

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTE

The 376<sup>th</sup> Meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Chew, Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank and two members of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed all present

1 – APOLOGIES – Mrs Davidson, Mr Jones, Cllrs Sullivan and Victor

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written report received for August- youth disorder 8; anti-social 16; thefts 4 detected, 2 under investigation; drink/drug driving 5 detected; dangerous driving 1 detected. We are included in the Stonehaven area.

Mr Flockhart has received an email from a member of the public regarding problems in Newtonhill - arson, vandalism, attempted house breakings to name but a few.

Update – Attempt to slow down an ambulance on a call.

Increase in youth annoyance in Portlethen and Chapelton.

Inspector Di Meola has been invited to attend a CC meeting. PC Charnley has been given CC dates for September, October, November.

Inspectors only attend meetings on serious incidents or catastrophes.

Patrols both marked and unmarked have been patrolling the area – Newtonhill, Chapelton and Portlethen.

It has been reported those involved either walk or use bikes to get around the area.

Social work, education and Police are working together to resolve the situation.

If anyone witnesses anything un-toward, please contact the Police via 999 if an emergency or 101 if non-urgent. Anti-social behaviour can be reported by email – [StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@SACotland.police.uk](mailto:StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@SACotland.police.uk)

Give as much details as possible.

Mr Flockhart met with PC Charnley who gave him an update on developments.

3 - MINUTE 375 Accepted

Amendment proposed by Mr Chew

POLICE REPORT – “Following a number of recent incidents of vandalism Mr Flockhart made a request for Inspector Rhona Di Meola to attend our meeting. She passed this to PC Charnley who did not attend either. Members expressed disappointment that considering the recent level of crime occurring in Newtonhill including arson, vandalism, flower beds being ripped up, stones and wooden blocks thrown at moving cars and recent attempted house breakings in Newtonhill Road the Police did not take this opportunity to engage with the Community Council members, Local Councillors and residents. Given the level of concern in our community this invitation to Inspector Di Meola will be repeated for our next meeting.”

And Mr Morgan

6(2) The plan to remodel the Portlethen flyover has been put on hold and will be reviewed every 5 years or 500 houses completions, whichever comes first

8(5) Once again complaints re potholes in Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore.

#### 4 - MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.2) Dropped kerbs – In the priority list for 2024/2025. Mr Flockhart has once again asked for more details.

At this point Mr Cruickshank commented that the grass at the steps at TESCO had been cut.

Once again problems with overgrown bushes at Elsick Place and St Michael's Road.

(2)(5.3) Portlethen Medical Centre – No response so Mr Flockhart will pay them a visit.

(3)(5.5) Community Council Get-together – No further information from North Kincardine Rural Community Council.

(4)(5.6) Japanese Knotweed – Request from Judith Cox, Aberdeenshire Council, as to who owns the land along the Elsick Burn, just north of Newtonhill, specifically the section between the railway viaduct and the A92. Aberdeenshire Council hoping to treat some Knotweed and need owners' permission. Mr Jones thinks it could be Brian Saunders.

Some areas at Cammachmore have been treated and are dying back but another couple of patches have appeared.

(6)(16.23) Aberdeenshire Decides – no further information.

(7)(16.27) Closure of A92- Mr Flockhart contacted both Amey and Stagecoach re lack of bus transport for Muchalls residents during road works. Not practical to run service to Muchalls. No safe turning point. School buses come and go. Must admit usually smaller buses but not always.

Stagecoach claim they only received two days' notice of closure.

5 – PLANNING – (1) Planning application for 84 solar panels and EV charging point at the Bettridge Centre.

(2) Planning application for 2 storey house adjacent to Parkend, Marine Terrace, Muchalls. Applicants attended to give details of plans. Discussion re planning application – appearance does not match Conservation Area, Fire and Rescue Services difficult access to house, sustainable travel (this was felt to be a questionable issue). Mr Morgan to submit an objection to the Planning Department.

(3) LDP – new links Play, Recreation and Sport – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp-evidence-report-play-recreation-sport> and Quality Homes – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp-evidence-report-quality-homes>

6 - LOCAL PLACE PLAN – Topic Paper on Infrastructure still to be completed and Council fast running out of time. Deadline cannot be changed. No mention of school roll numbers and with more and more houses being built at Chapelton numbers will increase. New school at Chapelton due to open in time for 2026/2027 school year.

Well done and thanks to Mr Morgan for all his hard work.

7 - ROADS and POTHoles – (1) Road to Bettridge Centre- still waiting, (2) Work on zig-zags - still waiting, (3) Potholes fixed in Muchalls, (4) Still waiting for work to be done at Cammachmore.

8 – UNDERPASS – Audrey Nicoll, MSP, visited the site and has written to Jim Savage supporting the re-opening of the underpass. Local community, businesses and landowners are all in favour of re-opening the underpass. Discussions with the landowners have been positive. She has asked Aberdeenshire Council for an update on progress.

