

## Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council

The 364<sup>th</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 immediately after the AGM (7.40pm)

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart, Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Chew, Mr Jones, Mr Connolly, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Morgan, Gillian Davidson, Punya Samarakoon, Councillors Sullivan and Victor and one member of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES – Councillor Burnett

2 – ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS

CHAIR – Mr Flockhart (Mr Jones, Mr Ewing)

VICE-CHAIR - Miss Daniels (Mr Flockhart, Mrs Stephen)

SECRETARY – Mrs Stephen (Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank).

TREASURER – Mr Ewing (Mr Jones, Mr Morgan)

PLANNING OFFICER – Mr Morgan (Miss Daniels, Mr Flockhart)

3 – POLICE REPORT – (1) Written report submitted for May 2023. Anti-social behaviour 22; youth disorder 7; thefts 3; shoplifting 2; theft of motor vehicles 1; drink driving 0; dangerous driving 0; careless driving 2, (2) Mr Flockhart reported on graffiti at the bus stop on Newtonhill Road carried out by five youths. Also, graffiti in Newtonhill bus shelter. Perspex has been replaced.

Not happy with Police Reports as there are no follow-ups. Could we have updates on seasonal trends similar to those provided to Aberdeenshire Council. PC Charnley to be contacted.

Vandalism at Primary School

Trees in Newtonhill playpark have been snapped and the goal posts broken.

4 – MINUTE 363 - Accepted

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.6) Coastal Communities form - Mr Jones will complete. Mr Jones will also complete one for the Phoenix Fund.

(2)(7) AWPR – Wear and tear – see under Community Council Forum.

(3)(15.1) TraK meeting – Mr Flockhart attended. There are to be changes to times and number of buses. There will be a public meeting in Stonehaven Town Hall, 7-9pm, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

(4)(15.5) Community Council Forum – AMEY attended the furrow on the A92 south slip road at the traffic light and have done a temporary repair. Will be checked on a 7-day basis.

(5)(16.1) KDP AGM – Mr Cruickshank is now Chair and Mr Flockhart has joined the Board.

(6) (16.3) Andrew Bowie - Mr Chew has written to Mr Bowie on our behalf regarding re-establishment of a railway station in Newtonhill. Mr Bowie claimed an overwhelming majority of residents supported the re-opening of a railway station in Newtonhill. Where would station be situated? Car parking? Would it lead to fewer buses running? According to press reports Cove

and Newtonhill don't feature in the Scottish Government's current investment programme. So far Mr Chew has had no response. Wait a couple of weeks and try writing again.

It would appear information is being sourced from a NESTRANS survey carried out several years ago.

(7)(16.7) Portlethen CC - Mr Flockhart attended. Enough residents attended for Community Council to be re-formed. Meetings will be slimmed down. There will be no AOCB unless previously forwarded to the secretary.

6 - PLANNING – (1) Former petrol station/conservatory salesroom at Newtonhill is up for auction. (2) Proposed works to base station at site 11980 – Cobble boards Cammachmore, (3) PERMITTED PLANNING DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS REVIEW PHASE 3 – Publication of Consultations - Permitted Planning Development Rights Review – phase 3: consultation-gov.scot(www.gov.scot)

7 – ROADS and POTHLES – (1) After a request from Muchalls Village Association, Mr Flockhart contacted AMEY regarding damage to the dyke at the Lomonds following a recent road traffic accident. Inspections Manager to undertake an assessment to ascertain who is responsible. If it's a retaining wall, responsibility will be with AMEY and it will be repaired – sometime. (2) Mr Flockhart also reported potholes in Muchalls, many of which had been repaired but are now disintegrating, (3) Closure of A92 due to road traffic accident – bus diverts from Stonehaven to Charleston leaving residents of Newtonhill, Muchalls, Cammachmore, Portlethen stuck with no advice on what is happening Also no transport from Newtonhill to Stonehaven No diversion signs put in place. Matter to be raised with the Traffic Commissioner, (4) Concerns raised re congestion on A90/A92 junction and especially tailbacks being caused when accidents occur.

8 – UNDERPASS – Mr Chew has contacted Martin Hall. Apart from updates from Local Councillors we have had very little information since June last year apart from the fact Rachel Kennedy is no longer the appointed PM. Would it be possible for an update to be given to Community Council so that residents can be kept updated. So far Mr Chew has not received a reply.

9 – VILLAGE STONES – Newtonhill wall has now been completed and much admired by all. Thanks to Mr Connolly for all his hard work. Cost £4000. There is £1,400 each left for a feature wall at Muchalls and Cammachmore. Funding would have to be raised from elsewhere if these are to be put in place.

10 – BINOCULARS – Concerns were raised re original vendor. A new supplier has been found and an order will be placed ASAP.

