

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE 362

The 362nd meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council took place in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Jones, Mr Connolly, Mr Morgan, Councillors Sullivan and Victor and 2 members of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed all to the meeting.

1 – APOLOGIES - Mr Chew and Councillor Burnett

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report received. Anti-social behaviour 1; youth disorder 3; thefts 2; shoplifting 4; theft of motor vehicle 1; drink driving 2; dangerous driving 1; careless driving 0. Please be aware of doorstep crime. It is proving cost prohibitive for Police to attend evening meetings. However, Police are happy to attend coffee mornings, etc if invited.

3 – MINUTE 361 – Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.4) A92 – See AOCB

(2)(5.5) Old Mill Road – 28th March 2023 for 4 nights. Chaos with signage. Fantastic job with minimum inconvenience.

(3)(6) Planning application for Crematorium/Hall at Chapelton was approved

(4)(14) Further donations of £100 to the Haven and the Porty Larder. Mr Flockhart to inquire what is needed and do the necessary.

(5)(16.4) Insurance quote has been accepted. An invoice for payment was received from Zurich. Having phoned Zurich and Aberdeenshire Council it was confirmed the payment will be made directly by the Council.

(6)(16.6) Barratts signage has been removed.

5 – PLANNING -Two queries – (1) A retrospective planning application for a summer house and a fence at Marine Terrace was submitted in September and has still not been decided. Whether or not one approves, this seems to be a ridiculous length of time. (2) Appeal for fence at Marine View has once again been refused. Apparently, the fence does not fit in with the surroundings and the area involved is too big to be a garden. Not quite sure exactly what Aberdeenshire Council want. Could the owners take this to the Ombudsman?

6 – ROADS and POTHoles – (1) Pothole at top of Dunnyfell Road repaired as has those at turn off to West Cammachmore, (2) Pothole on Muchalls bend has been reported, (3) Accidents on A92 – see AOCB, (4) Problems with flooding on A92 at Muchalls, (5) Pothole at East Cammachmore has still not been repaired. Mr Flockhart will follow this up, (6) Potholes in Muchalls which were repaired last year are now breaking up and some are in great need of repair, (7) Could the give way lines at St Crispin's Road be redone? Miss Daniels reported there is a new upmarket pothole fixer. What are the chances of Aberdeenshire Council procuring one?

7 – UNDERPASS – No updates.

8 – VILLAGE STONES – Mark McDonald will not be able to start until May or possibly June. A definite date would be good. What are the chances of further delays and how long will Meikle Carewe and Aberdeenshire Council be prepared to keep extending funding dates? At the moment both Meikle Carewe and Aberdeenshire Council are happy to continue with the offer of funding.

9 – BINOCULARS -Mr Jones has been advised planning permission has been granted but is awaiting written confirmation. Diane Henderson will then be contacted, money released and binoculars ordered.

10 – FINANCE REPORT- £6467 in the bank. Binoculars £1348, Stones £1540, Community Council £666

11 – CHAPELTON SCHOOL BUS will run until Friday 7th July 2023. Another Road Safety survey is to be carried out. Hopefully at the appropriate time. Councillor Victor is hoping to be present.

12 – RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION – Surveyors have been in Muchalls looking at possible access routes to Paul’s Bridge. It is thought the bridge may require replacement as part of the plans to electrify the line from Perth to Aberdeen, unless the railway tracks can be lowered. Other bridges in the Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council area may also be subject to replacement or alteration. No information about the timescale or scope of the project is currently available but we will continue to monitor the situation.

13 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Aberdeenshire Bus Funding Withdrawal – 7A Stonehaven to Aberdeen Monday to Friday early morning service
- (2) Sheltered housing vacancies – Trying to get more folk into sheltered accommodation. None in our Area
- (3) Details of present committee, venue, time and date of AGM forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council.
- (4) Brownfield Survey – Surveying Brownfield Sites in our Area. One of 26 topics for Evidence Report for Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2028. Proposal to use Brownfield sites as opposed to Green Sites. Are there any in our Area?
<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/brownfield-survey>
- (5) Aberdeenshire Community Transport Initiative Funding – Closed 2nd April 2023. Was forwarded to Community Councillors.
- (6) CAB Warm spaces, food larders (the Haven, Porty Larder).
- (7) Halls Get-together – Tuesday 18th April 2023, 2 -pm, Kinneff and Catterline Community Hall. Two reps from Muchalls and 2 from Skateraw Hall. Very keen on supporting zero emissions.
- (8) Digital Engagement Team continues to encourage communities to get better broadband.
- (9) Stonehaven Vaccination Centre Survey –
vaccinations<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/aberdeenshire>
Mr Chew reported no problems once in the Centre but there is a lack of parking. If you don’t drive good luck getting there.
Why are the most recent vaccinations being carried out in bus at ASDA car park?
- (10) Actions from Infrastructure Services Committee and Road Safety Interventions – Trials at Keig and Muir of Fowlis indicate Pop Up Bobby made little or no difference.
- (11) Roadworks on A90 Mill of Forest to Glaslaw southbound - contraflow
- (12) Aberdeenshire Community Transport Initiative Funding

