

## **NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The 352<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

PRESENT – Mr Morgan (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Peaker, Mr Flockhart, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Jones, Mr Connolly, Councillors Evison, Mollison and Pike, Punya Samarakoon and Nalin Abayrathne (the new owners of Cammies) and four members of the public.

Mr Morgan welcomed all present. This is the first time in two years he has chaired a face-to-face meeting. Many thanks to Miss Daniels for standing in in his absence.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Chew

2 – MINUTE 351 – Addition - Planning 7e – Particular concerns were raised regarding when the link road through the Barratts development in Newtonhill joining Park Place with Cairnhill Way will open especially after changes to the site compound (see Matters Arising No 5). Also, Alan Ventners should read Alan Venters.

3 – POLICE REPORT – No Police present. Reports for 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 received and forwarded to Community Councillors. Antisocial behaviour calls continue to fluctuate with several still relating to youth specific disturbances; thefts were slightly up in March; there have been multiple thefts of used cooking oil all over the country; road safety crimes remain low.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) Tennis courts at Newtonhill – Live Life Aberdeen has contacted Landscape Services with a view to repairing the existing surface and fence. No definite date can be given yet but a meeting between LLA and Landscape Services is to be held in early May.

(2)(5.5) Power outage at Newtonhill – No response so far.

(3)(6) Stonehaven Mackie Rugby Club - Mr Morgan has written to Diane Henderson (K and M Area Project Officer) with copies to Alan Venters (Stonehaven Mackie Rugby Club) and Alistair Lawrie (Secretary, SDCC) confirming our support for the Club's request for asset transfer of land at Mill O' Forest for new pitches and associated facilities.

(4)(7c) Library – Wednesdays 3.30pm to 6pm and Fridays 1pm to 3.30pm – browsing and click and collect (01467 532929); The Library Team is looking at providing outreach activities. At the moment no public access computers. Hearing aid batteries and food waste bags are available to pick up. A member of the public commented that the opening hours are not suitable for those who work. Services may be expanded depending on demand. Library provision will be added to the Locality Plan

(5)(7e) Mr Chew has written to Paul Macari, Aberdeenshire Council, enquiring when the road through the Barratt development linking Park Place and Cairnhill Way will open. Changes to the site compound which straddles the road have recently been made – the Heras fencing gate has been replaced with steel automatic opening gates and wooden fencing has been erected. Originally the link road should have started before any

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development began on site. This then changed to the occupation of any house. This then changed to the link road needs to be in place prior to occupation of the 101<sup>st</sup> dwelling. It would appear that the 100<sup>th</sup> house will not be occupied until August 2022. Community Council request that the compound be relocated and the link road opened ASAP. A query was also raised as to whether any of the other 21 conditions imposed by the Reporter had been changed.

(6)(13.4) SSEN Resilience Fund – No update re Bettridge Centre and Muchalls Village Association. Reminder from SSEN to get applications in.

(7)(13.6) Peace Sign Muchalls – Site visit to be made on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

(8)(13.13) Has anything been done regarding a dog worrying other dogs in Newtonhill? No update.

5 – PLANNING – (a) Draft National Planning Framework 4 is now before the Scottish Government. In the future there will be no Strategic Development Plan. There will be a new form of the Local Development Plan which will include the National Planning Framework. There will be no Main Issues Report but no indication yet of what will replace it. A Local Place Plan will need to be created and registered to detail the needs and desires of the community

(b) Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Locality Plan – It was decided to include a survey in the Newsey so that all residents have an opportunity to state what they would like in the future. It will also appear online.

(c) Development Plan Scheme 2022 – Aberdeenshire Development Plan Scheme 2022 (DPS)

6 – POTHoles – Mr Flockhart queried if Hunters would now be repairing potholes as work on Newtonhill Road has been completed. There is as yet no definite dates but we will be informed. Mr Flockhart has written to the Transport Minister informing how badly the repairing of potholes in Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore has been dealt with by Aberdeenshire Council. MR MORGAN to write to Aberdeenshire Council's Chief Executive. Mr Morgan also gave some updates – The Roads Department is in discussion with the contractor regarding start date for high friction surface (we will be updated); resurfacing of Old Mill Road is going out to tender; repairs needing done in Newtonhill will be marked up and a contract prepared. By the way, costs for materials etc have risen so this might affect what can be done.