Mr Jones raised several other points – (1) Phoenix Fund - 2,200 walking maps have been ordered and should be ready. Hopefully, will be delivered with the Newsey. "You are here board" to be erected in the playpark behind the bus stop, (2) proposal to site a seat at the wildlife area near the allotments has been rejected by Aberdeenshire Council. It now appears the allotments need a lease and fees will have to be paid, (3) proposal to site a defib near the allotments has hit a problem as there is no electricity supply to keep defib warm. Mr Flockhart to make enquiries to see if there are battery operated defibs.

11– FINANCE REPORT – Community Council grant this year will be £815

12 - CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Scottish Conference for Community Councils online, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

(2) K and M Area Bus Forum - 2 representatives from Stagecoach are due to attend.

- (3) Update to contacts - Emma Storey has been seconded to Planning Delivery Team for 6 months. Gemma Morrison (PA Garioch) will be covering Emma's role from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 [.kincardineandmearns@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kincardineandmearns@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
- (4) SSEN OHL – Mr Flockhart attended. Meeting was to discuss overhead power lines. There are none in our area.
- (5) Reminder of KDP's AGM –Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2pm, St Bridget's Hall.
- (6) Scotland's Infrastructure and capital investment in challenging times – What happens next?
- (7) Update of service contacts for Community Councils in Kincardine and Mearns
- (8) Long Service Awards – More than 20 years' service.
- (9) There will be some surface dressing works in our area from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- (10) Community Council Forum meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.
- (11) Severnside Defibs – Do we require discounted defibrillator or accessories?
- (12) Email from Councillor Dickinson regarding comment made at Community Council Forum regarding congestion on the A90/A92.
- (13) SSEN EMERGENCY FUNDING – It was decided at a previous meeting that purchase of a generator would be impracticable. However, could purchase be made of emergency packs and what would they contain – flasks, torches, hand warmers, etc. Where would these be stored?
- (14) Transport Strategy Reviews <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/localtransportstrategy2023>
- (15) Aberdeenshire Council Place Strategy – 2 TEAMS meetings on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 6.30pm to 8.00pm. – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/place-strategy-engagement-programme>
- (16) 2023 SURF awards for best practice in community regeneration.
- (17) Update of Council contacts
- (18) Prohibition of waiting for Skateraw Fair.
- (19) Minute of TraK meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023
- (20) 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary tool kit for Community Councils to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which created them.
- (21) ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL ECS – New hire application for session 23/24

### 13 – AOCB

1 – Overgrown hedge at St Ternan's Road. Mr Flockhart has contacted Aberdeenshire Council re problems being caused to pedestrians. No response so far

2 – Bins – Problems at Muchalls and Cammachmore – At the moment chaos reigns in Muchalls. The Village now has collections on two different days with different pick-ups.

Rubbish hasn't been collected from West Cammachmore. Hopefully problems will be sorted soon.

3 – The Haven Community Larder in Stonehaven is closing due to increased costs. They are hoping to continue the Haven Plot teaching gardening and the Haven Kitchen cooking classes.

4 – Solar panels in Muchalls - It was mentioned that Aberdeenshire Council can erect solar panels without planning permission, a resident of Marine View has been granted planning permission for solar panels but a resident elsewhere in the Village has been informed they will not get planning permission. Surely in a Conservation Area the same decision should fit all.

5 – Dropped kerbs at Newtonhill - Mr Flockhart has asked Aberdeenshire Council for an update. A solution has been drawn up for the Courts area of Newtonhill. This has now been approved to go forward. The maintenance team will look to plan the installation and how the project will be funded.

Work order for the grit bin is done.

6 – Scaffolding at Newtonhill Church – Query regarding scaffolding etc left in Newtonhill Church car park by members of the Christmas Lights Team. Appears to be a bit of confusion regarding communication between Church and Lights Team regarding repairs to and tidying up of storage container. Tidy up should be completed shortly.

7 – Chapelton School Bus – The Chapelton School bus will be withdrawn as from the end of term. Chapelton Community Association is not happy with this decision. Nor is the school. A new school at Chapelton will open in 2026. Users have offered to pay for a bus but this would be very expensive. There are 18 new pupils due to start school, not including those who usually get a bus. This will lead to more congestion at the school for drop off and pick up. North Kincardine Rural Community Council is to write to Aberdeenshire Council re unsafe walking route. Once we receive a copy of their letter, we will also contact the Council.

8 – Old Little Chef is now selling snooker equipment.

9 – Is everyone happy with 7.30pm start or would they prefer 7pm?

10 – Possible rotation of meeting venues.

11 - Reminder to residents to keep complaining about potholes

The next meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Apologies Mr Jones and Mr Cruickshank.