

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 355<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Chew, Mr Jones, Mr Ewing, Mr Morgan, Councillor Victor and one member of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Councillors Burnett and Sullivan, PC Charnley

Unfortunately, apologies from Councillor Sullivan and PC Charnley were not received until after the meeting.

Updates for the meeting received from Councillor Sullivan – (1) query why the non-slip surface for Newtonhill Road zebra crossing is much shorter distance than the one at TESCO, (2) Chapelton school bus - It would appear the bus service will continue indefinitely, (3) hoping for a site visit with officers to Murray Road, (4) Councillor Sullivan has taken photos of overgrowth at Cammachmore

Update from PC Charnley – (1) Still working with Schools on vandalism reports, (2) Police are running a double yellow line/careless parking campaign so if anyone has any complaints, please let him know.

2 – MINUTE of 354<sup>th</sup> MEETING – Accepted.

3 – POLICE REPORT – Written Police Reports for Kincardine and Mearns Area received and forwarded to Community Councillors. An increase in anti-social behaviour calls; 6 thefts; 2 dangerous driving; 3 careless driving;

As there was no Police present, we have no update on

(a) safe walking to School in Newtonhill,

(b) members of the public removing posters, etc from lamp posts (members of the public are advised not to personally remove these),

(c) graffiti

(d) problem dog in Newtonhill.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(1) Tennis courts – Information received from Mr Jones - According to Brian Saunders, the Skateraw Development Company leased the Newtonhill football field and tennis courts together with the surrounding land adjacent to the two areas to Kincardine and District Council in the mid-1980s for a period of 99 years. Presumably this was taken over by Aberdeenshire Council at a later date.

At no time were his parents responsible for the tennis courts. It would appear that the Council renovated and renewed the surface of the tennis courts approx. 20 years ago. If the Council were responsible for care and attention previously, why not now? Councillor Victor to take the matter up with Landscape Services.

(2)(13) Newtonhill Library – No update.

5 – PLANNING – (1) LDP - No further extension to Barratts Development on the Moor, no extension to Michael Tunstall Place and no future development at Muchalls. Miss Daniels pointed out there has been a slight change to the boundary of site OP1.

(2) Survey questions for the Newsey – Decided to postpone the survey until the Spring.

6 – ROADS/POTHOLES – Restructuring has taken place within Aberdeenshire Council. Landscape is now under a different service with a dedicated Landscape Manager. Any relevant correspondence has been forwarded to Iain Welsh (Landscape Manager).

Mr Flockhart has written to Aberdeenshire Council thanking them for the anti-skid surfacing at TESCO but querying why there was no work carried out at the crossing on Newtonhill Road. Latest update - the remaining high friction surfacing has been carried out by a specialist contractor. When will the white lines be repainted? When will repairs to Old Mill Road start? No definite date as yet. What is happening with Murray Road (apparently waiting for a specialist survey). This has been referred to the Council's Project Team. Why are we still not being informed of what is happening?

Mr Flockhart has contacted Emma Storey again today.

There is a new Communications Team but so far, they haven't been very helpful.

Are there any updates on overgrowing bushes etc at St Anne's Wynd and land at 94 and 98 Newtonhill Road? This is low priority. MR FLOCKHART to check with Fire Brigade re safety aspect.

Also, overgrowing weeds on pavements at West Cammachmore. This too is low priority but should be cleared by November.

The plan for capital spending on roads comes before the Area Committee. Repair of potholes is not included. Also, a query as to whether roads in the centre of towns and villages should have priority over those on the periphery?

White lines have been painted at St Michael's Crescent.

However, there is one piece of good news – one of the potholes at the top of Marine Terrace, Muchalls has been repaired.

7 – BARRATTS DEVELOPMENT – Mr Chew has once again written to Paul Macari requesting an update on link road between Cairnhill Way and Park Place. 46 houses now sold, 9 completed and up for sale. 50 will soon be reached.

Mr Chew has received a reply from Mr Macari. Mr Macari has been in discussions with Planning and Roads Development and a reply is expected in the near future.

There is a new path running down the south side of the estate. Mr Chew thinks this was on the original plans. Should improve access to what is left of the Moor.

8 – CHAPELTON – WITHDRAWAL of FREE BUS TRANSPORT

Withdrawal of free bus transport to Newtonhill Primary School. Transport is due to be withdrawn as from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. However, it would appear the bus company providing transport has not been informed.

A survey was carried out (13.30 to 15.00) and there is deemed to be a safe walking route from Chapelton to Newtonhill Primary.