7 – UPDATE on ROAD WORKS in NEWTONHILL – The traffic lights were removed and the slip road re-opened on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Mr Flockhart has thanked Scottish Water for a job well done. We really appreciated being well informed of progress.

8 – PROPOSAL to BUILD a NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL at CHAPELTON – As we understand it a new school should be built prior to the occupancy of the 489<sup>th</sup> house. The Section 75 agreement indicates that land should be provided for free by the developer and the Council will deal with the building of the school. Hopefully the school will be opened before the school role of Newtonhill Primary exceeds planning capacity. The land has been set aside

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and a basic design is in place. A new school could be completed in 18 months. However, Aberdeenshire Council has confirmed that it is currently considering Chapelton Primary school to be totally located within Newtonhill Primary School but run as two separate schools. Each school (Newtonhill and Chapelton) will have its own uniform; teaching space; Chapelton will have its own teachers; size of classes and number of teachers will depend on number of pupils. After a lengthy discussion, we were assured this can work but a lot depends on the space available at the 'hosting' school. Newtonhill head teacher and someone from Aberdeenshire Council will be invited to attend a meeting to clarify the situation

9 – ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Poling Clerks still needed for various locations. The Election takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with 9 candidates standing for 4 vacancies. At this point Mr Morgan thanked our Local Councillors for all their hard work over the years and keeping us well informed. Councillor Mollison is retiring and he took the opportunity to thank his two hard working colleagues Councillor Evison (standing in another Ward) and Councillor Pike (standing for re-election in Ward 17) for all their input over the years. Councillor Mollison has enjoyed his time as a Councillor and may attend some future Community Council meetings. We wish him well in his retirement.

10 - AGM – Nominations will open on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022, closing on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Nomination forms can be had from Michael Morgan ([Warensoftware@aol.com](mailto:Warensoftware@aol.com)) or Edith Stephen ([edithstephen@hotmail.com](mailto:edithstephen@hotmail.com)). Nomination forms should be available at the next meeting.

In the event of more nominations than vacancies an election will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Both Skateraw Hall and Muchalls Village Hall have been provisionally booked.

### **11 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Traffic Management Review for Stonehaven – Forwarded to Community Councillors.
- (2) From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, motorists will have the choice of cashless payments in car parks in Aberdeenshire.
- (3) Aberdeenshire South Access Panel Membership Outreach – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022. MR FLOCKHART has registered an interest.
- (4) Zurich Insurance – Reminder to renew Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council insurance. Done.
- (5) Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path (St Cyrus to Cullen) – Launch Invitation. An invitation was received from Alastair Macphie, Lord Lieutenant of Kincardineshire, to attend a meeting at Macphie Ltd. of Glenbervie on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 5.30p for 6pm. MR CRUICKSHANK will attend on behalf of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council.

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- (1) Cliff Path at Muchalls – A representative from Aberdeenshire Council has met the landowner and now needs to meet with other concerned individuals. Hopefully, a decision on how to progress can be reached by the end of April.
- (2) Village Stones – Moving on slowly. There are two possible designs which could be engraved on the stones. Work was due to start in June but unfortunately could be delayed until October.
- (3) Underpass – The representatives from Cammies offered their support for the re-opening of the underpass from Newtonhill to Cammachmore. Councillor Mollison reported Infrastructure Services is proposing to allocate £12,000 for a feasibility study and initial design work for a path using the existing underpass. This will be discussed at the next Kincardine and Mearns Area committee meeting.
- (4) Article for the Newsey – Locality Plan survey, The Isabella, Community Council elections, Local Development Plan is due out in May, Village Stones.
- (5) Mr Jones had a query regarding ownership of a piece of ground around Barratts fence and the railway line.
- (6) Mr Flockhart raised a question of how long it was taking to install electric vehicle charging points at hillside school. Councillor Pike reported the chargers were waiting on SSE
- (7) Mr Flockhart raised a complaint re overgrowing trees on the approach to and over the emergency access road into St Anne's Wynd. He will contact Kincardineshire Roads Department.
- (8) Mr Ewing gave a financial report – Community Council has £842 There should be £6,500 funding in place for the Village Stones.
- (9) Councillor Pike commented it was a pleasure to attend both Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council and North Kincardine Rural Community Council meetings. Both are well run.

The meeting finished at approx. 9.30pm.

The next meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.