

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTE 367

The 367<sup>th</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

PRESENT – Miss Daniels (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Mr Chew, Mr Ewing, Mr Jones, Councillor Victor

1 – APOLOGIES – Peter Flockhart, Michael Morgan, Gillian Davidson, Danny Connolly, George Cruickshank, Cllr. Aitchison.

2 – POLICE REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023 Youth disorder 13; Anti-social 11; acquisitive 0; Shoplifting 4 (still under investigation); Theft of motor vehicle 1 (still under investigation); Drink/drug driving 2 (1 detected, one under investigation); Dangerous driving 0; Careless driving 5 ( 2 detected, 3 under investigation)

Comment from Miss Daniels - How will the trial where some crimes will not be dealt with affect these figures? If no CCTV and person not classed as vulnerable will the crime be pursued? If not, will the crime be recorded and how will this affect statistics?

House breaking in Newtonhill (St Michael's Road)

A group of 8/9 year olds throwing stones and damaging cars. Incident will be reported to the Police.

3 – MINUTE 366 with the amendment item 4(1)(4.4) Any response to Mr Morgan's letters re changes to buses? Scottish Traffic Commissioner replied – They have no interest in changes to timetables - Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Bus services – No update

(2)(4.2) SSEN Fund – CC has been awarded a grant of £5000 to supply and deliver material support in case of power loss. Need to consider what will be purchased, where it will be stored (Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore) and who will distribute it and make sure it is returned. 50 wind up radios, 50 plug in phones, 40 flasks, 38 power packs, 48 power lights, 50 blankets. Now need to consider the logistics. What is needed in power cuts? What is needed in case of flooding? Will items be handed out individually or as a package?

(3)(6.a) Zig zag markings – No updates.

(4)(6.b) Hedge at St Ternan's – No updates.

(5)(12.9) Portlethen Post Office – No confirmation of opening date.

(6)(12.11) Audrey Nicoll, MSP – Do we want to invite our MSP to attend a meeting or are we quite happy for her just to turn up as any member of the public would? No invitation to attend will be given but she is free to attend any meeting as long as it is not used as a political platform.

(7)((12.14) Coastal Path – Caspar and James plus perhaps another will attend the November meeting. Should take approx. 15 minutes. Will put them towards the start of the meeting(8)(12.22)

(8) Meikle Carewe Judging Panel – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, Stonehaven Community Centre.

(9)(12.22) CC Induction Course – I think Gillian attended.

(10)(13.3) Grit bins and dropped kerbs – No updates.

(11)(13.7) Fire hazard Park Place/Windyedge – Mr Jones has received a reply from Aberdeenshire Council. Land where the tree was felled and No 1 Windyedge are not Council owned and concerns should be addressed to the owner or the Scottish Fire and Rescue could be contacted. No 3 is owned by the Council and the Housing Officer will inspect the hedge when next in Newtonhill. Mr Jones to ascertain if the owner of No 1 Windyedge would like the felled tree removed.

(12)(13.8) Dangerous Dogs – Nothing new to report. The incident in August has been reported to the Police. A crime report has been raised. Enquiries are ongoing. A thorough investigation will be undertaken and the Dog Warden will be informed. Police Scotland do not undertake risk assessments in relation to dogs who reside in close proximity to safe walking routes to schools. Maybe the Dog Warden can assist? All incidents involving dogs should be reported to the Police.

Two other incidents have been reported to the Police.

5 – PLANNING – (1) Retrospective planning application for replacement door at Muchalls, (2) Erection of dwelling house at Burn of Pheppie, (3) Base Station Installation Upgrade at Whinward Plantation Muchalls –Doesn't appear it would have any major effect on the Village, (4) Mr Morgan has submitted responses on our behalf re Soils Evidence Report and Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance. Aberdeenshire Council has made no progress with evidence reports for the next LDP. Of the 34 topics mentioned in the LDP Scheme, five have been published. The consultation on all five has closed. A separate consultation on Developer Obligations and Affordable Housing has also closed, (5) Lopping of trees at Marine Terrace.

6 – ROADS and POTHOLES – (1) Burn of Elsie Bridge – Bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic for some time. However, after recent heavy rain, there was an emergency road closure notice starting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for 21 days. This is total closure including cyclists and pedestrians. This was followed by a further closure notice starting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for 18 months. Meanwhile the bridge has been demolished. What happens next? Will this be replaced with a modern bridge? Is there any funding for this? Mr Flockhart has registered a formal complaint with Aberdeenshire Council re lack of answers to emails and lack of up to date information.

7 – UNDERPASS – No contact for several months. Mr Chew to pass his information on to Councillor Victor and she will follow this up.

8 – BINOCULARS/TELESCOPE – Has arrived. Heavier than expected. Foundations will be laid ASAP but might be some time due to adverse weather. Mr Jones has completed the written report and is just waiting photos of it in position before submitting to Aberdeenshire Council.

9 – FINANCE REPORT – Community Council approx. £1,224; stones just over £2,000; telescope £428. £200 donation to Newsey for delivering walking maps.

10 – CAMMIES FIESTA – No report.

11 – CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Community Transport Report Presentation – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7pm,  
Inverbervie Burgh Hall

- (2) Letter of thanks from Portlethen and District Community Ambulance for donation
- (3) Creating a Home Emergency Plan with SSEN Customer webinars – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 1300 to 1400
- (4) Aberdeenshire Council Local Place Plan Release 27/9/23 – Up to £500 is available to Community Councils to help with the cost of setting up Local Place Plans.
- (5) Aberdeenshire Council Budget Engagement Release 4/10/23 – What matters most to residents? <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024>
- (6) River Dee revived after one of Scotland's biggest ever dam removal
- (7) Community Council Induction Training recording can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn.04xlGhWI.gov.uk>
- (8) SSEN are offering two online seminars to help create a home emergency plan - <https://ssen.engage-360.co.uk/>
- (9) Aberdeenshire Council Advenshire – Treasure Trail Maps.
- (10) Booking now open for the Networking event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## 12 – AOCB

- 1 – Mr Flockhart has suggested a Night Out - Any suggestions? Will bring up at November meeting.
- 2 – CHAPELTON BUS – Aberdeenshire Council Education Committee decided against re-instating the Chapelton bus to Newtonhill Primary School as distance is less than 2 miles. Mr Morgan has written to the Area Manager for an update on the plan to open Chapelton Primary School in 2026.
- 3 – NEWTONHILL FEATURE WALL – A final sign off letter has been received from KDP. Two points raised by Mr Connolly – (1) When time allows Aberdeenshire Council will remove or re-site the road signage round the area of the wall and (2) possible temporary lighting to the wall when the Christmas lights are erected will be discussed with Aberdeenshire Council.
- 4 – Planning application for 180 houses and retail units at Chapelton has been passed. 11 retail units including a pub and community building
- 5 – The last green waste collection at the Bettridge Centre will be on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- 6 – Barratts have now removed the sale sign on the show house and the floodlights have gone.
- 7 – Cllr Victor is to see what can be done re parking on the pavement near new Barratt Development/Park Place/Heathfield Park
- 8 – Concerns were raised re vandalism in the vicinity of the allotments.
- 9 – Aberdeen Airport Changes to Airspace – not clear how we will be affected.
- 10 – Adverse weather warnings.

The meeting finished at 20.04.

The 368<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023