

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of 335th Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th February 2020.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan, Mr Flockhart, Mr Chew, Mr Peaker. Mr Ewing, Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Morley, Councillors Mollison and Pike, 2 Police Officers, Mr Macari (Head of Planning), Roddy MacInnes (Community Planning Officer, Kincardine and Mearns) and 2 members of the public

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Cruickshank

2 – PAUL MACARI – Mr Morgan welcomed Mr Macari, the new Head of Planning for Aberdeenshire Council. Mr Macari began by giving an update on the Strategic Plan. This Plan covers the next 10 years although it is reviewed after 5 years. Aberdeen City and Shire need to increase housing supply by 1800. There has to be a viable land supply, but not all sites are deliverable on time. At the moment the Shire has plenty of land for the next 10 years, but the City needs more land. Also need to prevent housing development at strategic points, e.g. the Deeside Way Report should be ratified by Scottish Ministers within two months. Local Development Plan goes before Full Council on 5th March 2020.

3 – At this point PC Camus and a police woman arrived. POLICE REPORT for Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Area – (1) Slight increase in anti-social behaviour, decrease in assaults and thefts, 4 house breakings, one drink/drug driving offence, one dangerous and 4 careless driving offences. The motor accident at TESCO – investigations still on-going, (2) Response from Marc Camus re closure of A92 – Reasons for closure include volume of traffic and time of day, number of side roads that could access on to A92, as there was a fatality need to preserve evidence is paramount.

2 (continued) – At a public consultation in 2008/2009 the public's views were sought on future development. The vast majority of attendees voted in favour of development at Chapelton with all other bid sites being omitted and with a request being made to remove existing allocated sites from the Local Development Plan (LDP). The Scottish Reporter allowed site H1 (renamed OP1 in 2017 LDP) to remain and later granted planning permission for 121 houses as opposed to the original 70.

Discussion then followed re 121 houses to be built on the Moor. Disappointment was registered at inadequacy of information supplied by Aberdeenshire Council officers regarding NESBREC, transport and education. It was felt this was the main reason the appeal to the Scottish Government failed. The Community Council, despite all their hard work and the input by so many residents, felt badly let down by Aberdeenshire Council. Improvements must be made to prevent anything like this happening again. Mr Macari promised he would look at this and hopefully some improvements can be put in place to stop this happening again.

It was queried why this site had been originally designated a development site. Once part of the approved Local Development Plan, nothing could be done later to remove it.

Moor Development – Members felt the public need to be kept up to date with happenings during the development. The Council has no input into this. It is not certain if all planning conditions have been satisfied and work cannot begin until they are. Mr Morgan asked if the Community Council could be party to the process of ensuring planning conditions have been met, possibly under the provisions of the Community Empowerment Act 2015. MR MACARI will check with Legal Department to see if this can be done.

Work is due to start on 17th February 2020. No indication if there will be access to Park Place from the coastal path during building works.

Mr Morgan thanked Mr Macari for attending. Mr Macari offered to return at a later date.

4 – MINUTE of 334th MEETING - Accepted

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.2)Post box at TESCO – Request for funding from Newtonhill Common Good Fund was refused. Request for funding from Aberdeenshire Council was deferred pending a response from Royal Mail. The meeting decided against an application to TESCO tokens. MR MORGAN to write to Royal Mail saying Community Council does not wish to proceed with re-siting of post box, but asking if post box at St Crispin's Road could be made bigger to accommodate A4 envelopes.

(2)(11.24)Talking Halls event at Gourdon on 1st February 2020. Did anyone attend? No. A report on an insurance presentation has been received.

At this point Mr Morgan asked if everyone was happy to accept the insurance quote from Zurich. Request confirmation of insurance for Christmas lights.

6 – PLANNING

(1) Application for extension to house and erection of garage at 12 Marine Terrace, Muchalls – no comment to be made.

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- (2) Change of use of land to garden ground and erection of boundary enclosure at 3 Marine View, Muchalls. Email from applicants. It would appear Aberdeenshire Council are to refuse this application due to creating a 'hard boundary' on Walker Drive, i.e. wooden fence and that the garden is too big. If refused applicants will appeal to the Local Review Board.

7 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Mr Chew has spoken to Dave Scott, Contracts Manager for Barratts. Mr Scott is happy to have a dialogue with representatives of the Community Council. It was decided Mr Chew (with a stand-in if he is unavailable) and Mrs Hartley will liaise with Mr Scott to discuss ongoing issues. Need to ascertain what is happening with regard to trees – cutting down and replanting.
Also need more information on access to Coastal Path.

8 – LOCALITY PLAN – Mr Morgan introduced Roddy MacInnes, K&M Community Planning Officer, (roddy.macinnes@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) He shares the job with Lesley Robertson. School roll figures for Newtonhill Primary School – capacity for 459 pupils is based on Scottish Government guidelines for 15 classrooms. The school will be over capacity by 2025. Portlethen Academy will be over capacity by 2023 and there is no possibility of an extension. The After-School Club has a two-year waiting list, but as this is a privately owned business; Aberdeenshire Council has no input.

9 – UNDERPASS from NEWTONHILL to CAMMACHMORE – Mr Chew met with Gary Black. They discussed the options based on no disabled access, but possibly push-chair access. Mr Black to draw up more designs and then perhaps funding could be applied for. One suggestion is TESCO bags for all. (£2000, £1000 and £500).

10 – NEWSEY – Enquiries to be made re advert plus possible donation. MISS DANIELS to draft an advert – possibly quarter page size.

11 – CO-OPTION of NEW MEMBERS – No volunteers.

