

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 333<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Miss Ironside, Mr Flockhart, Mr Peaker, Mr Morley, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Ewing, Councillors, Mollison and Pike, PC Camus and three members of the public. Thank you to Ms Andrew for taking the minutes.

1 - APOLOGIES – Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Bruce Stewart (Acting Area Manager), Cllr. Evison.

2 - POLICE REPORT – PC Camus attended.

Written Report submitted for the Kincardine and Mearns Area. Further reduction in anti-social behaviour, 23 incidents mostly involving young people; 8 assaults; 13 thefts – up 3 from last month; 8 housebreakings; no drink drivers; one dangerous driving; 5 careless driving offences.

Residents encourage to report incidents immediately rather than days or weeks later. Residents reporting incidents of possible speeding will encourage Police to take action and use measures to assess motorists' speed.

Residents are encouraged to report emergencies by phoning 999. Non-emergency information may be reported by phoning 101; Twitter - @NorthEPolice; Email - [StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk). All information, however minor it may seem, can be used to build a bigger picture that may be used by the Police to take action.

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

4 – MATTERS ARISING

- (1) (5.1) Newtonhill playpark – after several years of delays by Aberdeenshire Council, the playpark is nearly ready to use. After bark chippings have been laid, the equipment must be inspected before it can be used. One more piece of equipment will be installed at a later date. Julia Fleming was congratulated and thanked for the work she had put in to bring this project to completion.
- (2) (5.2) Post box – Royal Mail won't fund, TESCO won't fund. After much discussion, it was agreed that the option to move the small post box from St. Crispin's Road was not a suitable solution. It was suggested that a folded A4 letter may cause a blockage that prevents other letters being posted. The second option to remove the box from St. Crispin's Road and install a large pillar box at Tesco was preferred. Mr Morgan was asked to contact the Kincardine & Mearns Area Committee and the Newtonhill Common Good Fund for grant funding to meet the cost of the project.
- (3) (5.3) Stickers on recycling bins – Response from Councillor Mollison. Some delays in Stonehaven as a result of weather and staffing issues in September, but still no stickers have arrived. Zero Waste Scotland paid for Aberdeenshire Council to send booklets on recycling to all houses. The Community Council has placed an article in the Newsey to encourage all residents to use the food waste bins that are collected alongside recycling and waste collections.
- (4) (5.4) Water at the Bettridge – no change since last month.
- (5) (5.5) Community Council grant – forms are ready to send to the Area Manager's Office.
- (6) (10.1) Bus Forum – Councillor Mollison and Mr Ewing attended. The Commercial Manager of Stagecoach, Daniel Laird was in attendance. (1) Service 757 was withdrawn because it was not commercially viable. David Liston (who has now left the Company) should never have made a public commitment to run 12/18 months, (2) The forum was told that now that the AWPR has bedded in, a full review of the various travel local corridors is underway. It may be worth considering swapping the 7 and 7B services, (3) Mr Morgan's letter and Mr Flockhart's email will be responded to in due course.

NESTRANS has recently published information specifying the Newtonhill Park & Choose as one of the five Park & Ride sites around Aberdeen. Mr Morgan to write to NESTRANS to ascertain their position regarding provision of lighting and real-time information display in the bus shelter at the Park & Choose.

- (7) (10.2) Safety barrier on A92 – Bear Scotland is to get back to Cllr. Mollison.

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### 5 – BRUCE STEWART, ACTING AREA MANAGER

Bruce Stewart was unable to attend this evening.

### 6 – PLANNING

Strategic Development Plan – the Scottish Government Reporter may publish his findings before the end of the year.  
Local Development Plan – has been delayed as the Strategic Development Plan is not ready. Due to come before the Full Council early next year. Mr Morgan is to write the Principal Planning Officer to ask to speak at the meeting.

