

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of the 360th meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th February 2023.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Jones, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Connolly, Mr Morgan, Councillors Sullivan and Victor, 3 members of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed all and thanked them for coming out on such a cold night.

1 – APOLOGIES – Julia Fleming.

2 – MINUTE Of 359th MEETING – Proposed Mr Jones, seconded Miss Daniels.

3 – POLICE REPORT – (1) Written Report received - anti-social behaviour 9; youth disorder 1; thefts 2; shoplifting 0; drink driving 1; dangerous driving 0; careless driving 0. (2) 2 Aberdeenshire residents have lost four figure sums in What's App scam, (3) There was a house breaking in Newtonhill Road – No update

4 – MATERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Steps at TESCO – This has been added to Amey's cyclic maintenance list and hopefully will be done by the end of February.

(2)(4.4) Dropped kerb – Mr Flockhart to meet with a representative from Aberdeenshire Council on Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

5 – PLANNING – (1) Solar panels at Muchalls – It would appear Aberdeenshire Council can do what they like, (2) LDP Evidence Report– Mr Morgan will draft a response which he will pass to Mr Flockhart.

6 – ROADS/POTHOLES – (1) A92 - There will be a delay to repairs but should be done by end of February at the latest. Latest update – according to Amey this is the responsibility of Aberdeenshire Council. Amey will attend to what is their responsibility but it will be later this month. It would appear Aberdeenshire Council are responsible for litter picking and cleaning. Hopefully action will be taken sooner rather than later, (2) Pothole at the top of Dunnyfell Road has been reported to Amey, (3) The pavement at West Cammachmore has been cleared, (4) Pavements have also been cleared at Newtonhill, (5) Old Mill Road is due to be resurfaced during this financial year.

However, this will mean closing the road from 9pm to 6am for a few nights. Residents will be informed by the Council in due course of when and for how long.

MURRAY ROAD - To cut a long story short it would appear residents are responsible for the garden area . Road will be periodically monitored by the Roads Department but at the moment no remedial work will be carried out.

The Roads Department will continue to maintain the roads drainage. It was felt the drainage system is faulty and parts need to be resited.

Queries arose as to whether the road is safe as cracks are already appearing. Who owns the cliff face? Skateraw Development?

7 – UNDERPASS – A topography study has been commissioned and will require the co-ordination with the trunk road authority to allow traffic management and access for the surveyor to access the A92 road verge. A review of existing drainage has also been undertaken and will require topo survey levels to then allow assessment of drainage requirements for new design. Once topo survey has been completed look at the levels and produce the design option drawings for discussion with the team.

Mr Chew forwarded a copy of Community Paths newsletter January 2023 and wondered if a formal approach should be made to Aberdeenshire Council re the possibility of funding from this being granted for work to be done on the Underpass.

Latest update – This is at a very early stage and it is difficult to give a precise timescale. A feasibility study will need to be carried out to establish options and then refine the design. Consultation and agreement will also be needed with Transport Scotland.

8 – VILLAGE STONES – The Newtonhill Primary School pupil who submitted the winning design has been given a gift. Update on finances – Income - Meikle Carewe £2209, donation from Barratts £250, Council £E4279.29 (3 stones); Expenses so far - £2319. Cash in hand £4418.

The granite stone will be uplifted to W Donald this week. Glenrock has been paid. Work due to start in April and hopefully will be completed by the end of May.

9 - PHOENIX FUND – Zurich Insurance added the Isabella to the insurance policy for free last year but indicated there would be an extra charge this year.

10 - BINOCULARS – (1) Zurich has been contacted re insurance. Further details were requested. Policy due for renewal 1st April 2023. Quote for £144.03, (2) Planning permission will be required for binoculars and notice board.

Written permission has been received for both the model and the telescope.

Rough plan has been sent to Emma Story.

Scottish Water not happy with one of the locations.

The first noticeboard will be sited at the playpark on Newtonhill Road.

Is the Community Council happy to proceed with this project – yes.

Planning permission needs to be sought first. Once this is approved the binoculars can be purchased but they need to be paid in advance of receiving the grant. Could Aberdeenshire Council purchase on our behalf?

11 – FUTURF PROJECTS –Mr Chew has been working on developing a document which will clarify the situation when Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council is asked for help with funding applications.

Thanks to Mr Chew for all his hard work. Once the document is finalised, Community Council Forum could find it helpful.

Mr Morgan wondered if it would be helpful to liaise with Udney Community Council.

12 – FINANCE REPORT –Total in bank - £7175.06. CC funds - £1169.03, Phoenix Fud - £1587.23, Stones - £4418.29. Payments due - hall rental, secretary's expenses, Mr Flockhart?

Donations of £200 to be made to the Porty Larder and the Haven, Stonehaven (although they seem to have a very healthy bank balance). Mr Flockhart is to see what is needed and these articles will be purchased.

13 – CHAPELTON SCHOOL BUS – TRAK has forwarded a report indicating that the walking route from Chapelton to Newtonhill Primary School is definitely not safe for children to walk to school.

The head teacher also registered her concerns regarding traffic during school drop off and pick up times.

The next meeting to be held by Aberdeenshire Council where the Chapelton Bus will be discussed will not be until April.

Mr Chew is to see if he can get an update on what is happening at Chapelton.

Councillor Victor is prepared to check out the situation regarding walking to school

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Muchalls Oil Club – Cheaper oil for members – <https://members.oil-club.co.uk/en/your/yourclub>
- (2) Community Council Participation Request – possible dates for a meeting – 6th, 22nd, 23rd February. 2023. Mr Flockhart happy to attend any date. No firm date as Community Councils are being given the chance to discuss this at their meetings.
- (3) Community Map Scotland - Webinar, Wednesday 15th February at 6pm
- (4) Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path (Kincardineshire) Winter 22/23 update.
- (5) Draft Aberdeenshire Local Plan – preparations are beginning for the one due out in 2028. Comments wanted.
- (6) DIAL A BUS _ - For further information phone 01467 535 333 or email a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
- (7) Community Council Forum – Mr Flockhart attended. Mostly dealt with the future of broadband. Jack Rigby, Digital Stakeholder, is to be invited to attend one of our future meetings.
- (8) Premises licencing application for Cammies – no issues.
- (9) Request to Network Rail to trim back trees and bushes overhanging playpark at Old Mill Road. No but will be looked at during the growing season.
- (10) Doors Open Day – September 16/17 September 2023.

15– AOCB

- (1) All bins have been replaced in the Community Council area. However, they are very light and easily blown away even though not very windy.
- (2) Cliff path down to the sea at Muchalls. A Muchalls resident raised the question as to whether the path to the beach at Muchalls could be re-instated. A lengthy discussion followed re where grants could possibly be applied for.

One of the biggest problems is water running off the dual carriageway, down Golf Road and the path under the railway bridge.

Mr Chew to forward the most recent Community Paths newsletter to person concerned.

- (3) Mr Flockhart wondered if it would be worthwhile holding some meetings at Muchalls and Cammachmore as in previous years. Would it encourage more residents to attend meetings?

The meeting finished at 9.20pm with Mr Flockhart wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Next meeting 15th March 2023