12 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) KDP weekly bulletins
- (2) Lynester – New Year, New Noticeboards
- (3) EVO NORTH – De-carbonising the Public Sector.
- (4) My Place Awards 2020 – Anywhere of note in our Area?
- (5) Ceilidh in aid of Portlethen Community Ambulance – 21st March 2020, Bettridge Centre, 7.30pm, tickets £15.
- (6) Plantscape – New RHS funding and DIY planters sale...Order now for solar Christmas trees.
- (7) Scottish Health Council – It's Good to Share
- (8) Aberdeenshire Sports Council Awards – Nominations now open.
- (9) AVA February newsletter
- (10) Climate Challenge Fund newsletter
- (11) Democracy matters – January 2020 newsletter – <http://twitter.com/Aberdeenshire>
- (12) Government funding now available – FileForGrants.com
- (13) Invitation to Glasgow Caledonian University Event in Catterline – 26th to 28th March 2020 – Nature based solutions to stop cliff erosion. <http://nbscatterline.eventbrite.co.uk>
- (14) Creative visual merchandising event for businesses in Banchory, Huntly and Stonehaven
- (15) What is the Third Sector and are you part of it? Survey to complete – <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/1mz5uh>
- (16) Doors Open Day 2020 – 19th and 20th September 2020 – Any suggestions for venues to take part?
- (17) Time to Talk Day – Thursday 6th February 2020 – only received 5th February, pm.
- (18) Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee – Information bulletin January 2020.
- (19) National Planning Framework 4 – Community resources and road shows – <https://www.transformingplanning.sct/national-planning-framework>
- (20) Community Planning Group Draft Minute January 2020
- (21) Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership – Briefing note January 2020
- (22) Aberdeenshire and Moray Bus Timetable Consultation Spring 2020
- (23) NMU Surveys (March 2020) – (Non-Motorised User) - Survey on what activities should be run and where. Interviews to be held in Stonehaven and Portlethen, sometime, somewhere in March.
- (24) Earth Anchors furniture for parks and streets.
- (25) Noticeboards Online Ltd
- (26) Invitation to attend SSEN Distribution stakeholder workshop on development of their next business plan (2023-2028) – 12th March 2020, Reading.
- (27) Forest Saver recycled plastic picnic tables.
- (28) Unlock our Future Fund – Vattenfall – now open for applications - www.foundationscotland.org.uk
Information session – Transition Extreme Sports, 4th March 2020, 3pm – 7pm.

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- (29) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum – Minute of last meeting. Next meeting will be held on 5th March 2020, Mackie Academy, 7.30pm – 9.30pm.
- (30) EV Forums – Cardiff, London, Glasgow
- (31) Keep Scotland Beautiful – Spring Clean 2020, April/May – <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/local-quality/clkean-up-scotland/spring-clean-2020/>
- (32) 14 – How does your drinking add up? 14 units equals 6 pints medium beer, lager, cider; 7 glasses wine but not all on the same day.
- (33) KDP Community Cash is back – Wednesday 11th March 2020, 7pm – 9pm, Auchenblae Village Hall.
- (34) Kincardine and Mearns Halls Association – First Aid/Defib training - £75 per person.
- (35) BT Consultation on Removal of Pay Phones – Muchalls has not been used in the past year. Enquiring re purchase of phone box.
- (36) Community Based Heritage Workshop – 10th March 2020, Wick.

12 – AOCB

- (1) Mr Morgan has responded to Stagecoach re proposals for changes to bus timetables
- (2) Mr Flockhart has been out and about checking out potholes. Thanks to members of the public who have also reported potholes to him. Mr Flockhart contacted Ross Anderson, Aberdeenshire Council, on 16th January 2020 re potholes and overhanging hedges in St Ternan's road, St Crispin's Road and St Michael's Road. Still awaiting a response despite contacting him again on 21st January 2020. Relevant information was passed to Mr MacInnes. Some potholes have been repaired at Cammachmore.
- (3) Parking at Newtonhill School. No sign of Police recently. Banners still up. There does not appear to be any improvement in the situation
- (4) Mr Morley inquired as to how Community Council deals with planning applications. Mr Morgan passes on applications to members. Newtonhill and Cammachmore 'minor' applications usually no comment, 'major' applications will be circulated to members and their views asked and may be discussed at the next meeting. Planning applications for Muchalls tend to be a bit different as Muchalls is a Conservation Area. Most applications are forwarded to members for comment and appropriate action is taken.
- (5) A review of libraries is being carried out by Aberdeenshire Council. Please make use of Newtonhill Library to help keep it open.
- (6) A member of the public raised the question of what is happening to anti-skid surface at TESCO. Is still due to be replaced. Also, one of the Belisha beacons is not working, as are the flood lights. COUNCILLORS MOLLISON AND PIKE dealing with.
- (7) Newtonhill Park – The beech bushes have been planted along the Park Place side and others in Newtonhill Road have been replaced. According to younger members of the community the play park now deserves a five-star rating.
- (8) Community Council Night Out – proposed the Stack, Muchalls, Friday 17th April 2020, 6.30pm for 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 10.10pm

The 336th meeting will be held in Skateraw hall on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

- 1 – APOLOGIES
- 2 – POLICE REPORT
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- 4 – MATTERS ARISING
 - (1)(5.1) Post box
 - (2)(5.2) Insurance
 - (3)(11.29) Bus Forum
 - (4)(12.2) Potholes etc
 - (5)(12.6) Lights etc at TESCO
 - (6)(12.8) Community Council Night Out
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