

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 357<sup>th</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Ewing, Mr Connolly, Mr Morgan, Councillors Burnett and Victor and three members of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Jones, Cllr Sullivan, PC Charnley

2 – MINUTE 356 – Proposed George Ewing, seconded George Cruickshank.

3 - POLICE REPORT – So far, no Police Report. Still awaiting updates on safe walking to school, graffiti, posters, problem dog at Newtonhill. Pc Charnley is on holiday but will catch up with Mr Flockhart at the evening session of Coffee with a Copper on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Coffee with a Copper - 3 attendees at the Newtonhill morning session, none at Muchalls. Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 evening meetings will be trialled. What is the best way to advertise these meetings? Muchalls to be targeted with notes round doors.

### 4– MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.6) Data Protection – Mr Ewing has agreed to be contact. Details will be emailed to ICO.

(2)(4.7) Phoenix Fund - No update from Mr Jones. It would appear still waiting for maps and no update on application for funding for binoculars. £1,588 in the bank.

(3)(4.7) Multiple Deprivation – No update.

(4)(12.5) Cost of Living Forum – Did anyone attend? No. However, Councillor Victor reported that the Lunch Club will be given help with applications for funding and grant applications.

(5)(12.6) K and M Bus Forum – Stagecoach willing to look at possible bus from Chapelton to Newtonhill School. No other changes as decision makers not present. Could they in future perhaps attend via Teams or Zoom?

(6)(13.1) Muchalls Cliff Path – Aberdeenshire Council is to help the landowner with some minor fencing work. Does anyone know how to preserve the remains of a whale bone arch? Suggested trying Aberdeen University Archaeology Department or the British Museum.

(7)(13.4) Steps at TESCO – Mr Flockhart has contacted Bear Scotland three times. He has also complained about overgrowing bushes in Newtonhill and a pile of sand and grit at the entrance to West Cammachmore.

(8)(13.6) Landslip at Murray Road – Site visit planned for 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10am.

(9)(13.7) Lollypop Person – Cut a long story short no money Councillor Victor not happy with this decision and still working to see what be done. Request has now been passed to the Roads Department.

(10)(13.10) Graffiti at Openreach – Still there.

5 - PLANNING - (1) LDP –Aberdeenshire Council approved the Plan on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and are now waiting for the Scottish Government to sign it off, (2) 3 houses at Burn of Pheppie, (3) Retrospective planning application for summer house, outside light and 6 feet high fence at 17

Marine Terrace, Muchalls, (4) Planning application for Hall and Crematorium at Elswick. Surprised how small (120) the crematorium will be.

6 - ROADS/POTHoles – Bridge of Muchalls road closed from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for 5 days for patching.

7– VILLAGE STONES – Planning permission has been granted. Mr Connolly submitted two alternative drawings – number 2 being the preferred option of Community Councillors. How hard will it be for sculptor to incorporate this design?

Mr Connolly has met with Mark Swinhoe (Glenrock) and Mark McDonald (builder). The stones provided by Glenrock are more regular than Mark McDonald is used to but should be ok. The stone is Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire granite. He will require 3 pallets. He can provide an inner core. Charge for bringing stone to Newtonhill will be approx. £400 A stone could be incorporated in the wall indicating Leith's contribution.

The templates are finished but the lentil cannot be accessed at the moment. Mr McDonald is hoping to carry out the work at weekends. When Christmas lights are erected, could the stone be highlighted? A query arose as to whether we need insurance for the project as we are paying for work being done. Mr Connolly will ask Mr McDonald re insurance when he meets with him on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Emma Storey to be contacted for advice.

8– FINANCIAL REPORT – Bank signatories for account now completed Community Council Grant £899. Funds in bank - £9474 (includes Phoenix Fund and Village Stones). As we are reasonably well off, a decision was made to give donations of £100 to the Skateraw Hall and Muchalls Village Hall. Will consider other donations at the next meeting.

9 – CHAPELTON – WITHDRAWAL of SCHOOL BUS – School transport will now be provided until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. No feedback from NKRCC. Parents are to have a coffee get together to see what the way forward might be. What is the actual distance from Newtonhill School to pick up point at Chapelton?

#### 10- CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Community Council Forum - Actions and Agenda for 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

2 - KAMCAB AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 2pm via Zoom – confirm by 24<sup>th</sup> October if attending.

3 - New funding for Aberdeenshire now open– [https://www.avashire.org.uk/just-transition-fund - see AOCB](https://www.avashire.org.uk/just-transition-fund-see-AOCB)

4 – Sports Kit for All Project is now accepting donations - - email [StonehavenCSH@gmail.com](mailto:StonehavenCSH@gmail.com)

5 - Aberdeenshire Council is undertaking a review of its fees and charges <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/eis-fees-and-charges-review> - until 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

6 - Challenge Poverty Week – Did anyone attend? No.