Councillor Victor reported that the bus company involved is to see what can be done.

A site has now been set aside for the new school at Chapelton.

9 - UNDERPASS – Information received from the Duke of Fife re ownership of adjacent land. Mr Chew continues to keep us updated. He has signed up for the Community Paths Newsletter. Martin Hall, Strategy Manager, reports the Project Team has been gathering information on ownership and previous studies. It is hoped to start on design and feasibility around the end of August. The Project Lead will be Rachel Kennedy who will contact Community Council at some point.

Mr Chew has informed Martin Hall that the Ian Findlay Path Fund is now open.

10 – VILLAGE STONES – A planning application has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council.

#### 11 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Community Council Forum, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7pm. The meeting will be held in Viewmount with a TEAMS link and an added option to dial in.
- (2) Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Fund now open - Closing date Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- (3) Funding for Coastal Communities is now open. Applications close Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022. [nesflag.org.uk/CCCF](https://nesflag.org.uk/CCCF)
- (4) Shared Prosperity Fund engagement release July 2022 – <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/newsrelease.aspx?newsID=8590>
- (5) Neighbourhood Watch – The Little Book of Big Scams – <https://www.sbcentre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/Little-Book-of-Big-Scams-Scottish-Business-Resilience-Centre.pdf>
- (6) Aberdeenshire Scheme of Governance – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/scheme-of-governance/>
- (7) Growing Living Green Spaces – Aberdeenshire Council will supply trees, shrubs, wildflower plugs and bulbs for organisations to plant on Council land. Applications close Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- (8) Canvasser flyer – People needed to ensure electoral list is up to date –contact Lisa Moir – [lmoir@grampian-vib.gov.uk](mailto:lmoir@grampian-vib.gov.uk) or 01224 068405
- (9) Avian Flu – Please do not pick up or touch dead or sick birds; keep pets away from any dead or sick birds; don't feed wild waterfowl; don't touch wild bird feathers or surfaces contaminated with droppings; if you see a live but sick bird phone the SSPCA on 03000 999999; report suspected cases to DEFRA on 03459 335577; if you come across groups of 10 or more dead birds, phone Aberdeenshire Council on 01467 537444
- (10) Scottish Water Annual Consultative Meeting - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022- <https://www.youtube.com/scottishwaterfilm>
- (11) Community Led Vision Fund – <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=8601>
- (12) Stonehaven Service Point at Viewmount is now open 8.45am to 5pm but closed 12.30 to 13.30pm
- (13) Foundation Scotland – Crown Estate Community Capacity Programme opens 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)
- (14) Coastal Communities Funding – Applications by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to [diane.henderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:diane.henderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
- (15) Asset List – The Council leases most of the recreation ground from Skateraw Development Company – 1978 for 99 years
- (16) Health and Care Experience Survey - Portlethen Health Centre does reasonably well.
- (17) Aberdeenshire Council seeking Facebook, website details update – Passed to Mr Morgan
- (18) Agenda for Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee AGM
- (19) Aberdeenshire Council update on diamond bins replacement. Could old bins be used as water butts.? Letters will be issued shortly to residents explaining the procedure.

## 12 – AOCB

- (1) Article completed for the Newsey
- (2) Data Protection Officer needed – Colin Pike has raised a query with the ICO Office as to whether Community Councils need to pay Data Protection fees
- (3) Data Protection forms need completed.
- (4) Skateraw Hall booked for meetings
- (5) Aberdeenshire Council has been updated on Office Bearers
- (6) Fire on the Moor – No information available.
- (7) Financial Report – Community Council has - £780.52, Phoenix Project - £1587.73, Village Stones - £6 348.29.
- (8) Update on the Phoenix Project – Mr Jones has started placing the coloured discs along the six routes. No routes involve crossing the dual carriageway. Maps will be delivered with the next copy of the Newsey.  
Mr Jones to submit an application to the Coastal Communities fund for £6000 for purchase of twin binoculars to be sited close to the Isabella  
Members were reminded any intention to apply for grants should be run past Community Councillors first.
- (9) Complaint re changes to bus timetable. Last bus to Aberdeen will now leave Stonehaven at 9pm. This applies to the X7. Next Bus Forum will be held at Viewmount at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022
  
- (10) Miss Daniels raised the issues of Multiple Deprivation. Muchalls, Newtonhill and Cammachmore are linked to Netherley and Catterline. Newtonhill is divided into two areas. One of the biggest issues is Police crime ratings. Miss Daniels is to raise this with PC Charnley.
- (11) MR MORGAN agreed to lend a hand with planning issues.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.