

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 331st Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Mr Ewing, Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Flockhart, Councillors Mollison and Pike, 5 members of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Chew, Mr Peaker, Mr Cruickshank, Miss Ironside, Cllr. Evison.

2 - POLICE REPORT – Written Report submitted. Still problems with anti-social behaviour (30 reported), 13 reported assaults, 13 thefts, 3 house breakings, 2 drink drivers, 4 dangerous driving, 2 careless driving, several speeding offences.

3 - MINUTE of 330th MEETING – Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark – Still waiting. Equipment has supposedly been ordered. Work should start October/November. Complaints have been received from a Residents Group.

(2)(4.2) Post box at TESCO – Mr Morgan has contacted the Post Office asking for the post box at St Crispin's Road to be relocated to TESCO. He has now been asked to supply the number of the post box and TESCO's address. Hopefully things may start to move in the next few months.

(3)(4.3) Community Council Forum – Mr Flockhart found the meeting very interesting. The meeting mainly dealt with planning. Next meeting to be on 19th November.

(4)(4.4) Youth annoyance at Chapelton – This has ceased for the moment.

5 – PLANNING – Houses on the Moor. An appeal can be made to the Court of Session up until 24th September 2019. Mr Morgan has set up a communications channel with Barratts. Once work commences there should be a Community Liaison Officer who should keep us informed of developments. Where will Developer Contributions go? Have we any say on the matter? When the sale of the disputed piece of land is concluded will profits go to Newtonhill? Probably not. MR MORGAN would like to know how much the land is sold for and where the money goes. The library is badly in need of an upgrade. Bruce Stewart, Kincardine and Mearns acting Area Manager. will attend the November meeting. No update on the Strategic Development Plan or the Local Development Plan.

6 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE – Miss Ironside has contacted the Council re the overgrowth on the footpath. Mr Morgan has contacted Paths for All for general advice on disabled access to the underpass.

7 - PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL – Mr Flockhart reported lots of children go to school on bikes and scooters. Tuesday 24th September 2019, 7pm, Friends of Newtonhill AGM. Unfortunately, Mr Flockhart is unable to attend. Can anyone else attend? Newtonhill School celebrates 50 years this year. The school will be open for teas/coffees on 24th, 25th, 26th September 2019, 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm.

8 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – Mr Morley from Muchalls attended the meeting with a view to perhaps joining as a Community Councillor.

9 – CORRESPONDENCE

(1) The new oak collection from Earth Anchors

(2) Gypsy and Travellers Communities in Scotland – Date changed to 19th November 2019.

(3) Talking Halls – Saturday 28th September 2019, 1-3pm, Fordoun Memorial Hall - need numbers by 23rd September 2019

(4) Fairer Scotland Duty : Priorities for Implementation – Edinburgh, 12th November 2019

(5) Greener Scotland – Climate Challenge Fund news

(6) KDP weekly bulletins

(7) Annual Networking Event – Saturday 28th September 2019 – More bookings needed otherwise the event will be cancelled.

(8) New stickers on recycling bins supposedly in place by end of September.

(9) Community Council Forum – Monday 2nd September 2019 – Change of venue – Room G3 Mackie Academy, Stonehaven.

(10) Permit system to be introduced at recycling centres to tackle illegal business waste.

(11)AVA August newsletter

(12)Plantscape bringing life to outdoor spaces.

(13)Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Bulletin August 2019

(14)Understanding School admissions and appeals

(15)Scottish Health Council – It's good to share

(16)Talking Halls 28th September 2019 – Should Local Councillors be invited?

