

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 374<sup>th</sup> meeting of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council was held in the Skateraw Hall, Newtonhill on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.10pm immediately after the AGM which took place at 7pm.

### DRAFT MINUTE

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan, Mr Chew, Mr Jones, Mr Torrance, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Cllr Victor.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Connolly, Punya Samarakoon, Cllr Sullivan

2 – ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS – Decided to stay as we are until the Elections.

3 – POLICE REPORT – We are included in the Stonehaven Area. Youth disorder 6; anti-social behaviour 15; thefts 3 under investigation; shoplifting 1 detected, 5 under investigation; housebreakings 2 under investigation; drink/drug driving 1 under investigation; dangerous driving 1 detected.

Police are now using tagging dye on motorcyclists committing crimes.

4 – MINUTE 373 - Accepted

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) SSEN – Mr Flockhart has purchased storage boxes and most of the money is now spent.

(2)(4.2) Dropped kerbs – Still waiting. Mr Flockhart will follow this up.

(3)(4.4) Tennis courts – No further information.

(4)(4.5) Portlethen Medical Centre - Mr Flockhart met with the Practice Manager. Volunteers are wanted to meet three or four times a year to discuss what is needed to improve services. It would appear new services only answer calls during office hours.

(5)(4.6) Muchalls Conservation Area - At the AGM of MVA it was decided that Muchalls would still want Conservation Area Status despite some of the inconveniences. We would also like to make sure that land between Dunnyfell Road and Walker Drive is included in the Conservation Area. MVA will be advised to respond to this.

(6)(18.3) Road Safety Issues – No further contact from complainant.

(7)(15.5) CC Get-together – Hopefully this will take place later in the year possibly September

(8)(15.7) Newtonhill Christmas Lights – No further updates.

((9)(15.8) Stonehaven Library – Closures mainly due to staff illness with no available cover. Hopefully, updates of closures etc will appear on social media in the future.

(10)(15.9) Football pitch – No further updates.

6 – PLANNING

LDP/PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN for 2025-2029 – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/process-and-timescales/>

Piers Blaxter update on Public Evidence Report Topics paper.

20 out of 30 Evidence Reports have been completed so far.

Mr Morgan working on this and Local Place Plan at the same time.

Plans for 300 plus houses at Chapelton to be built north of the Retirement Village either side of the Cookney Road. Will this lead to traffic problems esp when bigger equipment is being used? More houses and also the straightening of the Pheppie Burn could lead to problems with water table.

7 – LOCAL PLACE PLAN – Kincardine and Mearns Area funding - Aberdeenshire Council. Includes application form for funding of up to £500 to help with costs of setting up a Local Place Plan. Request for comments has been made in the most recent MVA newsletter.

8 – ROADS and POTHoles – (1) Dunnyfell Road is on the list for surface dressing. Also, A92 south to Newtonhill Road, Newtonhill Road and Skateraw Road, (2) Funding also available for Plover Court/Fulmar Court footpath, (3) Road to Bettridge Centre – Aberdeenshire Council Road Service only maintains the lights. It may be Property Services that maintain the area as the library is situated there. Mr Flockhart awaiting a response from Tim Stephens, (4) Potholes in West Cammachmore. Punya reports on-going road works near both ends of Cammachmore and hopes it will carry on into Cammachmore (5) Work on zig-zags will be done but possibly summer/autumn, (6) Pavement parking 72 St Ternan's Road – Aberdeenshire Council will arrange for some patrols to be carried out, (7) Cleaning of walk ways in Newtonhill - Amey's Operations Team is aware of what is required The work has been carried out,(8) Yellow markings on pavement close to the School, presumably for filling despite there being two big potholes on the road down to the School, (9) Bushes etc at TESCO is their responsibility, (10) Potholes at East Cammachmore to be repaired.

9 – UNDERPASS – This is Amey's responsibility, not Aberdeenshire Council.

10 – ELSICK BRIDGE – At the moment bridge is only 21<sup>st</sup> on the bridge repairs list. Hopefully, update by beginning of June. There is a possibility of using revenue "top slice" repair funds. If this is possible then it would likely be a single-track concrete span that could take any normal vehicle weight, The fencing has been removed to allow pedestrian crossing via strategically placed stepping stones.

The Replacement Group is now a sub-group of NVA and is now known as the Newtonhill and District Access Committee (NAC).

Preparations are underway for a stall at the Skateraw Fair (survey, information flyers and lucky squares fund raiser.)

