morgan (Miss Daniels, Mr Flockhart)
VICE-CHAIR	Miss Daniels (Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan)
SECRETARY	Mrs Stephen (Mr Flockhart, Mr Peaker)
TREASURER	Mr Ewing (Mrs Stephen, Mr Flockhart).

Councillor Mollison thanked Mr Morgan for all his hard work over the years. He also thanked the Office Bearers for their hard work. Councillor Mollison then handed back to Mr Morgan.

3 – POLICE REPORT – There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour calls; there have been 15 assaults; thefts are down and once again mostly shoplifting; one dangerous driving and two careless driving but no drink/drug driving. PC Camus gave a very detailed report on crimes such as motor vehicle crime (up), indecency (up), common assault (down), violence (up), robbery (0), serious assault (0), attempted murder (1), drug offences (both on street and in school). He explained what exactly these offences are and how they are dealt with.

4 – DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS – Paul Macari (Aberdeenshire Council) attended to explain to us the complexity of Developer Obligations.

He firstly clarified the situation regarding Newtonhill Playpark. The £12,000 developer contribution from a previous development by Barratts will be re-instated and should soon be in the playpark fund. Play equipment should soon start to be delivered. There could be a shortfall in funding so an approach might be made to the Top-Up Fund.

Previous developer contributions have gone to the Bettridge Centre, waste – recycling/refuse bins. There are now no dog bins only mixed rubbish bins.

121 Houses on the Moor – Section 75 has still to be signed. As a result, there are no details of what Developer Contributions will be. The Area Manager and his team work out Developer Contributions using a defined formula. The amount needs to be decided and then decisions made how it will be divided out. Requests can be made by organisations for funding but the Council may already have their own list.

Discussions re the Skateraw Hall are on-going at the moment.

Have repairs been carried out the roof of Newtonhill Library yet?

It is possible for Muchalls to apply for improvements to the playpark as the football pitch is used by Newtonhill junior football teams provided there is sufficient evidence for an application.

Could the lighting at the Park and Choose be improved? The park belongs to Chapelton and is not in appropriate state of repair to be adopted by Aberdeenshire Council. It was suggested that perhaps a bigger solar panel could be fixed to the bus shelter.

MR MORGAN has forwarded a copy of our Localities Plan to Mr Macari.

Mr Macari is quite happy to be contacted if we have any concerns.

5 – MINUTE of 328th MEETING – Accepted.

6 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) Newtonhill playpark – see Developer Obligations

(2)(5.2) Community Council Forum Meeting held on 23rd May 2019 – Meeting cancelled due to lack of attendees. Next scheduled meeting is 2nd September 2019.

(3)(5.3) Tri-Community Council meeting – Cancelled as PDCCC has folded in the meantime due to lack of members. North Kincardine Rural has offered to host a get together on Tuesday 30th July 2019 at Beannachar – guided tour from 6.30pm, refreshments 7.30pm.

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(4)(5.4) Proposed visit by someone from Stagecoach – After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to invite anyone at the moment. However, MR MORGAN is to write to Stagecoach registering several concerns – (a) why is there no improvement in times after the opening of the AWPR, (b) the lack of buses going round past the school, (c) the ending of the 757 service (which those attending the Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum understood would run on a trial basis for 12 to 18 months. Unfortunately, this was not noted in their minute). MR MORGAN is to copy the letter to the Traffic Commissioner.

(5)(5.5) Visit by someone from SCARF – Not at the moment.

(6)(5.6) Painting white lines at TESCO – Mr Morgan has also reported this. So far, no development but may be weather dependant. Councillor Mollison has been assured it will be done this summer.

7 – PLANNING – (a) House at Cranhill – Permission has been granted for removal of condition that house must be occupied by a farm worker, (b) Houses on the Moor – Letters have been issued to complainers stating that the Minister will not review the Reporter's decision. Where do we go from here as we can only object on legal grounds? An approach may be made to MSPs to see if a meeting can be arranged with the Minister.

8 – LOCALITIES PLAN – Mr Morgan has updated and tidied up the original draft plan. A second draft is now on Facebook, website and has been sent to Community Planning. Comments are still welcome. Mr Morgan is hoping all will be in place for us to ratify in August.

9 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE - No further developments.

