

## Draft minute of the 342<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council.

The 342<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held via email (due to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19) during April 2021.

### 1 – MINUTE OF MEETING 341 (March 2021)

Accepted

### 2 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(14.4) Newtonhill Railway Station – MR MORGAN has written an article for the Newsey regarding the possibility of a railway station being re-instated at Newtonhill.

3 – POLICE REPORT for Kincardine and Mearns for March has been received and forwarded to Community Councillors. Also published online. There has been an increase in antisocial behaviour calls, 3 incidents of wilful fire raising, 6 assault crime files were raised, 5 thefts, 3 reported incidents of dangerous driving, 2 careless driving.

### 4 – AGM 2021

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Aberdeenshire Council has announced that nominations for membership of the Community Council will open on 5<sup>th</sup> May and close on 26<sup>th</sup> May. If there are more nominations than vacancies, then a ballot will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### 5 – SCOTTISH WATER

Scottish Water has confirmed that their wastewater systems have capacity for the potential increased population of Newtonhill.

Scottish Water went on to say that the Clifftop Pumping Station has two overflows which are designed to operate to prevent flooding in storm conditions, when surface water flows can exceed the pumps' capacity and available storage: these both discharge directly to the sea. Mr MOPRGAN has asked Scottish Water if the pumping station adjacent to the Elsick Burn has a similar overflow design and where the overflow discharges to. Scottish Water confirmed that surface water and foul drainage are dealt with separately in this part of the community (reflecting the age of the houses served), so the pumping station only deals with the flow from the foul sewers in the local area. This means that it shouldn't be significantly affected by storm water in the way that the older / main 'combined' sewer system can be.

### 6 – PLANNING

Aberdeenshire Council submitted the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 to the Scottish Government for approval on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This case (LDP-110-3) is currently being checked before being registered to their database. It would appear the case documents haven't, as yet (1<sup>st</sup> May 2021), been uploaded and so it has not been allocated to a Reporter.

### 7 – HOUSES ON THE MOOR

Barratt have now completed the first 3 houses at the Park Place entrance to the development including the Show Home/Sales Office with the first resident moving in on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The 30 Grampian Housing Association affordable homes will be completed in 3 phases with the first 8 ready for occupancy by 17<sup>th</sup> May, a further 10 in August and the final 12 in October. A total of 42 house shells have been erected and are now in various stages of completion with 20 more house foundations ready for the shells to be erected. The completion date for the whole project remains, subject to house sales, the end of 2022.

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### 8 – ROCKS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES

Aberdeenshire Roads Department has given consent to proceed. When final decisions have been made Roads Department will need details of actual locations; the contractors will need to inform the Council of intentions including traffic management so the Scottish Roadworks Register can be updated. Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted for advice on the need to provide insurance. Zurich Insurance will be contacted once we have final details. At the moment decision still awaited on stones and whether they will be engraved or whether metal name plates will be fixed to the stones.

### 9 – PHOENIX PROJECT (Isabella Initiative)

Zurich Insurance is to provide insurance cover for the model. There will be no official unveiling due to COVID restrictions but the Isabella should be in place by mid-May.

### 10 – ROADS

Roads Service has confirmed that contractors are being called in to tackle major potholes in the Newtonhill and Portlethen area on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council's Roads Service.

MR MORGAN has again asked Aberdeenshire Council for an update on plans to fix the road slip on Murray Road.

### 11 - NOTICEBOARDS

The noticeboard by the Skateraw Store has been replaced. The noticeboard at West Cammachmore has also been replaced.

### 12 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Supported Local Bus Service Withdrawals/Reductions – Aberdeenshire Council has reduced funding by £250,000 so cuts need to be made. Fortunately, no services in our area are affected.
- (2) Review of Bus Timetables - Following the announcement of plans to emerge from lockdown, services will be increased from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Service 7/7B will offer journeys every 30 minutes between Aberdeen and Portlethen with hourly journeys serving Newtonhill and Chapelton. Some journeys will extend from/to Stonehaven. Service X7 will offer 2 express journeys per hour between Aberdeen and Stonehaven with hourly journeys towards Montrose, Dundee and Perth
- (3) Date of next Community Council Forum has been changed from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 19.00 to 21.00pm
- (4) Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils Review - There is a special meeting of Aberdeenshire Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to discuss all consultation responses and officer comments and then approve the final draft and the publication of the legal notice. Following publication of the legal notice, there is a further four-week period of consultation on the final draft.

### 13 - AOCB

- (1) Future meetings will continue to be in the current email format for the time being.
- (2) There is a proposal to issue residents with another rubbish bin. Existing recycling bin will be repurposed for paper and cardboard. The existing rubbish bin will be for metals, plastics and cartons. A new smaller bin will be issued for rubbish. Collections will be on a three-weekly base. Food waste will be collected weekly as normal. An article by COUNCILLOR PIKE will appear in the Newsey.