

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council for September 2020.

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, all face-to-face Community Council meetings have been cancelled until January 2021 at the earliest. The Community Council continues to function, with business being conducted by telephone and email. Mr Morgan circulated an agenda to Community Councillors for their comments.

Everything appears to be running quite smoothly apart from no action regarding the underpass from Newtonhill to Cammachmore.

1 – AGM – The AGM due to be held in October 2020 has been cancelled. Once the accounts have been independently verified, they will be circulated to Community Councillors with a view to them being accepted. The accounts will then be sent to Aberdeenshire Council.

2 – STORM DAMAGE and LEAKS

- (1) Collapse of two gardens in Murray Road, Newtonhill – Not much Community Council can do apart from chase up Aberdeenshire Council.
- (2) The path to the beach at Muchalls has been washed away. This path is now privately owned. Aberdeenshire Council has erected closure barriers and notices. It has been suggested that if this path cannot be repaired perhaps the path to Ritchie Shore could be re-opened. This was closed by Aberdeenshire Council many years ago as it would be too expensive to fix and remedial work would further undermine the cliffs.
- (3) Water in Stranathro Terrace, Muchalls – It has now been confirmed that it is fresh water that is running. Scottish Water appeared and fixed a water leak, but water is now running worse than ever. Scottish Water to re-investigate. As this was first reported about a year ago what damage is being done to the road and surrounding houses?

3 – PLANNING

- (1) Planning application for demolition of hotel and erection of five houses at Cammies has been approved by Infrastructure Services Committee.
- (2) Change of use of ground from waste land to garden at 3 Marine View Muchalls – Has gone before Local Review Board again – 25th September 2020. Once again planning permission has been refused.
- (3) Second application for Signage to Sales and Information Cabin at Houses on the Moor has been approved by Area Committee.
- (4) Second planning application for Sales and Information Cabin at Houses on the Moor awaiting determination.
- (5) Planning application for Extension to Agricultural Building at Mill of Muchalls was granted. No application needed as agricultural building

4 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Problems with noise and dust

5 – ROCKS at VILLAGE ENTRANCES – A number of residents are getting involved in a project to place large engraved place-name rocks at entrances to Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore.

6 – PHOENIX PROJECT – This project, funded by Aberdeenshire Council, aims to help local businesses recover from lockdown. Most of the work has been done by Alan Jones of Skateraw Hall Committee. Application will be presented in the name of Community Council. Award of £5000 has been approved and now needs to be formally accepted.

7 – NESTRANS CONSULTATION – Due 16th October 2020. A submission will be made after consultation with Community Councillors.

8 – INFRASTRUCTURE and BRIDGES – Mr Morgan wrote to Cllr. Peter Argyle, Aberdeenshire Council. Letter was circulated to Community Councillors as has Cllr Argyle's response.

9 – NEWTONHILL TENNIS COURTS – Live-Life Aberdeenshire has been contacted regarding broken fence posts and tattered goal nets at the tennis courts.

10 – AOCB

- (1) Lights at Park and Choose – No update from either Chapelton or Aberdeenshire Council despite a promise of 3 monthly updates
- (2) Nominations wanted for Grampian Volunteer Transport Awards

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- (3) Dates for Local Holidays – Portlethen - 12th April; 5th July, 20 September 2020; Stonehaven - 5th April; 7th June; 6th September; 4th October 2020
- (4) Local Government and Communities Committee – Views sought on participation requests and asset transfers.
- (5) Grass cutting in Newtonhill - Proposal to stop cutting several areas and turn into managed 'wild-flower meadows'.
- (6) Reporting Roads Defects - Please use myAberdeenshire.app

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