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| (17) Greenspace | Projects | Developments | – |
| https://www.facebook.com/pg/AberdeenshirGreenspace/posts/?ref=page_internal | | | |
| (18) Telephone | Box | removal | consultation – |
| https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/consultations/searchResults.aspx | | | |
| (19) Annual Networking Event 28 September 2019 has been cancelled | | | |
| (20) Stonehaven and North East Scotland Twinning Group | | | |
| (21) KDP cash event – Kinneff Village Hall – Tuesday 17 th September 2019 | | | |
| (22) Planning Powerpoint presentation from Community Council Forum | | | |
| (23) VE Day 75 – 8 th to 10 th May 2020. | | | |
| (24) Community Councils take the lead in the VE Day Celebrations | | | |
| (25) Kincardine and Mearns Area – Local Holidays 2020 – Stonehaven – 6 th April 2020, 1 st June 2020, 7 th September 2020, 5 th October 2020 : Portlethen – 13 th April 2020, 6 th July 2020, 21 st September 2020. Public holidays 1 st and 2 nd January 2020, 10 th April 2020, 13 th April 2020, 8 th May 2020, 25 th and 26 th December 2020. No problems. | | | |
| (26) Traffex Scotland – SEC Glasgow, 13 and 14 November 2019 | | | |
| (27) Rethinking Local Government Service Provision - 31 st October 2019, London. | | | |
| (28) Crown Estate Scotland Draft 2020-2023 Corporate Plan Consultation | | | |
| (29) St Cyrus October/November 2019 newsletter – Deadline 20 th September 2019 | | | |
| (30) Effective Data Visualisation in the Public Sector – 27 th November 2019, Edinburgh | | | |
| (31) Electoral Administrations Briefing – 7 th November 2019, London | | | |

10 – AOCB

- (1) An excellent job has been made of painting the white lines at TESCO. Unfortunately, the zig zag lines haven't been redone. Replacement of the anti-skid surface will be carried out by a specialist company, once there is enough work to be done in the area.
- (2) Water damage near the Bettridge Centre – Awaiting a drone survey as specialists need to examine the area to try to ascertain where the water is coming from. Mr Flockhart reported it is clear water that is running. Could it be a spring? Could it be a blocked field drain? MR FLOCKHART to contact Scottish Water.
- (3) MR MORGAN to inform Stonehaven and North East Twinning Group that they do not represent Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council.
- (4) No date so far for the next Bus Forum.
- (5) MR EWING will forward a copy of the audited accounts to MR MORGAN once he gets them.
- (6) The core path from Muchalls to Newtonhill needs tidied up and growth cut back.
- (7) MR MORGAN to write to BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland re problems with buses accessing Newtonhill when road works were being carried out at the top of Newtonhill Road.
- (8) Mr Morgan Miss Daniels and Mrs Stephen met with Johnathan Willett of Savills who act as agents for Aberdeen Endowments Trust who own much of the land in Muchalls. Several matters were discussed including the erosion of the path to the beach in Muchalls and the bid to build 50 houses in Muchalls. Mr Willett was informed Muchalls residents were totally against any future developments. Is there a possibility of a Community Buy Out?
- (9) Councillor Mollison has been pressing for crash barriers to be erected at the bend on the A92 going south from Cammachmore to Newtonhill. At long last BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland have agreed to look at costings. Consideration would also have to be given to length and positioning of barriers.
- (10) NESTRANS Board met today. Money has been released for a rail study of stations between Aberdeen and Laurencekirk – possibly 3. This will be a long process but it has at least started.
- (11) Councillor Pike reported on the Dunnottar Oak Tree commemorating the end of the First World War. This has reached the final of the Tree of the Year held by the Woodlands Trust. Councillor Pike encouraged people to vote in support of the Tree.

The meeting finished at 9pm.

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The 332nd meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th October 2019 in Skateraw Hall

AGENDA

1 – APOLOGIES

2 – POLICE REPORT

3 – MINUTE of 331st MEETING

4 – MATTERS ARISING

- (1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark
- (2)(4.2) Post box at TESCO
- (3)(9.3) talking Halls Event
- (4)(9.8) Stickers on recycling bins
- (5)(10.2) Water at the Bettridge Centre
- (6)(10.5) Community Council Grant
- (7)(10.7) Work at top of Newtonhill Road

5 – PLANNING

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