

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTE

The 390<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Cruickshank, Cllr Victor.

3 - POLICE REPORT – Written Reports for December and January.

December – Youth disorder 2; Anti-social 7; Thefts 2 detected, 1 under investigation; Shoplifting 1 detected, 2 under investigation; House breaking 2 detected; Careless driving 4 detected; Dangerous driving 1 detected;

January – Youth disorder 6; Anti-social 11; Thefts 1 under investigation; Shoplifting 1 under investigation; House breaking 1 detected; Careless driving 3 detected; Drink/drug driving 3 detected, 1 under investigation.

Mr Flockhart has not managed to speak to PC Charnley due to PC Charnley's work commitments.

4 – MINUTE 389 – Accepted.

5 - MATTERS ARISING

(1) (5.2) Chapelton Lorry – No change.

(2) (16.31) Stonehaven Library Engagement – No-one attended.

(3) (17.10) Network Rail – The water running into the car park at Skateraw Store is not coming from Network Rail property. Over to Aberdeenshire Council and Scottish Water.

6 – PLANNING –

(1) LDP –Aberdeenshire Council is to hold a series of engagement sessions including one at Portlethen Library, Tuesday 24 February, 10am to 12 noon.

Mr Morgan forwarded excerpts from last LDP regarding Muchalls and Newtonhill.

Mr Morgan has also forwarded a copy of his submission on behalf of all 3 Community Councils in Ward 17 regarding Call for Ideas.

(2) Planning application for more houses at Hillside – 3 phases of approx. 40 houses.

Concerns were raised regarding more stress on Portlethen Health Centre and over numbers at Portlethen Academy (114% by 2027).

(3) Mr Armes raised concerns about recent flooding in Cammachmore.

(4) A presentation was made to Mr Morgan to thank him for all his hard work as Planning Officer.

(5) Mr Morgan has submitted an objection to planning application for Block 30 at Chapelton on behalf of Community Council

7 - SCOTLAND'S WATER ENVIRONMENT CONSULTATION - Mr Morgan has responded raising our concerns especially regarding the fact that SEPA appears to have no information on the Pheppie Burn.

#### 8 - ROADS AND POTHOLES –

- (1) Mr Flockhart has contacted Network Rail regarding water run off from railway which may be causing flooding at Newtonhill Store,
- (2) Resurfacing in Newtonhill. A full response will be sent out after consultation with Roads and all information has been gathered. Safety inspections will be prioritised on a risk -based methodology within Aberdeenshire Council's finite budget,
- (3) Newtonhill path – works package for siding out and veg removal - should be done by 31<sup>st</sup> March,
- (4) A92 flooding closure - meeting with landowners to discuss their obligations, agree actions to mitigate further risks. Aberdeenshire Council and AMEY - Land owner must do all he can to prevent future occurrences. Transport Scotland are also to meet with landowner to make him aware of his statutory obligations,
- (5) Drainage Improvements on the A92 from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026,
- (6) Mr Flockhart raised concerns re outstanding excavation at Newtonhill/Muchalls. This work was closed on 16/10/2025 but is not complete. Action needed. To cut a long story short the hole has now been filled in.

Updates from AMEY – They have identified a contractor to carry out goodwill gesture by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Still discussing who will be responsible going forward.

A92 Portlethen - more problems with flooding. Landowner has been advised as to what is expected of him.

Mr Armes pointed out work is being carried out at what used to be double glazing unit at Newtonhill. Watch this space.

#### 9 – FINANCE REPORT - £4,702.

10 – UNDERPASS – Mr Torrance will chase this up next month.

11 – JUBILEE COASTAL PATH – Work is being carried out at weekends – St Cyrus, Pheppie Burn, new steps at Findon. £27,000 has been raised and there is a possibility this could be doubled.

There is to be a gathering of all helpers, possibly in the Skateraw Hall.

12 – NESCC C– Scottish Parliament Motion on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 was not debated. Conventions of other Community Councils have taken place. A round table meeting is being organised for February at Holyrood involving MSPs from all Parties.

NESCCC will continue as a means for CCs to work together

### 13 – SNOW CLEARING (Updates). –

- (1) Travel with Pets – Response from Scotrail – Pets are allowed to travel on trains but where replacement rail transport is necessary, it will not be possible to carry pets, only Guide Dogs. Perhaps Scotrail should try to ensure that in extreme circumstances partner services will accommodate pets. It was suggested that this be raised at the next TRAX meeting,
- (2) Mr Flockhart has contacted Tim Stephen re any update on snow clearing of the secondary route into Newtonhill. This should be discussed at the next Roads meeting.

### 14 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 - Kincardine and Mearns Coastal Communities Fund (Round 7) now open. – Friday 8th March 2026.
- 2 - SSEN Stakeholder Engagement Workshop –
- 3 - SEPA – Flood prevention – People across Scotland being asked for their experiences of flooding.
- 4 - SEPA – Flood Risk Management Phase1
- 5 - NHS Grampian Pharmacy Practice Committee - Lay Reps wanted – passed to Mr Morgan.
- 6 - Minute of NVA meeting and agenda for next meeting.
- 7 - Emergency Road Closure - Cranhill Place, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for 5 days.
- 8 - Bellrock Offshore Wind – Public Consultation Events – Stonehaven Community Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 1 - 8pm.
- 9 - AMEY – North East Network Snapshot – A92 Westport to Bridge of Muchalls – resurfacing – overnight convoy
- 10 - E20 begins roll out of new EV charging network across the North-East of Scotland
- 11 - Public Spaces in Crisis – Libraries, Leisure and Parks at Risk – Can Councils Save Them?
- 12 - Launch of New Public Portal for Energy Consents Representations
- 13 - Drainage improvements on the A92 in Aberdeenshire from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 14 - Objection to Bowdun planning application for substation at Fetteresso Forest as submitted by Andrew Ritchie, resident at Rickarton. Planning permission was refused.
- 15 - Further road works to take place on A92 between 25<sup>th</sup> February and 9th April involving overnight convoys. More details later.
- 16 - Aberdeenshire Council and Nathan's Waste Savers are adding 54 sites across Aberdeenshire for recycling clothing.
- 17 - Aberdeenshire Energy Development Charter 18/2/2026 Poster to Share – Asthma and Lung UK
- 18 - Stonehaven Vaccination Centre Open Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### 15 - AOCB

- 1 - Emergency brochure and logo – ongoing.
- 2 - Just for info – Aldi and Marks and Spencer are to open stores at Ury.

- 3 - Someone has painted over the eyepiece of the binoculars at the top of the cliffs in Newtonhill. Mr Jones and Mr Torrance to see if they can clean it.
- 4 - Name board at Cammachmore needs shifted so it can be seen once vegetation starts to grow.
- 5 - Someone from Network Rail is prepared to come to a CC meeting to discuss the possibility of new station at Newtonhill. Will be invited later in the year once weather improves.
- 6 - NVA Harvest of compost – pick up at Church on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- 7 - Meal at the Stack – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7 for 7.30pm.
- 8 - Proposal to raise Community Tax by 10% - will release £1m towards road repairs and winter repairs
- 9 - Still waiting for response from Aberdeenshire Council Education Department re possible attendance at Community Council meeting.

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