

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COIMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 395th meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 19th August 2026.

1 – PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mr Jones, Mrs Stephen, Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Torrance, Mrs Davidson, Mr Armes, Punya Samarakoon, Cllrs Sullivan and Victor, Mr Ward (Festive Lights) and one member of the public.

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Cruickshank

3 - POLICE REPORT – Warning of very High Wildfire Risk

4 - MINUTE 394 – Accepted.

5 - MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.2) Chapelton Liaison Meeting – House building continues. Quarryline/Cookney Road junction now virtually complete. Boxes will be re-located in January 2027 to area near Geddes Square. School – no real progress. Health Centre – NHS has no funding available. There could possibly be a pharmacy with consulting room based in Geddes Square but this depends on developers.

(2)(5.4) The Lomonds, Walker Drive, Muchalls – Nothing can be done re rubbish as it is on private property unless it is hazardous to someone else's property.

(3)(5.3) New bus timetable – Some improvements.

(4)(13.11) NHS Grampian Community Conversation – Nothing to report'

(5)(14.3) Bettridge Christmas Market - Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be taking a table

(6)(14.4) Facebook Admin Rights – Mariana Yarnold to remain.

(7)(14.5) Bettridge Centre Garage Refurbishment – Letter of support sent

(8)(14.6) Newsey – New design for Community Council advert.

(9)(14.7) Muchalls Village Green – Aberdeenshire Council has carried out repairs to fence.

6 - PLANNING – (1) LDP 29 Call for Sites – Initial Assessment of Bids Sites. At the moment the two sites for Newtonhill have been assessed as unsuitable for development but this still needs to be confirmed. Mr Morgan has replied supporting the decision.

7 - ROADS and POTHLES - (1) Mr Flockhart has reported large potholes at bell mouth junction at Cammachmore to and from the A92, (2) Mr Flockhart has requested update on repairs to roads in our Area. Awaiting response from Aberdeenshire Council, (3) A Muchalls resident has reported concerns regarding the fact the street lights on both sides of the A92 at Muchalls have been burning day and night for several weeks. He also commented on the state of the derelict Lomonds and rubbish left in the grounds, (4) Stagecoach review – Mr Flockhart awaiting update from Councillor Victor on possible face to face meeting, (5) State of the access road to the Bettridge Centre, (6) Mr Flockhart was to have a face to face with Tim Stephen –Elsick Place,/St Michael's Road, Cairnhill Drive, north bound from Newtonhill, bushes at flyover steps, lost lamp posts (to name but a few issues), (7) Cammachmore – state of pavement and walking paths, trouble accessing post box and noticeboard. Mr Armes has already cut back the growth.

Updates

The Lomonds – Problems with flooding appear to be the result of an old field drain. Hopefully Scottish Water and Aberdeenshire Council will have a joint site meeting to find a way forward.

Steps at TESCO now being discussed by Road Services

Newtonhill flyover northbound exit ramps – being considered on fix my street.

Old Mill Lane street lights - doesn't look like they will be replaced in the near future.

Elsick Place on Aberdeenshire Council's system (by 5/03/2027)

Cairnhill Drive (7/10/2026)

St Michael's Road defect but not priority so no time frame

Lights permanently on along the A92 at Muchalls – AMEY are awaiting bits to repair.

Warning signs have been erected at the Carron Lane, Stonehaven.

Lamp posts – one replaced in Muchalls, 2 will be done shortly in Newtonhill.

9 - CHAPELTON SCHOOL - Freedom of Information re Developer Obligations for a primary school at Chapelton - £5,748,251.71

North Kincardine Rural has written to the Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian raising concerns re lack of new school leading to increased pressure at Newtonhill Primary School and lack of medical facilities leading to similar pressure at Portlethen Health Centre.

Results of consultation should be released shortly.

10 – FINANCE REPORT – Request from Mr Connolly for donations for Cammachmore Stone to be returned to Brio and the company at the top of the road (£95 and £50). Mr Connolly has submitted written request and monies have been returned.

£3,755 in bank.

Bill for new noticeboard for Muchalls - £200

11 - COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMIN GRANT – Relevant information has been forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council. Once documents received payment will be made (£995).

12 – QUEEN'S JUBILEE CLIFF PATH UPDATE – A meeting of volunteers was held in Stonehaven. Work now being carried out at Cobbleboards/Downies.

13 – UNDERPASS – No update.

14 - CERULEAN WINDS - New dates for consultation events – 20th August, 12 noon to 7pm, Bettridge Centre
24th August, 12 noon to 7pm, Station Hotel, Stonehaven

Mr Torrance and Mr Jones are to attend a meeting prior to public meeting to discuss Active Travel in the area on behalf of the Active Travel Group

Mr Morgan has responded to the Scoping Report.

