

NEWTONHILL, MUUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTE

The 371st meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart, Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Ewing, Mr Chew, Mr Morgan, Mrs Davidson Mr Torrance, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Connolly, Cllr Sullivan and one member of the public.

1 – APOLOGIES - Mr Cruickshank and Cllr Victor.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report submitted – youth disorder 3; anti-social 16; thefts 2UI; shoplifting 0; housebreaking 4UI, 1D; drink driving 2. Key: D – Detected; UI - Under Investigation.

3 – MINUTE 370 - Accepted

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) SSEN Fund- Mr Flockhart has been working on a document to be signed by borrowers. On hold at the moment. Decided to see if we could ascertain who might be in need of help during power cuts etc. Perhaps, mention in the next Newsey. Can only help approx. 38/40. Could residents sign up to SP Energy Networks Free Priority Services Register?

(2)(5.2) Hedge at ST Ternan's – Hedge has been removed and replaced with a fence. A great improvement.

(3)(5.5) Bin uplifts – Councillor Victor has confirmed problems are caused due to lorry break downs.

(4)(5.9) Platinum Jubilee Path – Mr Jones has forwarded a letter of support from Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council. Coastal Path update – The Tangleha Artists Collective has been tasked with developing the path from the River North Esk to the southern edge of Aberdeen City limits at Cove. Should then link up with paths round Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Banffshire. Working on a path from Stonehaven to Bridge of Muchalls. No access through the Golf Course.

(5)(13.2) Newtonhill Festive Lights – Councillor Sullivan will take this forward. Letter of support to be sent to her.

There was also discussion re the lighting up of feature wall at entrance to Newtonhill. Mr Torrance felt this was unnecessary - not a road sign, additional lighting is not good, costs money and we are heading for a climate catastrophe. However, it was decided by a majority to see what lighting up the feature would involve.

(6)(13.3) Seed potatoes – Can't carry out a give-away on a week-day evening. A seed hub will be put into Portlethen Library from mid-April where anyone can collect free seeds. Seed potatoes can also be collected from the Haven, Stonehaven, on Saturday 23rd March 2024, 10am.

5 – PLANNING – (a) Aberdeenshire LDP Evidence Report Topic Papers and Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy. Three more Evidence reports have been completed including one on tourism. Will be included in Local Place Plan, (b) Planning application for erection of dwelling house on land to the east of Skateraw Store. Mr Morgan has raised our concerns, esp regarding buses, (c) Site at Roadside Cammachmore – 5 pitch motor home stop over.

6 – ROADS and POTHoles – (a) Someone, presumably Amey, has been working on the main road over a couple of nights. Supposedly going to check out potholes at entrance to Muchalls, (b) Lights at zebra crossing – according to Aberdeenshire Council fault should be reported online but this can't actually be done. (Repairs have been carried out).

7 – UNDERPASS – No further updates. Ms Samarakoon later commented that there needs to be a tidy up of underpass - bottles, cans, litter etc. There needs to be proper access for wheelchairs and cycles. Mr Flockhart to see if Amey can provide any help.

8 – ELSICK BRIDGE – Safety fencing at the non-existent bridge has 'blown down'. When will it be replaced/properly fixed? Councillor Sullivan thinks it has been removed.

10 – BINOCULARS/TELESCOPE – Now in position at the Braehead thanks to work carried out by Aberdeenshire Council workmen. Mr Jones has contacted Diane Henderson, Aberdeenshire Council, to confirm work has been concluded.

11 – FEATURE WALLS at MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE – Article will appear in the next Muchalls newsletter asking for design for the feature wall for Muchalls. Mr Connolly will deal with the one at Cammachmore. Mark McDonald is quite happy to undertake the work but cannot give quote until he receives further information. Sites, design, planning permission. Quotes would all be needed before grants can be applied for.

12 – COMMUNITY COUNCIL INSURANCE – Awaiting confirmation from Zurich that the Newtonhill Christmas lights, Isabella and binoculars/telescope are included in insurance.

13 – FINANCE REPORT – No change from last month.

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) AMEY February newsletter
- (2) Agenda for Community Council Forum to be held on 6th March 2024.
- (3) Concerns re proposed Orange March from Stonehaven Town Hall to Dunnottar Churchyard. Permission for the march was refused by Aberdeenshire Council.
- (4) Anyone interested in Community Ownership Support Service Training?
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- (5) Enterprising Aberdeenshire –
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/appps/news/release.aspx?newsID=9258>
- (6) Invitation to attend Portlethen and District Community Ambulance Open Day – Saturday 20th April 2024, 10.15 to 12 noon. RSVP by 6th April 2024 to gilldrain@hotmail.co.uk or 07843584180
- (7) Feedback sought on Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Framework – deadline 3rd May 2024
- (8) Community Council Forum Actions – Information on Community Council Elections. AGM should be held as normal to approve accounts. Office Bearers can be elected then or wait until the first meeting after elections. Community Council Forum agreed to host a table at KDP Volunteer Recruitment Event on Thursday 25th April 2024, 3 to 7pm in Fetteresso Church Hall. Community Councillors needed to staff a table 4 x 1-hour slots with 2 Community Councillors at a time. No volunteers.
Mr Flockhart attended the meeting. The erection of pylons from Kintore to Tealing was discussed. Some feel they will be a blot on the landscape and cables should be underground. It would appear that would be impracticable due to costs. There is to be a series of public

meetings which will not be funded by Aberdeenshire Council as they have to be seen to be impartial. It was suggested that all Community Councils in the relevant areas join together to help with funding. So far, we have had no requests for help.

(9) Scottish Water Spring Newsletter – www.scottishwater.co.uk

(10) Hall Networking Event. – Monday 13th MAY 2024, 2 – 4pm at St Cyrus Village Hall.

(11) KDP Volunteering Recruitment Event – 25th April 2024, 3 – 7pm Fetteresso Church Hall.

15 – AOCB

- (1) Kerbs at Courts at Newtonhill – Work should take place within the next few weeks. Still waiting but if no sign of work being done Mr Flockhart will contact Aberdeenshire Council again.
- (2) Hedges including hawthorn and holly have been cut down at East Cammachmore. Debris has not been removed and as a result is quite dangerous for dogs etc. Councillor Sullivan took note.
- (3) The fence at the tennis courts on Newtonhill Road is at a jaunty angle. Responsibility for repair lies with Aberdeenshire Council. Once again Councillor Sullivan took note.
- (4) Update on railway bridges survey - Somethings have been re-prioritised.
- (5) Query re Orange Order meeting in the Stonehaven Town Hall. Legitimate booking
- (6) Newtonhill Access Group is working on a website
- (7) Residents are reminded it is now illegal to park on pavements.
- (8) Portlethen Medical Centre – Concerns were raised regarding a recent post by Portlethen Health Centre. An unmanageable demand for urgent care and staff absences mean that full capacity will be reached leading to phone lines being closed. This may continue over several weeks. In the meantime, what are those in need of care meant to do? Surely at a minimum advice should be given on where to go or what to do? Mr Flockhart will contact the Health Centre to see what help we can give. As a matter of interest 16 GP appointments were missed and 30 plus Nurse appointments.

The 372nd meeting will be held in Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th April 2024