- (13)Public Access Defibrillator Review Consultation – Siting of defibrillators on public buildings. The School is the only public building in Newtonhill. There are 2 publicly accessible defibrillators in Muchalls – one at the Village Hall, one on a private house in Ritchie Place; 3 in Newtonhill - School, TESCO, Pharmacy and as far as we know none in Cammachmore. There has been a suggestion one be installed at the Church as it is close to the football pitch.
- (14)Microsoft TEAMS meeting Engagement and Participation Guide, 29th March 2023.
- (15)Aberdeenshire Local Place Plans – Press release. Communities are being encouraged to highlight issues, gather ideas and express their hopes for the future.
- (16)Aberdeenshire Gift Card service points release. These can be collected from Aberdeenshire Council Service Points including Stonehaven
<https://scotland.giftslocal.com/product/aberdeenshire--gift-card/>
- (17)CUSTOMER SERVICE ENGAGEMENT - Customer.Service.Survey | Engage Aberdeenshire Responses will help support the content of the next Customer Service Strategy.
- (18)EMERGENCY ALERTS SYSTEM TESTING – Sunday 23rd April 2023, 15.00
- (19)SCDCWEBINAR FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS –Wednesday 24th May 2023 AT 6pm.
- (20)LOCAL PLACE PLANS/COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN – COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM – 2nd and 3rd MAY 2023, 6.30pm via TEAMS and should last approx. 1.5 hours.
- (21)ABERDEENSHIRE begins a programme of surface dressing works across the North-East.
- (22)TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK - September 2022 – Portlethen.
- (23)March update from the Haven.

14 – AOCB

- (1) Party larder received £3,348 from Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Fund.
- (2) Seasonal garden waste. 1st April to 28th October, 2023, Bettridge Centre, 8-11.40am.
- (3) Accident at Walker Drive. It has been suggested we compliment the Emergency Services on how well they dealt with the situation.
- (4) Bins – Complaints received re new bins. Problems with them blowing away and residents having to pick up bins and rubbish. The other week a resident in Muchalls picked up 15 on her way to work and a 90-year-old was picking up bins and rubbish down Marine Terrace. We very occasionally had problems with previous bins. Councillor Sullivan to see if she can get straps for the Skateraw Fair.
- (5) Update on dropped kerbs at the Courts – Maintenance will look to plan the installation with full requirements and costs. A lot of work and where will funding come from. There is £5000 set aside for the whole of Aberdeenshire. Investigations are being carried out to source funding.
- (6) Mr Flockhart has contacted Ross Anderson re white lining at TESCO and Newtonhill Road. A92 –Accidents at Muchalls Bend. 3 accidents in 2 weeks. Fortunately, no-one badly hurt. There is a lot of standing water on the road – much of it running off the fields. Whose responsibility is it to fix the problem – Roads Department, Farmers. Developers? Is a speed limit needed? Mr Flockhart to contact Amey. Should SEPA be contacted? Should this problem be included in the Local Place Plan?
- (7) Mr Jones reported Aberdeenshire Council has fixed the path to Newtonhill Beach.
- (8) Mackie Academy Rugby Club has been successful in acquiring land at URY - 2 pitches, club house, etc, Stonehaven and District Community Council will help with planning application thus saving the Club a considerable amount of money.

(9) A representative from Cammies made enquiries re submitting an article to the Newsey and also thanked Community Council for help in getting the pavements at West Cammachmore cleared and tidied up.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm. with Mr Flockhart wishing everyone a safe journey home.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023, 7.30pm, in the Skateraw hall.