10 – PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL – No further developments. Mr Flockhart enquired whether a 'lollypop man/woman' could be put in place at the bridge. Mr Morgan thinks a minimum of 20 children would need to use it. Once again there have been complaints re speeding on Newtonhill Road

11 – CHAPELTON LIAISON MEETING - Mr Flockhart attended the Chapelton Liaison meeting. The retirement complex opens this year. 3 units have been sold. Approx. 97 dwellings are to be built. House sales are slow – 160 occupied. However, they don't think Barratts house building will affect their sales. Chapelton was not informed about the 757-bus service. They are working on improving the car park at the Park and Choose. Some future events at Chapelton – farmers' market, fun run, bike ride. The next liaison meeting will be held on 27th November 2019, the new venue being the sales complex, Liddell Road. Should we ask someone from Chapelton to attend our August meeting?

12 – KINCARDINESHIRE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – Mr Cruickshank is our representative and so far, has attended 2 meetings. There have been five applications for funding.

13 – CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Plantscape – Planters offer an unusual solution to traffic control issues.

(2) Plantscape – Plan ahead for a solar Christmas.

(3) Traffex Scotland – SEC Glasgow, 13/14 November 2019

(4) Voices Scotland, 14th May 2019, Peterhead

(5) KDP weekly bulletins

(6) Light Touch Review – Responses wanted by end of June 2019

(7) Willie Munro, Area Manager, has taken early retirement. Bruce Stewart is at present Acting Area Manager

(8) Changes to recycling – see under AOCB

(9) Assessing Medication – Related Harm in Older Persons 24th May 2019, Aberdeen.

(10) K and M Halls Association EGM will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2019, 7pm.

(11) CCs response to Light Touch Review – Community Council Scheme of Establishment.

(12) Police request for updated details of Chair and Secretary.

(13) Effective Data Visualisation – 8th August 2019, London

(14) Earth Anchors – Outdoor communal picnic tables.

(15) Tackling Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste Sector : Fly tipping increases by 40% - 4th July 2019, London.

(16) How can your Council improve its services by successfully handling complaints? - 26th June 2019, London.

(17) Earth Anchors – low cost litter solutions

(18) AVA June newsletter

(19) Health and Social Care Workforce – 29th August 2019, Edinburgh

(20) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Form meeting – Minutes of meeting of 25th April 2019

(21) Next step for integrating communities – 10th July 2019, London.

(22) Kincardine and Mearns Halls Group

(23) Consultation on Aberdeenshire Litter Prevention Action Plan

(24) Ageing Research Network – Opportunity to join.

(25) Mental Health in the Public Sector – Share your opinion

(26) It's Good to Share – Scottish Health Council. – www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org

(27) Scottish Water Newsletter – June 2019 – www.scottishwater.co.uk

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- (28) Grow Your Group – Budgeting and Finance Workshop has been postponed. Feedback required – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3PBTGBQ>
- (29) Effective Records and Informal Management – 12th September 2019, Edinburgh.
- (30) Plantscape – Only six months to Christmas.
- (31) Bridges Scotland 2019 – 13/14 November 2019, Glasgow.
- (32) Local Government Finances: Priorities, Efficiency, Sustainability – 27th August 2019, Edinburgh.
- (33) Launch of Holyrood's Fairer Scotland Duty Event – 20th August 2019, Edinburgh.
- (34) Health and Social Care Workforce – 29th August 2019, Edinburgh.
- (35) Bus timetable consultation – Aberdeenshire, Moray and Highlands – 18th to 28th June 2019.
- (36) The Next Steps for Integrating Communities – 10th July 2019, London.

14 – AOCB

- (1) Changes to bin collection. Bin collection will be week 1 – landfill plus food waste, weeks 2 and 3 – blue bins plus food collection. We will receive notification before this change is introduced here.
To try and stop illegal commercial dumping, those members of the public using white vans may need a permit. (12 permits per year).
- (2) No update on request for a post box at TESCO.
- (3) Mr Flockhart reported water damage at Coastal Park close to the Bettridge Centre. Unfortunately, after 7 days he had to re-report it before any action was taken. Could be a damaged field drain.
- (4) No development re repairing potholes. Muchalls is not a priority area so there is no timescale for repairs.
- (5) Saturday 15th June 2019 saw the green waste lorry leave the Bettridge Centre early supposedly to reach EIS before closing time. This needs to be clarified.
- (6) The wall round the football pitch at the junction of Park Place and Newtonhill Road has been demolished. So far, no replanting has been carried out. Originally beech hedging was to be planted but now it is to be shrubs. Consensus of opinion was that planting should be carried out in the autumn.

The meeting finished at 10.03pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2019.

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