

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Briefing Note, May 2020

During the period of lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Council continues to function, but cannot hold any public meetings. The AGM has been postponed from June until October 2020. 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 **0808 196 3384**
and the website address is www.gcah.org.uk

1 – PHOENIX FUND – Newtonhill is eligible for a one-off grant from Aberdeenshire Council to help the region's town centres bounce back from the economic impact of the lockdown. Projects must be business-led collaborations which are able to demonstrate widespread support and commitment and will be able to run for up to 12 months after starting.

2 – 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. Now awaiting determination.
- (2) Application for Signage to the Sales and Information cabin for the houses on the moor has been withdrawn by the applicant.
- (3) Change of use of land to garden ground and erection of boundary enclosure at 3 Marine View, Muchalls. Referred to the Local Review Body.
- (4) The Chapelton advertisement on the roundabout by the Park & Choose has been approved by the Area Committee.

3 – HOUSES on the MOOR – Work has now ceased on the development due to restrictions introduced by the Government. The Community Council continues to be in contact with the Planning Department regarding dust pollution from the site. We have requested that enforcement officers monitor the situation once work resumes. Any breach of planning conditions should be reported to the enforcement officers <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement/>

4 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Proposed Local Development Plan 2021 has been published on the Aberdeenshire Council website <https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/pldp-2020/>. Consultation on this plan runs until 17th July 2020.

5 – ROADS – we are keeping the Roads Department informed of all potholes and broken streetlights. Aberdeenshire Council has told us that, once lockdown is over, there will be a considerable amount of catching up to do. The high friction surface on Newtonhill Road and outside TESCO will be renewed later in the year.

6 – RECYCLING and SEASONAL GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – Recycling centres should reopen on 1st June with extended opening hours; however, this is not a return to business as usual. The materials are limited to bagged non-recyclable waste, electrical items (plug in) and bagged garden waste (bags to be emptied into the skips – it is hoped that this will make it faster). It will be necessary to book.

The garden waste collection at the Bettridge Centre remains suspended until further notice.

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.



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