

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 393<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

DRAFT MINUTE

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

2 – APOLOGIES – Cllr Victor

3 – POLICE REPORT – PC Charnley attended (8.20pm) - See later.

4 – MINUTE 392 - Accepted

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1) (18.7) Out of control dog – Has been reported to the "dog warden"

(2) (18.8) Community Appointment Day – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Town Hall, Stonehaven, 1 – 8pm.

6 – PLANNING – (1) Unauthorised erection of fence at 49 St Michael's Road - Awaiting decision, (2) Nothing happening re Chapelton lorry, (3) Aberdeenshire Council LDP Bid Assessment forthcoming engagement

7 - ROADS and POTHoles – (1) Street lights – no update, (2) Notification received surface dressing about to start. It was felt that this could be extremely hazardous for cyclist, motor cyclists due to loose gravel, (3) Once again lots of complaints re potholes. There is an extremely big/dangerous one in Newtonhill Road between the bridge and tennis courts.

8 - FINANCE REPORT - £4,241. CC grant of £1,360 has been received.

Audited accounts should be ready for AGM

9 - COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMIN GRANTS – Advert for the NEWSEY 4 issues £200. Skateraw Hall £18 ph.

Query as to whether admin grant would pay for new noticeboard for Muchalls?

10 – UNDERPASS – Progressing with further study. Hopefully report should be ready by June.

11- CHAPELTON SCHOOL – Late 2024 EDC put a proposal to Aberdeenshire Council re way forward. March 2025 draft response by legal team which was under review. EDC still no response and has appointed a specialist school architect to draw up and cost to draw up options for Aberdeenshire Council. EDC have fulfilled their legal obligations and has now commenced a formal process to ensure a resolution.

Reportedly, a decision will be made in August. What are the legal reasons holding up the decision?

In the meantime, a decent crossing is needed for Newtonhill School.

Developer Obligations should be £11 million pounds. It was agreed Mr Morgan submit a Freedom of Information request to ascertain how much funding is already in the pot.

12- JUBILEE COASTAL PATH – Funding has been awarded to upgrade Muchalls to Newtonhill path from Muchalls and at the Pheppie Burn and path to Cairnhill Way. Paths will be resurfaced with aggregate. Coastal Communities Fund £33,609.60. 10 % match funding of £3,360.96 came from Aberdeenshire Councils Outdoor Access and Countryside Teams Capital Budget.

Mr Torrance to write letter confirming Community Council's support for work to be carried out on the path.

Hopefully the problem at Cranhill will be rectified in the near future.

Newtonhill to Portlethen active walking path – Amy Alcock, Aberdeenshire Council looking in to this.

13 - NESCAN – No updates.

14- - CERULEAN WINDS ASPEN FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND – (1) There is to be an open exhibition in the Bettridge Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026. A public meeting will be held later – Skateraw Hall is booked for 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm. Is a separate one needed in Muchalls? Will be mentioned at MVA AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026. (2) All Households have been leafleted, (3) Community Council met with reps but in future should all concerned groups eg CC, NVA, MVA all meet at the same time? (4) Mr Morgan has posted an article on Facebook,

It was felt that the information we have been given is very minimal and we should request more.

#### 15– CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Prohibition of waiting due to Skateraw Fair, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
- (2) Zurich Insurance – Spring update
- (3) Aberdeenshire Community Council Networking Event 2026 – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026, possibly 10am – 3pm, somewhere in Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire, in person. Responses required by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- (4) Shaping the Future of Scotland's Forests – Survey to complete.
- (5) AMEY May to July Roadworks in North-East Trunk Road Network – Nothing in our Area
- (6) SURF Awards Learning Workshops – Open for Booking – Edinburgh, Glasgow, Govan
- (7) K and M Community Council Forum – 24/6/26, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, via TEAMS
- (8) Muir Mhor Spring 2026 Newsletter.

- (9) Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund now open- green sustainable projects that make a real difference.
- (10) Giant Hogweed warning issued for Aberdeenshire,
- (11) Parking restrictions for Skateraw Fair
- (12) Portlethen Place Plan - Survey open till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026
- (13) Heart of High Street Awards
- (14) KDP AGM Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm in Kinneff Hall.
- (15) Minute of NVA meeting held on 6 May 2026. – Contractors have been instructed to commence work on tennis courts – no date so far. Council will trim neighbouring trees.
- (16) Coastal Communities Challenge Fund Round 8
- (17) Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2026-2027
- (18) SSEN Innovation Show and Tell webinar series
- (19) Scottish Youth Parliament Motions Survey 2026-2027
- (20) Aberdeenshire Community Council Networking Event 2026
- (21) Place Based Investment Programme celebration 18/5/26. – Nothing in our Area.
- (22) Aberdeenshire Council Surface Dressing Release 18/5/26
- (23) Aberdeen Rapid Transit Demonstrator Visit June 2026- - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4pm, Marischal College, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm, Marischal College, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30-1pm, Portlethen
- (24) Portlethen Area Place Plan survey live on Engage.

#### 16 - AOCB

1 - Mr Armes pop up banner – There was discussion re what type of banner we would like. Mr Armes to get prices. Could new logo appear somewhere on banner? Miss Daniels working on new logo. Probably sometime after August.

2 - Mr Morgan has contacted Aberdeenshire Council regarding problems with CC website. New security certificate has been issued.

3 - Article for the Newsey has been submitted.

4 – Can anyone cover CLCC for Mr Flockhart? Next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Either Mr Cruickshank or Mr Morgan will try to attend.

3 - POLICE REPORT (continued) – PC Charnley arrived. He talked about the new reports to be issued in future. We will now receive a report specifically for Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore. He then received a list of problems including, traffic at the School, parking at junctions, dogs on leads, children on bikes and scooters to name but a few.

Please report any problems to the Police. If you don't report them, nothing can be done.

5 - New Stagecoach timetable – There was a lengthy discussion re the new Stagecoach timetable. Not really user friendly.

Mr Flockhart has contacted Madelyne Simpson asking for this to be added to the next Bus Forum agenda.

Members were full of praise for Ember.

6 – Mr Torrance has responded to exploring a community led cycling routes and trails project. He does not feel the limited Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council area justifies such a project at the moment.

7 - Just for info building has started on the house in Marine Terrace.

8 – Mr Flockhart recommended checking out PADLET. For those who haven't heard of it appears to be Facebook plus.

9 – Horrendous pothole at the junction where the A90 joins Dunnyfell Road. Who is responsible AMEY or Aberdeenshire Council?

10 – What can be done about the Lomonds, Walker Drive, Muchalls? Work was started gutting it but nothing has been done in the past few months. Not sure who the owners are.

Date of next meeting

AGM – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 7pm, Skateraw Hall.

Meeting 394 – immediately after the AGM