

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTE 361

Draft minute of 361st meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th March 2023.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Ewing, Mr Morgan, Councillor Burnett, Jack Rigby and 5 members of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed all and introduced Jack Rigby (Digital Stakeholder).

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Connolly, Mr Jones, Councillor Victor.

2 – MINUTE 360 – Approved.

3 – POLICE REPORT – (1) Written report submitted. Violence and disorder 11; Acquisitive crime 4; Road safety and road crime 0. Coffee with a Copper might be more beneficial to attend existing coffee mornings but will only attend if invited, (2) Fire at derelict building at Newtonhill – no updates.

4 – JACK RIGBY, Digital Stakeholder, was in attendance to discuss the future of Broadband. Mr Rigby gave a visual presentation on the way forward over the next few years in relation to Broadband. The presentation can be forwarded to anyone who wishes it. Several questions received in advance were forwarded to Mr Rigby and were answered on the night.

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Steps at TESCO – Bushes etc have been tidied up

(2)(4.2) Dropped kerbs- Mr Flockhart met with a representative from Aberdeenshire Council and Councillor Sullivan. Rep will check an aerial plan to see how many kerbs are needed. We will be kept updated. The budget is £5,000 and each kerb costs £2,500. He will check to see if further funding is available.

(3)(5.2) Evidence Report – Mr Morgan has written document, checked by Mr Flockhart and forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council.

(4)(6.1) A92 – Nothing happening.

(5)(6.5) Old Mill Road- see under ROADS

(6)(12) Donations to the Porty Larder and the Haven, Stonehaven – Mr Flockhart delivered requested purchases. Communication from the Haven indicating they not only provide food parcels but much more eg with the help of others at Christmas free meals to 100 people, afternoon teas attended not only by those in need of food but also those in need of some warmth and a bit of company.

(7)(15.2) Community Paths newsletter forwarded to Muchalls resident.

6 – PLANNING – (1) Proposal to build a Hall/Crematorium at Chapelton. We have received several complaints including lack of publication, increase in traffic, emissions, car parking and distance from car park to the building. This is not in our Area. NKRCC has, however, submitted comments. Decision was postponed for site visit which has now taken place. The application will come before the Area Committee on the 21st March 2023. with the recommendation planning permission is given. Several residents gave more details of their objections. (2) Planning application for pedestal telescope.

7 – ROADS and POTHOLE - (1) Mr Chew contacted Barratts re the possibility of opening (even temporarily) the link road during the time repairs are being carried out to Old Mill Road. If the work is to be carried out before the end of March, then Barratts will not be in a position to open the link road. However, they are hoping the development should be completed by end of April and this should, hopefully, mean that the link road will open.

ROAD CLOSURE – OLD MILL ROAD – PARK PLACE TO SKATERAW ROAD – 4 nights from Tuesday 27th MARCH, 21.00 to 6am. Query raised with Aberdeenshire Council as the 27th is Monday. So far, no response.

8 – UNDERPASS – Mr Morgan saw several people round about the entrance to the underpass and wondered if the survey might have been carried out.

9 – VILLAGE STONES – The sand blasted stones have been removed to WM Donald, Netherley. Work is scheduled to start the second week in April. Regarding the possibility of stones at Cammachmore and Muchalls – would planning permission be required (a bit of a grey area) but it would seem likely as planning permission was needed for Newtonhill. Where would funding come from?

10 – PHOENIX FUND – No further updates.

11 – BINOCULARS – Aberdeenshire Council cannot purchase the binoculars on our behalf. However, once planning permission is in place and a proforma invoice is received the Council could release funds to Community Council. Any money remaining from the PHOENIX FUND can be used towards the binocular project.

Application for planning permission has been submitted. Cost for planning application can come from the Phoenix Fund. Any remaining funds can assist with the cost of installing the binoculars. Any residual funds can remain in the Community Council bank account – Aberdeenshire Council doesn't want remaining money back.

12 – FUTURE PROJECTS – Mr Flockhart now has a Word copy which has been circulated to other Community Councils.

13 – FINANCE REPORT – Total in bank £6520.50. Phoenix £1402. Stones £4393. Community Council £731. It was decided to donate a further £100 to both the Porty Larder and the Haven.

14 – CHAPELTON SCHOOL BUS – Bus has been extended but not sure if it is till the end of the school year or the end of 2023.

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Workshops on Firework Control Zones – <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lczworkshops>
- (2) Note on Community Council Forum meeting. Future dates 23rd May 2023, 6th September 2023, 23 November 2023, 5 February 2024. All hybrid meetings.
- (3) Vattenfall Unlock Our Future Fund/ Foundation Scotland.
- (4) Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards launched – <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=9000>
- (5) Amey February newsletter – North east trunk road network.
- (6) Scottish Sentencing Council webinar for Community Councillors – Wednesday 22nd March 2023 from 7pm.
- (7) AMEY March Roadworks in North East Trunk Road Network – Nothing in our area.
- (8) SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey

- (9) Accounts Commission March Newsletter.
- (10) Aberdeenshire Council is undertaking a Current Engagement on Sensory Loss Services in the Area.
- (11) Chapelton Newsletter now online
- (12) Engagement and Participation Guide – PR Request – SDCC and Mearns
- (13) Comments on Draft Engagement and Participation Guide – 20th March, 7-9pm.
- (14) KDP Halls Get Together – Tuesday 18th April 2023, 2-4pm, Kinneff and Catterline Community Hall.

16 – AOCB

- (1) Community tax is about to rise. What are the extra benefits we will see? We are about to receive an orange lidded bin. Led to believe Stonehaven and District will be first in line at the beginning of April.
- (2) Several times recently, Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council has been referred to as Newtonhill Community Council.
- (3) Something to consider for the AGM. Should project leaders give financial updates every month? Having recently given donations to Skateraw Hall, Muchalls Village Hall, Porty Larder and the Haven, how and when is the best time to decide on the use of funds?
- (4) Insurance – Ok. Accept with proviso that Christmas lights, Isabella and binoculars are covered.
- (5) Aberdeen City Council are about to close several pools and libraries. Concerns were raised that this might happen in the shire. Hopefully not as people esp children need books to read. Also, at the moment, many people are using libraries as warm spaces and somewhere to meet with others. Plans are in place for a library in the store room at the Bettridge Centre once improvements have been carried out.
- (6) Do Barratts have planning permission for the sign they have erected just as one enters Newtonhill on the road south. Mr Flockhart to contact Planning Enforcement and the Roads Department.
- (7) Once the new incinerator at Tullos is opened what will happen to the excess heat? Some multi storey buildings and Care Homes will benefit although it was thought in the beginning that the whole of Torry would benefit.
- (8) Complaints re state of the road at northern end entrance to West Cammachmore coming from Aberdeen. Mr Flockhart will report this.

The meeting finished at 9.18pm with Mr Flockhart wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Date of next meeting – 19th APRIL 2023.