

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 392nd meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 15th April 2026.

DRAFT MINUTE

1 – PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Mr Torrance, Mr Ewing, Mr Jones, Mr Morgan, Punya Samarakoon, Cllrs Sullivan and Victor and one member of the public.

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Armes, Mr Cruickshank, Mrs Davidson, Miss Daniels.

3 - POLICE REPORT - Attendance at Community Council meetings at least once every six months. Localised police report for each Community Council once a quarter

4 – MINUTE 391 – Approved.

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.1) Chapelton Lorry – No further updates.

(2)(19.2) Mr Walls will contact KDP re possible sources of funding for the tennis courts

6 – PLANNING– (1) Alterations to dwelling house at 4 Stranathro Terrace, Muchalls, (2) Retrospective planning application for erection of fence at 49 St Michael’s Road. First raised some time ago. Planning has been asked to do a site visit, In the meantime, other fences have been erected, (3) LDP – School Rolls – Newtonhill Primary is registered as a feeder for Portlethen Academy. At the moment Newtonhill School is at 73% capacity and Portlethen Academy 95%, (4) Portlethen Area Place Plan- Survey open until 31st May 2026., (5) Planning Application for solar panels at 8 Marine View, Muchalls

7 – ROADS and POTHOLE – (1) Update from Tim Stephen. No extra roads will be added to gritting programme as they do not meet the required criteria. (2) Removal of lamp posts – Mr Flockhart has enquired when the light 12 at Old Mill Road will be replaced, hopefully ASAP. In future notices will be put on lamp posts to be removed; It costs between £1200 and £3000 to replace a lamp post; Council prioritise which lights they replace.

8 – SCOTLANDS WATER ENVIRONMENT CONSULTATION – Flood risk management plans – Community Council update.

9 – FINANCE REPORT - £4,300 in bank. This year’s grant is £1.036 included in the £4.300.

10 – INSURANCE – Has been paid.

11 – COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMIN GRANTS – As from April, rental for Skateraw Hall will be £18ph. Can no longer make donation to the NEWSEY. Should we take out quarterly advert? Mr Morgan to draft advert. We will still continue regular updates as this is published for free.

12 – UNDERPASS – No further updates.

13 – JUBILEE COASTAL PATH – North East Scotland and Coastal Trust would like a letter of support allowing them to take over work to improve the muddy section at Cranhill. Mr Torrance has drafted a letter for our comments. Members are quite happy to lend their support. Judy Middleton and Alan Jones have agreed to be wardens for the area from Muchalls to Portlethen. Mr Jones and another member of the public did a beach clean at Newtonhill.

14 – NESCAN – Mr Torrance and Mr Armes have been accepted as members.

15 – CHAPELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – Mr Morgan has posted an annotated version of the replies received from Aberdeenshire Council regarding possible attendance at Community Council to discuss the way forward with education and the opening of new school at Chapelton. Aberdeenshire Council is continuing to work on Chapelton, hoping for a positive resolution.

Concerns were raised re dirt and debris left on roads which could prove to be quite dangerous. Should be cleaned regularly.

16 - PROCESSION NOTIFICATION - Proposal by the Orange Order for a procession by a marching flute band to celebrate the Battle of the Boyne on 27th June 2026 in Stonehaven. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided decisions/queries should be left to Stonehaven Community Council to deal with.

17 - CORRESPONDENCE

1 – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026 – Nominations open.

2 – Community Council Training Modules 2026

3 – Free Home Fire Safety Visits – www.firescotland.gov.uk/contact-us/home-fire-safety-visits/

4 – Draft Aberdeenshire Nature Network Consultation

5 – Better Ageing; Better Living – University of Aberdeen event invitation, 22nd May 2026, 2-4pm, Linklater Rooms, Elphinstone

6 – Aberdeenshire Community Hospitals Review Update for CCs.

& - Road closure 30th March 2026 for 4 days C12K from C25K to South Cookney.

8 – Preventing and Responding to Wildfires in Scotland

9 – NHSG PIN – Lead Scotland Survey

10 – Seasonal Garden Waste – Bettridge Centre, Saturdays 8am – 11.30am from 1st April to 31st October 2026

11 – Easter and May Day Services 2026 (Stagecoach)

- 12 – Aberdeenshire town centre health checks release 23/3/2026. – <https://publicaktionsaberdeenshire.gov.uk/town-centre-health-checks>
- 13 - Earth Anchors Ltd – Recycled plastic planters
- 14 – Severnside Defibs
- 15 – Online Playgrounds
- 16 - Grant Funding SSEN – Closing date 21/4/2026
- 17 – Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership website relaunch
- 18 – Gofibre Full Fibre Broadband Drop-in Event – Newtonhill, Bettridge Centre, 9th April 2026, 5-6.30pm
- 19 – Newsletter No6 – New Powers for Scotland’s Community Councils
- 20 – Agenda for NVA meeting 2nd April 2026 plus minutes of last meeting.
- 21 – Who controls Britain’s land and who benefits?
- 22 – Muir Mhor Spring 2026 newsletter
- 23 – Funding of Public Services in Aberdeenshire – Benholm and Johnshaven Community Council were missed from list of Community Councils supporting NESCCC
- 24 - Feedback on winter weather impacts.
- 25 – SSEN well prepared for Storm David
- 26 – Appeal for information regarding a quad bike stolen from Cove.
- 27 – Minute of NVA latest meeting - “There is to be works at Cranhill regarding a wind farm cable Referred to Community Council”
- 18 – Community Benefits Briefing
- 19 - HAMP – Care of War memorials in Aberdeenshire.
- 20 - Cerulean Winds Aspen Floating Offshore Wind
- 21 - KDP Grassroots Festival 18 April 2026
- 22 - April is National Stress Awareness Month
- 23 - Ember service E17 (Perth-Aberdeen via the A92) - - New service as from 6th April 2026 via Stonehaven. Additional stops may be added as from 29th April.
- 24 - Support your local community – Home Energy Scotland Do we want advice on energy saving?

8 – AOCB

1 – Cerulean Winds Aspen Floating Offshore wind Cerulean has proposed a meeting with Community Council prior to public consultations. After some discussion, it was decided Mr Morgan would see if a meeting could be arranged with reps from Cerulean and Community Councillors prior to them attending a Community Council meeting.

2 - Exploring a community led cycling routes and trails project. Mr Torrance agreed to have a look at this.

3 – Update on Scotrail winter weather impacts. In the event of rail travel being halted, buses will be provided but it is up to the bus company whether pets are allowed to travel on board. If not, Scotrail will provide taxis.

4 - Newtonhill Bowling Club. Repairs are needed to the greens. Could cost in the region of £50,000. As far as we can estimate it is only approx. 8 years since repairs were last carried out.

5 – The old Bridge of Dee will be closed from 23rd April to 1st May 2026 for resurfacing.

6 – Mr Torrance raised the problem for cyclists as the B979 Netherley Road is to be closed to cyclists for 29 weeks. There is a possible diversion via the Glithno Road and Mowtie.

7 - One of our members was bitten by a dog on his way to the meeting. The dog was on a lead but it was a long lead. The matter will be reported to the relevant authority. In the meantime, can we ask that all dogs are kept on leads and under control.

8 – “Community appointment day “will be held on June 11th 2026 in the Town Hall, Stonehaven. Open to the public for walk in from 1pm to 8pm. Posters with more details will be issued soon.

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