

Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council

The 381st meeting of NMCCC was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th March 2025.

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Armes, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Jones, Mr Torrance, Mr Connolly, Cllr Sullivan and two members of the public.

1 – Mr Flockhart welcomed all to the meeting

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Chew, Mrs Davidson and Cllr Victor.

3 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report received for January 2025 – youth disorder 2; anti-social behaviour 17; thefts 1 under investigation; shoplifting 5 under investigation; house breaking 1 under investigation; drink/drug driving 3 under investigation. Once again, we are included in the Stonehaven Area.

4 – MINUTE 380 – Accepted with the amendments.

Mr Morgan has proposed two amendments – (1) AOCB (15. 3) should read the Scottish Government rather than SNP and (7) LDP last paragraph Evidence Report goes to Full Council on 24th April 2025, after which it goes to the Scottish Government for approval.

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(3) Police Report - Inspector Nicholson has been invited to attend one of our meetings. List of dates for March, April, May, June given. So far, no response.

(2)(4.1) Overgrown bushes at TESCO – Looks like they have been trimmed back.

(3)(4.3) Turned kerbs – Work has been completed. 18 kerbs turned. Mr Flockhart has thanked Tim Stephens and Jim Maitland.

(4)(4.5) Overgrown hedge on Newtonhill Road – Residents have been informed by Aberdeenshire Council they have until 31st March to have the work carried out. Mr Morgan has posted on Facebook Aberdeenshire Council's rules and regulations regarding cutting back bushes.

(5)(4.4) Muchalls phone box – Trying to get a price for wood cladding.

(6)(8) (a) Lights on A92 at Muchalls bus stop – Still out. Mr Jones reported men in fluorescent jackets had been seen checking lights along the A92. (b) Lights in Ritchie Place. On list of jobs to be done but no money. 'In the meantime, we suggest residents utilise personal lighting devices in the evenings'

(7)(15.4) Muchalls Village Hall – Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted. Design and colour need to be as is. Quotes needed and funding sourced.

6 – PLANNING – Nothing major in the Area.

7 – CHAPELTON

There was a lengthy discussion on future plans for Chapelton.

Discussions included

- (1) Our submission for the Chapelton Planning Application,
- (2) Section 75 Agreement for the Chapelton Developments,
- (3) Project Stage Programme for the first Chapelton Primary School,
- (4) Proposals for the Cookney Road,
- (5) Health provision and knock on effect on Portlethen Health Centre

Mr Flockhart has a meeting with Audrey Nicoll, MSP, booked for 24th March 2025. Hopefully to discuss Chapelton School, Chapelton NHS, Portlethen Medical Centre and if time allows Cookney Road.

Mr Flockhart attended a meeting of NKRCC where proposals for Chapelton including school put back to 2027, speed limit on the road from the roundabout towards Chapelton, lack of health provision were discussed.

It was felt that a joint meeting (representatives from North Kincardine Rural Community Council, Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council, Portlethen and District Community Council, NHS Grampian, Portlethen Health Centre, Newtonhill Pharmacy, Chapelton Residents Group and perhaps Elsie Development Company) is needed to have a face-to-face meeting with the Planning Officer to clarify what is happening. No-one is receiving updates.

8 – LDP – No updates. Another 2 Place Plans have been submitted.

9 – ROADS and POTHLES – Surprisingly quiet!

10 – FEATURE WALLS

Muchalls – Planning permission and 3 quotes - £3,500 less approx. £1,000 left in Community Council funds. Still need approx £2,500.

Awaiting updates re Cammachmore as it was agreed funding applications would be joint.

Cammachmore – Planning permission plus 3 quotes?

Cammachmore has approx. £1,300 left in Community Council funds.

However, in the meantime Mr Connolly has applied to Meikle Carewe and has been awarded £1,500 for Cammachmore only. He is about to approach the Newtonhill Common Good Fund for funding for Cammachmore only.

He is also to try and seek out other funding sources.