Will need landowner's permission before applications for funding can be made. Perhaps meeting with Tim Stephens will help clarify the situation.

11 – FEATURE WALL - (a) Muchalls now has a design for their feature stone. Black polished granite. Free standing with no wall. Approx 44 inches by 27 inches on a 7/8 inch plinth. Situated in flower bed at trop of Dunnyfell Road. We have one verbal quote for supply, print and instal. Now need to go for planning permission.

(b) Stone for Cammachmore – Mr Connolly struggling to find out owner of land where it is proposed to site the feature wall. Report from Punya – Amey has responded to Mr Connolly. The area concerned belongs to the Council

(c) Suggestion to instal solar lights at Newtonhill feature wall. Quotes of £2624.50 plus VAT and £2360.50 plus VAT – Decided against this.

12 – FINANCE REPORT

CC grant - £907

### 13 – AGM/ELECTIONS

AGM – Runs as normal as accounts need to be verified. They will continue to run as normal as they are separate from the single election process which will run every three years.

UPDATED CONSTITUTION – Accepted at the AGM.

#### ELECTIONS –

Call for nominations – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Close of nominations – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

All current Community Councillors stand down at midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Ballot (if needed) 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Count 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Inaugural meeting for Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.30pm via TEAMS – more details later.

### 14 – CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund [inspiringscotland.org.uk/fund/neighbourhood-ecosystem-fund](https://inspiringscotland.org.uk/fund/neighbourhood-ecosystem-fund)

(2) AMEY May Newsletter – North East Trunk Road Network

(3) BT will upgrade to full fibre with up to 1000Mb/sec speed available by December 2026. This is about 35 times faster than at the moment.

(4) KDP has a new website – [www.kdp.scot](http://www.kdp.scot)

(5) Benefits for the Volunteer – <https://you.be/pNY3JWwFL4M?sl=pKG-1vpTm6hVd1eI>

(6) 8 reasons to Volunteer – [https://you.be/adgTRvUJ\\_XI?sl=HpoJQPM=nI55oKTn](https://you.be/adgTRvUJ_XI?sl=HpoJQPM=nI55oKTn)

(7) KDP bulletins can now be accessed through their new website

(8) Aberdeenshire Draft Local Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029. Consultation now open – <https://engage-aberdeenshire.gov.uk/aberdeenshire-council-local-housingstrategy-2024-2029-consultation>

New houses being built will not meet net zero requirements. Gas heating is still being permitted but when gas is phased out owners will face an expensive time replacing heating.

(9) EDS Education Hire – Application for 24/25

(10) Community Council Grants - £907

(11) Response to Station question – Nobody seems to have realistic suggestion for where a station would be sited.

(12) Consultation on Draft Aberdeenshire Open Space Audit and Draft Play Sufficiency Assessment – No idea where they got their information on Muchalls. This appears to be an online consultation.

There are quite a few folk who might wish to respond who don't have computers or are not computer literate. Also, very few have fancy phones.

(14) Japanese Knotweed at Cammachmore – Rob Peaker used to deal with this in Newtonhill Area. He might be willing to offer some advice. He was trained to deal with this. This has been reported to Aberdeenshire Council but so far, no response.

(16) Regional Active Travel Network Consultation – <https://www.nestrans.org.uk/projects/cycling-walking-safety/regional-active-travel-network>

(17) Email from Cllr Victor re issues in Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council Area – replacement of Elsie Burn Bridge, A92 underpass, active travel links, trees trimming at the Braehead, more amenities for teenagers, repairs to the road to the Bettridge Centre and car park, tennis courts, narrow road sign, Portlethen Health Centre, termination of Public Switched Telephone Network, potholes. Nothing further added.

(18) Aberdeen International Airport's Airspace Change Proposal – Final webinar this week.

(19) Ian Findlay Path Fund- Would be ideal for the Elsie Bridge active travel route to Portlethen.

15 - AOCB

- (1) We are having problems in Muchalls with a gentleman who persists in parking an extra-large trailer (partly over the dropped kerb at the Hall), a vehicle on the road half way down Marine Terrace.
- (2) Query re whether the gaps between carriageways at the south entrance to Cammachmore are due to be closed with the Chapelton Development. Mr Flockhart has contacted Emma Storey and Mr Morgan to see what he can find

The meeting finished at 8pm.

THE 375<sup>th</sup> MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SKATERAW HALL AT 7.30pm ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2024.