7 - PLATINUM JUBILEE COASTAL PATH PROJECT - AUTUMN 2022 UUPDATE - Inverbervie to Cowie – 6 landowners and groups have been contacted with still more to be consulted regarding the possibility of constructing a new route. Next phase would appear to be St Cyrus to Cove

8 – SCOTTISH WATER AUTUMN 2022 UPDATE – [www.scottishwater.co.uk](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk)

9 – SSEN - Potential power cuts this winter - Information to be put on website, Facebook and a suggestion be made to include in the next Newsey. There was a lengthy discussion on what can be done to provide help to those in need during power cuts. Should an application be made to instal a generator at the Bettridge Centre? Would people actually go out in adverse weather conditions?

If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

11 – AOCB

1 – Developer contributions – Recreation/Sports - £28,022 Is there any way we can get the goal posts in Muchalls playpark repainted? Contact Neil West, Leisure and Recreation. I

2 - Library provision in Newtonhill. There was to be a new room at the Bettridge Centre available for future use but it appears this has now changed. Not sure what room is actually being referred to. Contact Library Services for update. Could an application be made for Developer Contributions under the heading Recreation?

3 - Subcontractors for Siemens will be drilling 15 metre deep bore holes into land near Cliff Cottage, Muchalls to ascertain whether the soil and rock under the railway bridge is strong enough to support the overhead cables for electrifying the line or will the bridge need strengthening, adapting or replaced. Workmen appeared, started drilling, got as far as 0.6 metres then struck rock. They will have to return with a bigger rig.

4 – Thanks from Mr Morgan and Mr Peaker for retiral gifts.

5 – Peace Sign at Muchalls – 3 gentlemen including a tesserae expert have visited recently. Proposal is to clean the Sign in the Spring, have another look and then carry out repairs summer 2023. Once details of costs are confirmed, attempts will be made to secure funding for restoration.

6 - Just Transition – Funding of £333,333 available in Aberdeenshire for transition to net zero. One suggestion is the installation of EV chargers in Newtonhill and Muchalls. Location, who instals, who is responsible for upkeep, fees for usage all need to be considered. Suggestions welcome. Mr Flockhart to see if he can get more information regarding EV chargers. It has been a lengthy process installing chargers at Hillside Primary School. There are 3 to be installed in Portlethen. Suggestions needed for locations in Newtonhill and Muchalls.

7 – Request if a Community Councillor cannot attend a meeting but is involved in any project could they please forward an update.

8 – If we are to suffer scheduled power cuts in the coming months – (1) Will residents be able to make emergency mobile phone calls during power cuts (yes) and (2) Will Aberdeenshire Council be providing additional services to assist residents during the winter? See under SSEN.

9 – WITHDRAWL OF LATE BUS - Can Community Council comment on this? It appears the X7 leaving Stonehaven at 9pm is being withdrawn. Don't know if there is still one leaving at 8.50. We are led to believe that affects several people working at Edenholme. Mr Flockhart will contact Stagecoach Bluebird.

Mr Ewing also raised the fact that the bus leaving Aberdeen going south at approx. 4pm is often suddenly cancelled. Due to lack of drivers?

10 – 1 IN 10,000 SURVEY -Resident in Muchalls complaining about a letter received on Friday regarding this survey. On Monday someone supposedly from Aberdeenshire Council arrived to carry out the survey. What really annoyed was the fact they wanted to survey the house. Query as to whether this is a scam.

11– LOCAL HOLIDAYS 2023 – Portlethen - 10 April, 3 July, 18 September; Stonehaven - 3 April, 5 June, 4 September, 2 October. Stonehaven Trades Fortnight 17 to 28 July 2023

12 – MEIKLE CAREWE DECISION MAKING PANEL – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7pm, Bettridge Centre. 30 applications

13 – We should receive our new bins sometime after Christmas

14 – Recycling Centres – There will be trials from 28<sup>th</sup> November to July 2023 – Banff Buchan and Marr – no booking; Formartine – no booking Wednesday or Saturday; Kincardine and Deeside still undecided.

15 – No waiting Elsie Place (both sides), junction of Elsie Place and Newtonhill Road) 5 days from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

16 – Portlethen Swimming Pool closed from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

17 – Prohibition of waiting – Newtonhill Road to the Bettridge Centre (both sides) 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for 3 hours from 5pm for fireworks.

18 – Aberdeenshire Council Cost of Living Release 19/10/2022 - -  
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsid=8661>

19 - Emma Storey to be contacted for an update on what is happening with the Underpass. Planned route is still being investigated. Project Team should be in place by now.

20 – Mr Morgan has passed on all documentation re Local Place Plan to Miss Daniels who will wade her way through them and try to formulate a survey.

21 – Any suggestions for articles for the next Newsey.

22 – Future for Newtonhill Library – Councillor Burnett is still working on this. Contact Aberdeenshire Council re what their proposals are for library provision. Could the £28,000 Developer Contributions for sport/leisure go towards library provision?

23 – Does anyone want the big plants in the flowerbed at the top of Newtonhill Road as they will be removed when stone signage is built?

24 – Councillor Burnett advised that replacement of copper cables will go hand in hand with installation of fibre broadband.

Mr Flockhart thanked all for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The next meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022.