

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 332<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

PRESENT – Miss Daniels (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Mr Flockhart, Mr Peaker, Mr Chew, Mr Ewing, Councillors Evison and Mollison, PC Camus, Mark Morley and one member of the public.

In Mr Morgan's absence Miss Daniels took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Morgan, Councillor Pike.

2 – POLICE REPORT – PC Camus attended.

Written report for the Kincardine and Mearns Area – 29 anti-social complaints, 14 assaults, 10 thefts including 6 shop liftings, 2 house breakings, 3 drink driving and one driving while under the influence of drugs, 2 careless driving.

PC Camus updated on youth annoyance in Newtonhill. A resident has complained re nuisance at Cairnhill Road. This does not appear to have been reported to the Police. More Police patrols will visit Newtonhill, esp round TESCO and the Cairnhill area. Five youths have been spoken to and issued warning letters at Portlethen Academy regarding youth annoyance in Newtonhill and Chapelton.

3 - MINUTE of 332<sup>nd</sup> MEETING – Accepted.

4 -- MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Newtonhill Playpark – Equipment has been ordered and work is due to start on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Ian Welsh will consult with Community representatives before work begins

(2)(4.2) Post box at TESCO – Relocating box is not a simple process and expensive. Royal Mail will probably not cover the costs. (a) Cheapest option relocate existing box - £650 plus VAT. (b) Remove existing box from public land and replace with a new outdoor pillar box on private land with land owner's approval - £2150 plus VAT. Mr Morgan has contacted TESCO to ask if they would like to pay for post box but no reply yet. Will await response from TESCO then continue discussion.

(3)(4.3) Talking Halls – Did anyone attend the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019? No.

(4)(4.4) Stickers on recycling bins – Muchalls still waiting. No stickers so far in Newtonhill but bins being emptied on Thursday. COUNCILLOR MOLLISON to follow this up.

(5)(4.5) Water at the Bettridge Centre – Mr Flockhart contacted Scottish Water. However, in the meantime, it appears Aberdeenshire Council had fenced off the area and carried out repairs. There were various problems but hopefully these have been rectified. If not, the ground may have to be excavated as far as the cliffs. Problem appears to have arisen from work carried out by British Rail prior to the building of the Bettridge Centre. Mr Flockhart is still awaiting a response from Aberdeenshire Council who had agreed to keep him informed.

(6)(4.6) Community Council Grant – CC balance at the moment £442.59. MR MORGAN needs to sign relevant documents.

(7)(4.7) Problems at top of Newtonhill Road – Response from BEAR Scotland – Local Authority and Bus Company were both informed in advance of work and bus stops were still to be used. Appears to have been some miscommunication between bus company and drivers.

5 – PLANNING – (1) A resident in Heathfield Park has received a new map dated 7/10/19 for the houses on the moor. Mr Morgan has written to Planning Department for an update. Mr Chew confirmed it was the same map as issued in 2016. What will happen to the mature trees once development starts? Will they be saved or will they be cut down? MR MORGAN to be asked to raise this point with Barratts

(2) Strategic Development Plan – There are now two Reporters gathering information,

(3) Local Development Plan – Has now been considered by all six Area Committees and the Infrastructure Services Committee. Infrastructure will make a recommendation on the content of the proposed Local Development Plan to Aberdeenshire Council. Additional information was forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee. Plan will shortly be available on line.

(4) In October, 2019 the Final Environmental Report for the Strategic Environment Assessment of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021 will be published. Miss Daniels reported there are flaws in the NESBREC database which could impact on future developments as the data is very incomplete. No listings for insects, lack of flowers, and reports of several bird sightings reported in January in Newtonhill have been omitted. This could provide flawed information in the future.

6 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE – No further update.

Mr Morgan has contacted Paths for All – Another reply giving details of Cycling Scotland (a social enterprise transport consultancy delivering sustainable transport networks) who may be able to help but would charge.

Mr Chew feels remedial work would not cost too much if there didn't have to be disabled access which would be a major task.