15 - CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 – KDP Annual Report and AGM update
- 2 – Tenant Participation Budget Consultation
- 3 – The Community Council Forum will be re-arranged for possibly September. Original invitation was issued in April 2026.
- 4 – NHS Grampian Emergency Care - Share your views
- 5 – Aberdeenshire Council Armed Forces Release 22.6.2026
- 6 – Widespread Public Opposition and Structural Concerns Regarding the Proposed Aberdeen Rapid Transport (ART) Scheme,
- 7– Community Council Networking Event- Saturday 26 September 2026, 9.30am to 3pm, (Inverurie or Ellon]
- 8 – Insurance Cover for NVA – Does CC insurance cover putting up and taking down Christmas lights?
- 9 - Bowdun Offshore Windfarm Ltd – consultation period has now passed.
- 10 – Non-coverage of Community Councillors for judicial review and problems with the Scheme of Establishment
- 11– Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards finalists 1.7.26
- 12 – Aberdeenshire Council Self Build Register release 1.7.26
- 13 – Request for feedback on the Impact of Aberdeenshire’s Engagement Team
- 14 – Festive Lights Policy.
- 15 – Aberdeenshire Council Self Build Register release 7/7/2026
- 16 – Business Gateway Female Founders Programme 9/7/2026
- 17 – Glasdon focus on local councils
- 18 – Request for Feedback on the impact of Aberdeenshire Digital Engagement Team
- 19 – Widespread Public Opposition and Structural Concerns Regarding the Proposed Aberdeen Rapid Transport Scheme
- 20 – Insurance cover for NVA.
- 21 – Aberdeenshire Council’s Housing Benefit Participation Budget 26/27
- 22 – Fetteresso Substation upgrade
- 23 – The Travelling Auctioneers Casting Call – ITV Studios
- 24 – Aberdeenshire Council - Heart of the High Street nominations 12.7.26
- 25 – Road closure – Between St Ternans and Seaview Cottage – 29th July 2026
- 27 – Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards Finalists 1.7.26 - Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award - Yogi and Cindy Bears, Newtonhill

28 – Scotland's Playparks Survey 2026 - In Kincardine and Mearns three playparks received new equipment – Queen Elizabeth, Stonehaven, Hamish Park, Stonehaven, Memorial Park, Laurencekirk.

29 – Techfest Summer Series

30 – Aberdeenshire Restaurant Weeks set to return in September

31 – Draft minute of NVA meeting of 3rd June 2026

32 – Climate leadership opportunity for the young people within your communities

33 – Main road, St Cyrus – Road closure, 10-14 August 2026.

34 - Fordyce, Sandend and District Community Council – YLL-2720848163

35 - Let's Talk Aberdeenshire Resident Survey

36 - Community Resilience Workshop – Garioch Heritage Centre, 9th September 2026, 9.30 to 1pm

37 – AMEY updates August to October 2026

38 – 2026 SURF Awards still open for applications

39 - A90 to A92 Stonehaven and A92 to A90 Cowie resurfacing, overnight convoys

40 – NHS Grampian Improvement Scotland Non-Executive Recruitment

41 – NHS Grampian Priorities Post Newsletter.

42 – KAMCAB'S AGM – Wednesday 26th August 2026, 5.30pm, Courtroom, Sheriff Court Building, Stonehaven.

43 – Muir MHOR Summer 2026 newsletter.

16 - AOCB

1 – Honoraria – Payment to stay as is – Treasurer £100, Secretary £250.

2 – Aberdeenshire Council Festive Lights Policy (will be forwarded to Mr Ward) – Communities could ask for lights on any street rather than just town centres. Aberdeenshire Council would have a set budget and any other extra costs would have to be met by local communities. Some lamp posts are no longer suitable for lighting or they have disappeared altogether.

Mr Ward understands Community Councils can now have a say in where lights are erected.

Members of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council will be covered for putting up and taking down Christmas Lights provided risk assessments are in place.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided Mr Ward will talk to Newtonhill Village Association.

3 – Meikle Carewe now open. Rep needed – Mrs Stephen with Mr Flockhart as substitute.

4 – Grit bins – one bin has been removed from Muchalls

5 – I have been asked to raise the possibility of a banking hub in Stonehaven. Unlikely as there is already a bank and a Post Office in Stonehaven.

6 – Article for the NEWSEY.

7 – Sunday car boot sales in Stonehaven. Vendors are parking over disabled parking spaces. Can we raise this with Aberdeenshire Council?

8 – South west corner of Newtonhill football pitch. Mr Jones thinks there could be a problem which will get worse later in the year. Remedial work will be carried out once kids are back at school.

9 – Mr Macari will attend our November meeting. Please forward any questions for Paul to Mr Morgan.

10 – Once again complaints re state of roads and pavements in Cammachmore.

11 – Placing notes/adverts in Cammachmore noticeboard. It was decided to leave decision to Mr Armes.

12 – Newtonhill Heritage Group had a talk on East Grampian Coastal Partnership. They are looking for any local information.

13 – ARDO – New training for Community Councils in planning.

14 – Aberdeenshire Council will no longer be spraying weeds on roads and pavements. Over to residents to tend their own part of road or pavement.

15 – Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs are looking to set up a group in the area. Volunteers needed to set up and run the Group. Also, venue would be needed.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th September 7pm, Skateraw Hall.