11 – FINANCIAL REPORT - £6995 in total in the bank but several donations plus insurance have still to be paid out. Mr Jones proposed a donation of £100 to the Skateraw Hall. This was unanimously agreed to.

12 – TENNIS COURTS – MVA still trying to ascertain ownership and if anyone has a lease on the ground.

13 – PLATINUM JUBILEE PATH – Update – Both landowners are happy with proposals but would need more information. There is to be a site visit to Cobbleboards on 3rd April 2025, 10am. Outside contractors will probably be needed.

Members of the public are reminded that all dogs should be on leads when near livestock esp during the lambing season.

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

1 – The Planning and Delivery Team would like to share an update on recently registered Local Place Plans [AberdeenshireLocalPlacePlans](#)

2 – Service X7 – Dundee-Aberdeen via Montrose – As from 24th March 2025, all southbound journeys will be rerouted from A92 to the Den of Logie to service the bus stop serving Cowie

3 – Kincardine and Mearns AGM – Wednesday 5th March 2025, 5.30pm.

4 – For CC Awareness and Information – SSEN Final Report on Consultation Further Public Information and Events – Beauly-Blackhillock-New Deer-Peterhead overhead line project.

5 – Cerulean Winds Aspen Project Limited – Aspen Offshore Wind Farm – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion – responses required by 23rd March 2025.

6 – Community Council Forums – Mr Torrance would like to raise neighbouring CCs to have active travel links discussed as part of a network.

7 – SEPA – Proposed changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test.

8 – Road Closure – Greenheads, 6th May, one day; Old Mill Road with junction at Skateraw Road, 19th March 2 days; C25K near St Ternans, Muchalls 12th March for 6 days.

9 – ElanCity Road safety projects

10 – Changeworks Energy advice sessions in rural areas through Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council

11 – Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning E-bulletin

15 – AOCB

1 – Mr Flockhart responded positively to a request from Portlethen and District Men's Shed for support for their application for a Community Asset Transfer of the Social Work Offices, Rowanbank Road, Portlethen. Aberdeenshire Council have raised various matters that need to be resolved. Could take until summer 2026 for this to go through.

2 – No Mow Meadows – Newtonhill Elsick Place, St Michaels Road, St Michaels Crescent – Survey at <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/no-mow-meadows>

3 - Saturday 5th April 2025 – Bettridge Centre Green Waste collection starts – 8 – 11.40am

4 – 2025 Aberdeenshire Open Doors Day – Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st September.

5 – Newtonhill Christmas Lights – Was supposed to be discussed at the Area Committee meeting but was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints

6 – Insurance renewal due 1st April 2025 - £159.89.

7 – No objections to application to extend opening hours of the Newton Arms.

8 – 11 Community Councillors have resigned from Thurso Community Council due to bullying.

9 – Councillor Sullivan reminded blue badge holders that there is a 16-week waiting time to get badges so make sure you apply in plenty time.

10 – Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal at the Stack.

11 – Concerns were raised about emergency alarms once BT changeover esp during power cuts.

12 – Mr Armes asked if there was any change of a path/pavement on the northbound lane of the A92 going from West Cammachmore to the now out of use bus stop at Newtonhill.

Path from bus stop to Park and Choose – no-one admitting ownership.

13 – For info only – Newtonhill Bowling Club is having problems with one of its rinks. Cost of repairs will be £45 - £50, 000

14 – The next Reactive Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 26th March.

15 – The pavements in West Cammachmore are once again in need of care and attention.

16 – NAC is being dissolved and will now be linked to NEAT and not MVA.

17 – Underpass – Audrey Nicoll, MSP, is to chase up Aberdeenshire Council.

18 – Network Rail is to be carrying out work at the Mains of Monduff from 29th March to 1st May, 11pm to 6am.

19 – Although the Library is not closing, there has been no improvement to services. Needs better signage as to where it is sited. Probably more publicity too.

Next meeting – Wednesday 16th April 2025