

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Briefing Note, April 2020

During the period of lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Council continues to function, but cannot hold any public meetings. This Briefing Note outlines some of the work that the Community Council has been involved in.

There is a huge amount of advice for people concerned about COVID-19. If you need help or information, then contact the **Grampian COVID 19 Assistance Hub (GCAH)**. It has been developed to deliver care for people and community resilience under one banner.

There is a single helpline number **08081 963 384**
and the website address is www.gcah.org.uk

1 – AGM – Aberdeenshire Council has decided that the AGM for all community councils will be postponed from June until October 2020. The date for change of financial year remains unchanged at 1st April.

2 – NEWSEY – A donation to the NEWSEY has been agreed and a cheque has been issued.

3 – PLANNING

- (1) Application for a Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the moor. The Community Council made a detailed submission objecting to the planning application.
- (2) Application for Signage to the Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the moor. The Community Council made a detailed submission objecting to the planning application.
- (3) Change of use of land to garden ground and erection of boundary enclosure at 3 Marine View, Muchalls. The Community Council liaised with the applicants to suggest a way to pursue a positive outcome.
- (4) Submission objecting to application for Chapelton advertisement on the roundabout by the Park & Choose.

4 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Work has now ceased on the development due to restrictions introduced by the Government. Mr Chew continues to hold a dialogue with Dave Scott, Contracts Manager for Barratt Homes.

5 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The draft Local Development Plan (LDP) has been passed by the Full Aberdeenshire Council. The Proposed LDP is due to be published for consultation on 27th April, with public meetings held in May. However, under the current restrictions, that may be postponed until later in the year.

6 – ROADS – we are keeping the Roads Department informed of all potholes and broken streetlights. Aberdeenshire Councillors have allocated an infrastructure fund to tackle bridge repairs and potholes, so we can expect all potholes to be repaired this year.

7 – SEASONAL GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – Garden waste collection at the Bettridge Centre has been suspended; recycling centres are also closed. Residents are urged to compost garden waste at home or keep it until the collections resume.

8 – FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS – Additional funding is available for community groups. Contact GCAH (see above), or the Community Council.



We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everybody who is working hard, during these difficult and dangerous times, to keep our community safe.