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7 – PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL – Mr Flockhart attended Friends of Newtonhill AGM. A decision was made to wait for a couple of weeks for PC Camus to get back with designs for safety banners. Have now decided to go it alone and approach local companies to have banners made.

8 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – Mark Morley volunteered to act as a member for Muchalls and was unanimously co-opted on to the committee.

### 9 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership – Views sought on Draft strategic Plan
- (2) Licencing Policy Review – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 10am to 1pm, Woodhill House
- (3) Aberdeen Airport – Airspace Modernisation – There will be a stakeholder workshop in November. Anyone interested?
- (4) Greener Mearns and Kincardine Tomorrow – Possible event by end of October 2019
- (5) Across the Grain Festival October 2019
- (6) Consultation on draft Crown Estate Scotland 2020-2023 Corporate Plan
- (7) Meikle Carewe Decision Making Panel – Mrs Stephen with Mr Morgan as substitute.
- (8) AVA October 2019 newsletter
- (9) Boosting High Streets - London, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019
- (10) Adult Social Care in School, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh
- (11) KDP weekly bulletins
- (12) What strategies can you use to boost your areas high streets – 22<sup>nd</sup> October, London
- (13) Fairer Scotland Duty -Edinburgh, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- (14) Active Infrastructure – Edinburgh, 28<sup>th</sup> November
- (15) Scottish Health Council – Focus Group – Use of Question Prompts to Support Decision Making – 10am, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Ashgrove House.
- (16) Update on Light Touch Review – Report will be presented to full council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.
- (17) Competitive Competition for Women in the Workforce – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Edinburgh
- (18) Fairer Scotland Duty – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh
- (19) Adult Social Care in Scotland – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh
- (20) Local Government Service Provision – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, London
- (21) Scottish Public Service Awards – Nominations close 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- (22) KDP AGM – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Jubilee Hall, Portlethen
- (23) Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Information Bulletin September 2019
- (24) Chapelton News Autumn 2019
- (25) It's Good to Share – Scottish Health Council News
- (26) Climate Challenge Fund Awards 2019
- (27) Scottish Public Service Awards – Closing date for nominations 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- (28) Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnerships – Views wanted.
- (29) Cyber Security and Data – QEII Centre, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Anyone want to go?
- (30) Info on Greenspace Projects – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/greenspaces>
- (31) The Health of our Health and Social Care Workforce – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Edinburgh.
- (32) Scottish Water newsletter – [www.scottishwater.co.uk](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk)
- (33) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, The Library, Mackie Academy.
- (34) Mearns and Coastal Volunteer Fair – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Inverbervie Church Hall,
- (35) Aberdeenshire Council: Budget simulator – <https://budget.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/> - open till 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- (36) Single city bin from Earth Anchors
- (37) Traffex Scotland – SEC Glasgow, 13 and 14 November 2019.
- (38) Cyber Security Summit 2019
- (39) Design Awards 2020 – Any exciting buildings or landscape projects in our area?

### 10 – AOCB

- (1) Bus Forum 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Mackie Academy – MR MORGAN writing to Aberdeenshire Council re bus information screen and lighting at the Park and Choose esp as there is a lot of youth disorder in the area. He is also to complain about late buses and failure to enter Newtonhill during recent roadworks. He will also re-request a later bus around St Michael's Road. Mr Flockhart unable to attend but would like to raise consistent lateness of 7B bus and why the 757 service was withdrawn after such a short time as it was supposed to trial for 12 to 18 months. MR MORGAN to be asked to include this in his letter
- (2) Hopefully, thanks to Councillor Mollison's efforts, a safety barrier is to be erected on the stretch of road going south from Cammachmore to Newtonhill. Discussion ongoing re positioning of barriers. Discussion followed as to why there are so many accidents at this spot.
- (3) Payment by Barratts (developer contributions for previous development at Cairnhill) has been made to Aberdeenshire Council and will go to improvements to Newtonhill playpark.
- (4) Query raised as to proposal to site a speed sign at the top of Newtonhill Road – appears to have been abandoned.