### 7 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE

The physical constraints of the site create problems in providing a path that is suitable for walkers and cyclists. Drainage is a major problem and creating a path between the underpass and West Cammachmore may result in more run-off water from the field entering the underpass. A larger drain may be required on the eastern side of the underpass. It was recommended that Mr Morgan write to Sustrans for advice.

### 8 – PARKING at NEWTONHILL SCHOOL

It was reported that the banners have been put up at the school on St John's walk and beside the main car park. As usual parking is worse on cold, rainy days with some parents now parking from 3pm outside school with engine running.

### 9 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS

None.

### 10 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Policy priorities for Digital Inclusion and Participation – Edinburgh, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- (2) Aberdeenshire Council supported Bus Services survey questionnaire – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/policies-strategies-and-contracts/>
- (3) Digital Health and Care Scotland – 25/26 February 2020, Edinburgh
- (4) Excelling in the Role of Data Protection Officer – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Edinburgh
- (5) Gypsy and Traveller Communities in Scotland – The Equality Timebomb – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh
- (6) Adult Social Care – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh.
- (7) Customer Service Zurich – Hints on how to prepare for winter – [Customer.Service@zurichtogether.co.uk](mailto:Customer.Service@zurichtogether.co.uk)
- (8) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan for 2019-2022
- (9) Scottish Health Council – It's Good to Share – [www.scottishhealthcouncil.org](http://www.scottishhealthcouncil.org)
- (10) Effective Data Visualisation – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Edinburgh.
- (11) Earth Anchors noticeboards
- (12) Rail Technology Magazine – October/November 2019.
- (13) Traffex Scotland – SEC Glasgow – 13/14 November 2019
- (14) Inclusion and Diversity in Scotland's Workforce – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, Edinburgh.
- (15) Digital Health and Care – 25/26 February 2020, Edinburgh.
- (16) AVA newsletter, November 2019.
- (17) Evening Community Climate Gathering – November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, 5-8pm, Edinburgh.
- (18) KDP weekly bulletins
- (19) It's Good to Share – Scottish Health Council.
- (20) The Health of Our Health and Social Care Workforce – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Edinburgh.
- (21) Children's Rights – Protecting, Supporting, Empowering, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Edinburgh.
- (22) 113252.aspx
- (23) Planning Training Session – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, 7pm, Banchory Academy, Room 4.
- (24) Change of Date – Community Council forum will now be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm, Mackie Academy.
- (25) Bruce Stewart – Confirmation of Local Holiday dates.
- (26) Janet Hood – The Petroleum Women's Club of Scotland
- (27) Road closure at Cammachmore – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for 5 days.
- (28) Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Awards evening – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm, Stonehaven Golf Club.
- (29) Email from Aberdeenshire Council re VE Day.
- (30) Local Community Planning Group Draft Minute
- (31) Snow Warden Scheme
- (32) Confronting Gang Crime in the UK – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, London.
- (33) Bruce Stewart – Consultation on Remote Rural Communities Bill – <https://www.parliamnt.scot/gettinginvolved/113252.aspx>
- (34) Supporting Local Libraries: Protecting essential centres of the community – London, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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### 11 – AOCB

1. Ron Sharp is now chair of KDP – the next board meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> November.
2. The overgrown vegetation around the SSE substation in St. Michael's Road has been tidied up. Thanks to all those concerned.
3. The Skateraw café has opened. There are reports of occasional traffic problems when cars are parked opposite the bus stop.
4. Fulmar Court – problems with speeding cars. Details to be passed to Police Scotland.
5. The Newtonhill Allotment Committee is concerned about liaison with developers for the planned houses on the moor. The developer is required to make formal, written agreements with the Planning Department before work commences. The Community Council has asked for the Planning Department to publish these agreements on the planning website.
6. Aberdeenshire Council is planning to plant trees in the playpark by the Courts. An email is to be sent to the Council asking for a plan of the proposed planting.
7. Amending a previous decision, the Community Council agreed that electronic devices and smart phones may be used at meetings, provided that they are silent and not used for phone calls.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

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