

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 363<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council took place in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Morgan, Andy Ward, Cllrs Burnett, Sullivan and Victor, PC Charnley and two members of the public

Mr Flockhart welcomed all to the meeting.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Jones

2 – POLICE REPORT – PC Charnley was in attendance. Written Report received – anti-social behaviour 12; youth disorder 10; thefts 1; shopliftings 4; theft of motor vehicles 0; drink/drug driving 1; dangerous driving 0; careless driving 1.

Please make sure dogs are kept away from livestock.

Traffic at School – A Police Officer, teacher and two pupils will be out checking parking, speeding, etc. Offenders' registrations will be noted and they will be contacted,

Search for missing person in Newtonhill still ongoing. Dog walkers, etc are asked to keep a watch.

Accident on A92 where the road was closed – emphasis on the lack of diversion signage for those who do not know the area.

Portlethen Police Station is still operating although no-one there.

3 - NEWTONHILL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Andy Ward attended to discuss proposals for Christmas lighting in Newtonhill. (1) Insurance has been paid by Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council but will changes make a difference? Mr Ward to update with proposals, (2) They wish to add an extra 4 lights on Skateraw Road but are having problems getting permission to link in to street lights. Don't really know why as no problem with the existing ones. (3) Proposal to erect lights in the trees in the park. Would this need planning permission? Electricity will be supplied from football pavilion. Are there any land owners who need to be consulted? (4) Proposal to replace the existing Christmas tree with a new one or even replace with a flowering cherry – not very Christmassy. Perhaps the existing tree should be given a stay of execution in the meantime. Local Councillors will make enquiries re new sockets. Mr Ward will keep us updated.

4 – MINUTE 362 with amendment – Accepted.

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)13.4 Brownfield sites – request for responses.

(2)(13.9) Vaccination Centre – Mr Flockhart contacted Local Councillors querying as to why a temporary vaccination hub was set up at ASDA? Who is funding this? Did it require planning permission? Why was there all the fuss and hassle for some groups caused by turning the Invercarron Resource Centre (not to mention cost) into a vaccination hub? NHS added this extra station at ASDA to make it easier for residents of Portlethen to attend.

(3)(13.20) Local Place Plans/Community Action Plan, 2/3 May – Community Engagement and Participation Guide received. Any comments need to be submitted by end of 2024. How will it progress over the next few years. Several subjects including education have been omitted. Local Place Plan needs to be in place by the end of the year. Mr Flockhart will raise at Community Council forum.

(4)(14.5) Dropped kerbs – No further updates

(5)(14.6) Accidents on A92 – Latest one – lack of signage, buses, road closed at Newtonhill stopping folk getting to Muchalls.

(6) Coastal Communities Funding – Impact of Funding Award. Pass to Mr Jones for completion.

6 – PLANNING – Nothing

7 – ROADS and POTHoles - Mr Flockhart and Miss Daniels had a zoom call with Andy James of Amey. Problems caused by the most recent accident on the A92 were raised – lack of updated information, lack of emergency signage on the back roads, problems with residents getting access to Muchalls, confusion over bus services. Maybe there should be permanent signage to Muchalls, Cookney for example.

The white lines have been painted on the replaced stretch of road at Muchalls.

Mr Flockhart pointed out the surface of AWPR as you approach Stonehaven is beginning to wear away.

There are still problems with potholes in Newtonhill and Muchalls.

8 – UNDERPASS – No further updates. Aberdeenshire Councillors and Mr Chew will follow this up as it is some time since we have had an update.

9 – VILLAGE STONES – No update.

10 – BINOCULARS - £5850 has been released to Community Council from Aberdeenshire Council. Should be ok. See under Finance.

11 – CHAPELTON BUS – Councillor Victor walked the route with someone from Road Safety who admitted some areas were not suitable for walking. It's a long way to walk. The report will now go to Road Safety and Transport.

12 – ELECTRIFICATION of RAILWAY LINE – No further update. Design options need to be considered.

13 – AGM – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Community Councillors – Elected 2021/2022 Mr Flockhart, Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Ewing, Mr Jones; elected 2022/2023 – Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank. Mr Connolly was made an Associate Member to deal with the Village Stones. We should have a total of 13 members. Mr Morgan will amend time to read 7.30pm and not 7pm. Mr Morgan will advertise on Facebook and website.

14 – FINANCE REPORT

Total balance - £12,272.06 – CC £1,081.37; Stones Project £4,418.30; Telescope £6,772.39

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Trax meeting due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 was cancelled. The next Trax meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, 7pm, Stonehaven Community Centre. Engagement Initiative on Aberdeenshire Council Transport Strategy –

<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/localtransportstrategy2023>

(2) 20 Minute Neighbourhoods

(3) Oot and About in Your Community – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 9.30am to 2.30pm, the Bettridge Centre.

- (4) Kincardine and Mearns Area Manager – Tim Stephen is taking over from Bruce Stewart who is retiring.
- (5) Community Council Forum, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 7pm, Viewmount. Hopefully the new Area Manager, Tim Stephen, will be there. Rep from Roads Department has been requested to attend to give update on maintenance contracts. Mr Flockhart may raise accidents on A92 and lack of updates and diversion signage. Also lack of service from Stagecoach.
- (6) Public Access Defibrillators - Public access defibrillators should be registered on the Scottish ambulance database.
- (7) Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path Update – Likely route from Muchalls to Bridge of Findon has been walked. Landowners need to be contacted and points of interest noted. Query as to what existing signs are – assume it's the ones Mr Jones has put up. Hopefully won't be too long till the entire route from North Esk to Cove will have been walked.
- (8) Message from Scottish Water – tell us what you think. Mr Flockhart has been contacted.
- (9) Shared Prosperity Fund –  
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID-9064>
- (10) The Transition Lab at Aberdeen University is running a survey to understand climate assemblies – <http://viis.abdn.ac.uk/snapwehost/s.asp?k=168174045586>
- (11) Scottish Conference for Community Councils online – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Democracy matters. Email [westlothiancc@gmail.com](mailto:westlothiancc@gmail.com)
- (12) Customer Services Engagement
- (13) Aberdeenshire Community Council Participation Request Meeting.
- (14) KDP AGM Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2pm, St Bridget's Hall
- (15) Aberdeenshire LDP 2028-2038
- (16) Boundaries Scotland – consultation on new Constituency Boundaries for the Scottish Parliament – <https://consult.boundaries.scot/>
- (17) Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum – Draft minute of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 plus agenda for meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- (18) Community Engagement and Participation Guide.

#### 16 – AOCB

- (1) KDP AGM – New trustees needed. Working on re-branding, new governance
- (2) Mr Chew reported there are still 10 properties for sale on the Barratts site. Minimal construction traffic on site.
- (3) Queries as to where Andrew Bowie gained his information re proposal for possible railway station at Newtonhill.
- (4) Donation of £50 to be given to Bettridge Centre to help with refreshments for those helping with search for missing Newtonhill resident.
- (5) Mr Flockhart to attend the inaugural meeting of the reformed Portlethen Community Council.

The 364<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June immediately following the AGM which will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm