

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minute of Inaugural Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 9th October in the Skateraw hall.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart, Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan, Mr Jones, Mr Ewing, Mrs Davidson, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Torrance, and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES – Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank, Cllr Sullivan.

As there were no members of Aberdeenshire Council present Mr Morgan took the Chair
Mr Morgan welcomed all present and explained who he was.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chair – Mr Flockhart (Mr Ewing, Mrs Davidson)

Vice-Chair – Miss Daniels (Mr Flockhart, Mr Morgan)

Secretary - Mrs Stephen (Mr Ewing, Mrs Davidson)

Treasurer – Mr Ewing (Mr Flockhart, Mr Jones).

Mr Flockhart then took the Chair

Mr Flockhart proposed, seconded by Mr Jones that Mr Morgan stay as Planning Officer. Mr Morgan happy to do so,

The Constitution and Standing Orders were approved/adopted (proposed Miss Daniels, seconded Mr Flockhart).

Meeting Dates and Venues for 2024/2025

20th November 2024

Dates for 2025 – 15th January, 19th February, 19th March, 16th April, 21st May, 18th June.

Normally Skateraw Hall 7.30pm but venue may change to Muchalls or Cammachmore.

Meet third Wednesday of the month apart from July and December.

Induction Training

Wednesday 30th October 2024, 7pm – Role of a Community Councillor

Wednesday 6th November at 7pm – Introduction to Community Councils statutory role in the planning process.

The meeting finished at 7.11pm

At this point Cllr Victor arrived and gave her apologies for being late.

She quickly went over what we had done and will find out where induction meetings are to be held.

A member of the public registered disappointment at the fact that Aberdeenshire Council had not publicly announced who the new Community Councillors are.

As there were only 12 residents who put their names forward, there was no need for an election.

Newtonhill - Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank, Mrs Davidson, Mr Ewing, Mr Flockhart, Mr Jones,
Mr Morgan, Mr Torrance

Muchalls – Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen,

Cammachmore – Punya Samarakoon, Mr Armes

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The 377th meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.25pm, immediately after the inaugural meeting, on Wednesday 9th October 2024

DRAFT MINUTE

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Ewing, Mr Jones, Mr Torrance, Mrs Davidson, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Morgan, Cllr Victor.

1 – APOLOGIES – Mr Chew, Mr Cruickshank, Cllr Sullivan.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report submitted for September. Youth disorder 4; anti-social 15; thefts 1 under investigation; shoplifting 7 under investigation; house breaking 2 under investigation; careless driving 4 detected; drink/drug driving 5 detected; dangerous driving 1 detected.

SCOTTISH FIRE and RESCUE and POLICE SCOTLAND are holding a Breakfast Club at Stonehaven Fire Station on October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 from 9am to 11am.

3 – MINUTE 376 – Accepted.

4 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(4.1) Dropped kerbs – will be done 2025/2026

(2)(4.2) Portlethen Medical Centre – 3 weeks ago Mr Flockhart emailed Portlethen Health Centre re some patients receiving double dose prescriptions. No response so handed in paper copy. Now has had a response. Nothing can be done unless patients' details are revealed which they are not prepared to do.

(3)(4.3) Community Council Get-together – No further information.

(4)(4.4) Japanese Knotweed – Under control in the meantime.

(5)(15.1) Article for the Newsey – Miss Daniels working on this. Reminder emergency packs available. At this point Mr Flockhart showed a booklet giving advice on what to do in emergencies, eg power cuts and winter weather which has been produced by Torphins. Could Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council do something similar? SSEN funding could be used to produce this. Every household would have one delivered.

The Bettridge Centre is about to have solar panels installed. Would this mean the Centre would be self-sufficient? Could it be used as a hub in emergencies? Could it be a 24 hour emergency hub?

Also, something else to be considered is how, if there is a problem on the A92, the road automatically closes at Newtonhill despite the fact the road to Muchalls is clear.

(6)(15.2) Cammies Fiesta – 300 plus attended. Some vendors not too happy but overall was a good day.

(7)(15.5) Path to Muchalls beach – This was discussed at last week's MVA meeting. Hopefully some vegetation will be cut back in the near future. Don't know who would be responsible for erection of fencing.

5 – PLANNING - No formal objection but CC will support Muchalls' decision re planning application for house next to Parkend, Marine Terrace.

6 – LOCAL PLACE PLAN and 7 - LDP - Mr Morgan has forwarded an updated draft Local Place Plan to members. It was decided to adopt the draft Local Place Plan which will now be forwarded to other Community Councils in the Area and the 4 Local Councillors. It will also appear on Facebook and CC website

It was also decided not to withdraw our objection to the Flooding Topic Paper.

