

## NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 382<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### DRAFT MINUTE

PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Ewing, Mr Chew, Mr Morgan, Mr Armes, Mr Jones, Cllr Victor and one member of the public.

#### 1 – WELCOME

2 – APOLOGIES - Cllr Sullivan, Punya Samarakoon., Mr Torrance, Mr Connolly

3 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report received for March 2025 – Youth disorder 11; Anti-social 13; Thefts 1 detected, 1 under investigation; Shoplifting 3 detected; Theft of motor vehicle 3 detected, 1 under investigation; House breaking 1 under investigation; Careless driving 1 under investigation; Drink/drug driving 1 under investigation.

Police have been carrying out covert operations in Newtonhill and Portlethen.

4 – MINUTE 381 – Item 12 – Tennis courts - NVA not MVA. Accepted.

#### 5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1) (5.1) Inspector Nicholson – Donna Kelly has passed request on to Dave Charnley to deal with. Email from PC Charnley stating Inspector Nicholson is on leave. However, it is unlikely that either he or PC Charnley can attend CC meetings due to work constraints. PC Charnley meets with Mr Flockhart from time to time and feels this is an acceptable compromise.

(2) (5.4) Overgrown bushes at Newtonhill Road – the hedge has been cut back to an acceptable level.

(3) (15.1) Portlethen Men's Shed – Aberdeenshire Council carrying out a survey [www.engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk) – comments by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Discussions are still continuing between the Men's Shed and Aberdeenshire Council. Could take some time.

(4) (15.6) Cheque for renewal of insurance sent to Zurich

6 – PLANNING – Nothing to report.

#### 7 – CHAPELTON –

There was a lengthy discussion regarding further development at Chapelton.

All three Community Councils (Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council, North Kincardine Rural, Portlethen and District) feel there is a complete lack of information on what is happening in respect to (1) New School, (2) NHS, (3) Roads.

Mr Flockhart has met with Audrey Nicoll, MSP, reps from Aberdeenshire Council, Portlethen Health Centre and is trying to arrange further face-to-face meetings.

- (1) New School - Mr Morgan proposed inviting someone from Aberdeenshire Council Learning Estates to either the May or June meeting to discuss proposals for the new school. If the new school is to be delayed what can be done about drop off at Newtonhill Primary? Could school transport between Chapelton and Newtonhill be re-instated?
- (2) NHS – Lack of funds to kit out new health facilities at Chapelton and knock on effect on Portlethen Health Centre.
- (3) Problems with the Cookney Road - heavy vehicles, trucks etc during development.

All being well, Mr Flockhart is to have a busy time and hopefully will have some updates for the next meeting!

Kincardine and Mearns – 20s Plenty Statutory Consultation. Mr Torrance has queried whether this will go to public consultation and if so when?

Mr Morgan has submitted a response on our behalf.

Mr Torrance suggested 20mph limit up to the Park and Choose roundabout Also muddy grassy path between the south side of the bridge and the corner of the Park and Choose be upgraded on the grounds of safety

8 – ROADS and POTHLES – (1) A92 – Mr Flockhart has contacted Cllr Dickinson re possibility of joint meeting on emergency closures on A92 Charleston to Stonehaven esp affecting Muchalls and Newtonhill. She will contact Tim Stephen re best way forward with cross ward borders. She will also email Susan Watt (Principal Officer, Local Bus Service). Susan Watt would like to know exactly what topics are to be discussed so that invitees can be informed – problems when the A92 is closed between Charleston and Stonehaven with traffic diverting via the AWPR. (2) Light in Ritchie Place which has not worked since before Christmas was repaired on Friday, (3) Once again Punya raised the state of the pavements in West Cammachmore. Mr Flockhart has re-reported this

9 – FEATURE WALLS – Mr Connolly continues to approach various businesses in the hope of gaining funding for Cammachmore feature wall. Portlethen Golf Club has offered golf balls which could be raffled at the Skateraw fair. Agreed to accept the offer.

Mr Jones is to offer his help to Mr Connolly.

10 – FINANCIAL REPORT – (1) Thanks from Skateraw Hall, Muchalls Village Association, Newtonhill Village Association, NEAT, Friends of Newtonhill Primary School (Mr Chew forwarded pictures of what has been purchased). (2) Payment for insurance has been acknowledged by Zurich, (3) Total of £6,849 in bank.

11 – TENNIS COURTS – Mr Ewing suggests perhaps Mr Jones could provide some information. NVA has now received a copy of the lease. Discussion followed re who is responsible for upkeep – owner or leasee which appears to be Aberdeenshire Council.

12 – PLATINUM JUBILEE PATH - Mr Torrance submitted a written report. The muddy paths on the owners' land were reviewed. A formal survey will be carried out.

Farmers are having problems with walkers leaving litter. Also, rubber balls left in hayfields which causes problems if eaten by livestock. We would once again remind dog walkers to keep all dogs on leads when near animals esp at this time of year. The farmers are having problems with sheep worrying.

Mr Jones is to take part in a walk from Cove to Findon on Saturday. After this, the whole of the path from St Cyrus to the area south of Aberdeen will have been walked.

### 13 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning E-bulletin
- (2) SEPA publishes New Surface Water Flood Map.
- (3) Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Draft Equality Outcomes Survey - <http://aberdeenshire.gov.uk.ahscp-equality-outcomes-2024-2028>
- (4) Places and Spaces for Health and Wellbeing 2025 – Webinar 20/05/2025, 2-5pm.
- (5) University of Aberdeen Lunch and Learn Sessions for Community Members and Non-Academics
- (6) AMEY Newsletter March 2025
- (7) Engage Aberdeenshire Consultation on Proposed Removal of Public Call boxes – Muirend Road, Portlethen
- (8) Road closure and prohibition of waiting, Cairnhill Road 18 – 34, 11 April for two days Scottish Water Ironwork Repairs
- (9) Community Council Forum Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 7pm in person, Viewmount. Suggestion from Mr Torrance - Neighbouring CCs to have active travel links discussed as part of a network - has been forwarded.
- (10) Kand M Committee Funding 2025-2026 – Now open – <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communiyies-and-eventsfundingkincardine-and-mearns>
- (11) AMEY April to June roadworks on NE Trunk Roads - A92Badentoy NB on slip/SB slips overnight closures
- (12) My Place Awards – celebrating placemaking efforts in Scotland.

### 14 – AOCB

- (1) Carron fish van trading in Newtonhill - Valid Street traders' licence in place for Newtonhill Road 4-9pm on Mondays.
- (2) SEPA are launching a consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS) – a fair way of reporting on how businesses are meeting their responsibilities - EPASConsultationFINAL31.03.25.pdf Mr Torrance Light

pollution from waste transfer and other industrial sites under their remit is not adequately controlled eg Badentoy recycling site which is visible from Netherley,

- (3) Mr Jones commented on SSEN Community Benefit Awards. Several local groups received funding. He noted how we missed out on funding.
- (4) Article for the Newsey now due. Miss Daniels will circulate to Community Councillors for comment.
- (5) Mr Torrance has spoken to a Newtonhill resident who is having problems with the LEZ in Aberdeen and is facing heavy fines. Cllr Victor is dealing with this.

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