No safe pedestrian access to the School. NOOSC is to register concerns.

Underpass will need to be fit for use by walkers, cyclists, pram pushers, wheel chair users. Concerns were raised re possible flooding when it rains but hopefully a suitable solution will be found.

9 - NEWTONHILL TENNIS COURTS – No updates.

10 - ELSICK BRIDGE – Mr Flockhart contacted Tim Stephens regarding the opening of the new bridge – when? council official opening? Out of School Club? Council has no plans for an official opening but would be willing to advise. Bridge opened to foot traffic on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Hopefully vehicular access as from Monday. Mr Flockhart emailed Tim Stephens to thank all concerned for the speed at which the bridge was replaced.

There will be an opening ceremony. At the moment Mr Torrance is liaising with a piper.

11 - FEATURE WALLS – Muchalls planning application has been submitted. Mr Connolly working on planning application for Cammachmore. Also, application to Meikle Carewe for funding for Cammachmore.

12 - FINANCE REPORT – Total in bank £5,023 (CC £1384). Expenses for Muchalls planning application for feature stone approx £300 so far.

Request for Community Council grant and reimbursement of payment for insurance now needs validated accounts, draft AGM minute, receipt for payment of insurance, Data Protection certificate, Public Liability Certificate

Are there any donations CC could make? Donation to foodbank? Friday Lunch Club? Yoga for cancer sufferers? Further enquiries to be made. Reactive Coffee? Discuss at next meeting.

13 – ELECTIONS – All members due to step down at midnight. New members (Newtonhill) Peter Flockhart, Torcuill Torrance, Gillian Davidson, Michael Morgan, Michael Chew, Alan Jones, George Ewing, George Cruickshank, (Muchalls) Alison Daniels, Edith Stephen, (Cammachmore) Punya Samarakoon and Roland Armes?.

14 - CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Consultation on flood risk management plans and local flood risk management plans – Mr Morgan has responded.

2 - Aberdeenshire Council makes pledge to choose local

3 - Bill McKenzie – Is the outcome providing a “good” and better” Aberdeenshire bus service for the public?

4 - Private water supplies research – <https://forms.office.com/4LVZgeU64> Does anyone have a private water supply? Mr Torrance suggested maybe mention on CC website or Facebook? Done

5 - Agenda for Community Council Forum – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Letter re SSEN proposed overhead line and associated sub-stations, note on Aberdeenshire Decides.

6 - NHS SHARE needs your support – [www.registerforshare.org](http://www.registerforshare.org)

7- Listening to our customers – Scottish Water ACM – Aberdeen Science Centre, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 17.15 to 19.00.

8 - Heritage Exhibition NE Writers Celebration – Stonehaven Library, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 3.15 to 4.45pm.

9 - Grampian Gathering – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Beach Ballroom, 10.30am to 4pm

10 – Digital Engagement newsletter, August2024

11 – SSEN Transmission Regional Fund – [ssen-transmission.co.uk/communitybenefit](http://ssen-transmission.co.uk/communitybenefit)

12 – Amey August newsletter

13 – Gourdon Community Council Coffee morning

14 – Hannah Robertson – Scotland wide community-led research funding from the RSE

15 – Kincardine and Mearns climate survey – <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Kincardine-and-mearns-climate-awareness-and-adaptation>

16 – Thistle Wind Partners Limited - Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm – 38 km off the Aberdeenshire Coast – Comments by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – [scoping-Bowdun.Offshore.wind.farm-SCOP0056.I.marine.gov.scot](http://scoping-Bowdun.Offshore.wind.farm-SCOP0056.I.marine.gov.scot) Responses by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Will come onshore at Benholm with a new substation being built at Fetteresso Forest.

17 – Children’s Panel Recruitment – application closes 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – [www.chscotland.gov.uk](http://www.chscotland.gov.uk)

18 – Scotland wide community led research funding from RSE – [www.rse.org.uk](http://www.rse.org.uk)

19 – Webinar for Community Councils with Ready Scotland – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 6pm.

15 – AOCB

1 – Articles needed for the next Newsey due early November – new committee, replacement bridge, potholes, anti-social behaviour

2 – Cammies Fiesta – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Charity Quiz Night 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

3 – Resilience Month – Be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for 72 hours. Back to the good old days. – Ready.Aberdeenshire.

4 – Everyone received a letter re Kintore to Tealing overheads line

5 – Path to Muchalls Beach – Mr Jones advised that the path at the cliff top at Muchalls is in a dangerous state of repair. Who is responsible for remedying this?

6 – Newtonhill Shop has been open Wednesday to Saturday recently but is due to close again.

7 – Rep needed for Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Fund – Mrs Stephen with Mr Flockhart as substitute.

8 – Get well card to be sent to Mr Peaker.

The next meeting will be the inaugural meeting (7pm), immediately followed by the 377<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meetings will be held in the Skateraw Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.