8– ROADS and POTHLES – Mr Flockhart continues to press Aberdeenshire Council for updates on road repairs – (1) Problems with build -up of sand etc at Cammachmore. Drains have been cleared but not the gutters. Who is responsible? AMEY or Aberdeenshire Council? (2) Reports of works being completed but haven't actually been done – pothole in Chapel Road. (3) Who owns the road from Newtonhill Road to the Bettridge Centre? Who is responsible for upkeep? Roads and Infrastructure Services Communication Team –They have sent a quote to Landscape Services to carry out repairs as this is their responsibility, (4) Several works supposedly complete – overgrowing trees and vegetation at TESCO (think this has now been done), overgrowing trees and vegetation at Elswick Place and St Michael's Road, (5) Gully smell at Elswick Place.

Any misinformation appears to have been caused by a computer glitch!

Other works will be carried out 2025/2026.

9 – UNDERPASS – Copy of Newtonhill to Cammachmore Pedestrian Link paper has been received. This will be circulated to Community Councillors. Feed back needed from land owners. The Scottish Government has just released a £10,000,000 fund for active travel between communities. This project would fit the bill.

10 – TENNIS COURTS - Mr Morgan has contacted Aberdeenshire Council with a list of problems including fence/fence posts, one net and supporting posts, netball stands

Aberdeenshire Council lease most of the recreational ground in Newtonhill so do we assume they should be responsible for upkeep? Appears there is no available budget for repairs. Developer Obligations do not cover repairs but would cover things like Pickleball. Unfortunately, it would appear residents would like the area to remain as it is (but with repairs) ie tennis, netball and basketball.

Aberdeenshire Council are pushing for funds to replace the fence as this has now become a Health and Safety issue.

Any suggestions for funding would be more than welcome.

Mr Morgan to get estimates for repairs and then we will take it from there.

11 – ELSICK BRIDGE – Official opening. No further developments.

12 – FEATURE WALLS

Planning applications have been submitted for both Muchalls and Cammachmore

Mr Connolly has submitted an application to Meikle Carewe for funding for Cammachmore.

Mr Connolly will have to be asked if he wishes to be co-opted on to Community Council again.

13 – FINANCE REPORT – At the moment £4.686. Should receive Community Council grant in the near future.

Donations – (1) Cancer yoga – The Bettridge Centre has received funding from Live Life Aberdeen which will allow them to continue until March. Perhaps consider funding once this runs out, (2) Reactive 8 – Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership has awarded the Bettridge Centre some funding, (3) Email from Miss Daniels re courses supported by Ralston Community Council

14– CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Scottish Passivhaus Equivalent – Stage 1 Consultation – Responses by 23 October 2024.
- (2) Aberdeen-Laurencekirk Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Study – Thursday 10th October 2024 (15.30 to 19.30) the Bettridge Centre
- (3) Resilience Month Aberdeenshire – Turriff and Banchory
- (4) Rural Community Led Local Development – Consultancy for Paths and Business Planning
- (5) UNCRC Event for Community Councils
- (6) South Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership community engagement sessions – Viewmount, Tuesday 22 October 2024, 3-7pm.
- (7) Aberdeenshire Restaurant Week 4-10 November
- (8) MUIR MHOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM _ PUCLIC CONSULTATION Wednesday 23rd October 2024, 3-7pm, Longside Parish Church Hall

Virtual exhibition <https://muirmhor.co.uk/consultation/> from 23rd October 2024.

- (9) AMEY roadwork programme – Nothing in our Area.

15 – AOCB

- (1) Mr Jones proposed letter of thanks to Aberdeenshire Council re Saturday green waste collection at the Bettridge Centre.
- (2) Proposed holiday dates for 2025 – Respond by 31st October 2024 – Portlethen – 21st April, 5th May, 7th July, 22nd September: Stonehaven – 7th April, 2nd June, 1st September, 6th October, Trades Fortnight 14-28 July. No objections.
- (3) Inspiring Aberdeenshire – Local Hero Courage Award – Suzanne Davies, Newtonhill.
- (4) Mr Jones raised concerns re length of time taken for ambulances to pick up patients, time waiting in ambulances outside hospital and time of discharge eg 3am. Mr Flockhart asked that local Councillors raise concerns with NHS Grampian. Councillor Victor will feed back to Audrey Nicoll when she visits the Area on 10th October. Mr Morgan praised the care and treatment received once you get admitted to hospital.
- (5) Concerns were raised regarding lack of attendance at CC meetings by some Local Councillors.
- (6) Punya enquired as to who is responsible for the upkeep of bus shelters – Aberdeenshire Council.

A lengthy discussion followed as to the best way to set out chairs and to get more members of the public interested in attending meetings.

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