

Local Community Planning
in
Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore

A report of the Planning For Real® event
held during May 2009

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Introduction

The Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore Community Council (NM&CCC) held a public consultation exercise during May 2009. The consultation was organised and conducted by a sub-group of two members of the Community Council. The main event of this consultation was a Drop-In held on the 9th May at the Bettridge Centre, Newtonhill. Other information was gathered at community group events, by visits to residents and by casual meetings.

The organisers wish to thank all those who helped to make the event such a success, see Appendix 3 for details.

The purpose of this document is to report on the outcome of that exercise and to provide input into the Local Community Action Plan.

This document will be updated as more information becomes available.

Planning for Real® Event

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The Drop-In event was based on the Planning for Real® model and it was agreed with the Community Council to call it **Planning for Real**.

The Drop-In event was publicised in several issues of the Mearns Leader, on notice boards in the villages and by flyer. Flyers were delivered to every property in the Community Council area. Most were delivered with a copy of the Newsey, but some separately. Different, child-friendly flyers were also given to pupils of Newtonhill Primary School to take home to their parents.

Part of Planning for Real is to make models of the community. Three models were made, one for each village. Newtonhill Primary School made part of the Newtonhill model, while the 3rd Newtonhill & 1st Muchalls Brownies and the Newtonhill Out-Of-School Club made the models of Muchalls, Cammachmore and the remaining part of Newtonhill. Engaging local children in the model making also encouraged them to bring their parents to the event.

Residents attending the event were asked to place cards on the models where they wanted some community change. Some cards were pre-printed, whilst others were hand written by the residents at the event.

Community planning is an on-going process and the organisers welcome comments and new submissions from residents as and when they may arise.

Population Demographic

Residents attending the event were asked to indicate which village they live in and the age band they belong to. The number of residents recorded was 276; it was

assumed that this figure probably represented approximately 85% of the true figure, giving a total of 325. This data was compared to Aberdeenshire Council's statistics on population demographic (see Appendix 1 for the full set of figures). Generally most age groups were well represented, with the exception of the 16-29 age band.

Community Planning Themes

Objectives in the Kincardine and Mearns Local Community Plan reflect the five Themes identified in the Community Plan for Aberdeenshire. These are:

- Community Wellbeing
- Jobs and the Economy
- Lifelong Learning
- Sustainable Environment
- Developing our Partnership.

Planning for Real identifies eight themes:

- Community Facilities
- Crime & safety
- Housing
- Health
- Leisure
- Local Environment
- Work, Training & Education
- Transport

In this report we shall use the Planning for Real themes.

Prioritising Requests

The comments and submissions gathered at the Planning for Real event have been summarised in Appendix 2. The location and the frequency of each submission has been recorded along with any action taken. Some comments, for example D11 to D15 do not require any action to be taken, but all the information will be made available to the Community Planning Partnership.

Comments V20 and V21 have been incorporated into the Community Council's response to the Local Development Plan Main Issues Report.

Several submissions referred to the Bettridge Centre and these will be passed to the Bettridge Centre Management Committee for consideration (action code: Bettridge). Other submissions will be passed to local groups, such as the Newtonhill & District Village Association, for consideration and possible action.

The majority of the remaining submissions have been sorted into a prioritised list, see Table 1. Some submissions have been rejected as it was agreed that they would be unnecessary or impractical.

There are four levels of priority:

Urgent: these have been actioned already

P1: we would like these to be achieved within the next twelve months

P2: we would like these to be achieved within the next three years

P3: we would expect this to take much longer than three years to achieve.

Item	What	Where	#	Action
P3S1	Reopen railway station	Newtonhill	38	
P1J1	Dog fouling problem	General	21	
P1M1	Litter bins	General	10	
P1B7	Post Box	General	3	
P2C1	Improved Street Lighting	Newtonhill	7	
P1K1	Village Christmas Tree	Newtonhill	6	
P1M17	Village Clean-up	General	5	
P2T1	Traffic speed limits	General	34	
P2U1	Road and pavement resurfacing	General	22	
P1G1	New and improved leisure facilities	Parks	47	
P1D1	Crime & Safety	General	19+2	

Table 1 Prioritised list of submissions

Key P3S1 refers to a priority three set of submissions that can be found in Appendix 2 starting in section S, row 1.

Where we have yet to decide the priority of a submission, we have assigned it to a group for further action, see Table 2.

Group	Title	#	Action
Bettridge	Bettridge Centre	32	
CL&D	Community Learning & Development	14	
CPP	Community Planning Partnership	40	
Council	Aberdeenshire Council	26	

Table 2 Submissions assigned to groups

Items that have been *Noted*, may be referred to by the Community Council and other groups in the future.

Appendix 1 Population Demographic

Aberdeenshire Council provided statistics on the populations of the three settlements of Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore.

The estimated population for the Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore area in Mid 2006 was 3,463.

The Small Area Population Forecasts for 2006 estimate Newtonhill at 3,066. It is estimated that the current population of Muchalls and Cammachmore, based on household numbers, to be:

Muchalls	314
Cammachmore	98

The population numbers are estimates and are only published as a guide. Do not expect the numbers for each village to add up to the total.

The numbers of residents recorded at the Planning for Real event was:

Newtonhill	208
Muchalls	18
Cammachmore	34

16 people attended from outside of the Community Council boundary. One gave the reason that they worked in Newtonhill. Several people were from Cammachmore, but to the west of the Community Council boundary.

Table 3 shows the demographic recorded at the Planning for Real event. The numbers shown are the percentage of the total recorded, from each community, at the event. Figures based on the 2001 Census are shown in brackets

Age Bands	Newtonhill	Muchalls	Cammachmore	Outside
0-15	32.2 (25.0)	11.1 (19.7)	11.8 (22.6)	12.5
16-29	4.3 (13.6)	0.0 (10.8)	0.0 (8.8)	12.5
30-44	23.6 (27.4)	5.6 (25.1)	23.5 (24.8)	18.8
45-59	21.6 (22.3)	11.1 (28.6)	17.6 (24.1)	12.5
60-74	14.9 (9.0)	44.4 (12.3)	32.4 (15.3)	43.7
75+	1.9 (2.7)	22.2 (3.5)	14.7 (4.4)	0.0
undisclosed	1.4	5.6	0.0	0.0

Table 3: Percentage population demographic of residents attending Planning for Real.

Appendix 2 Summarised comments from Planning for Real

Community Facilities

Item	What	Where	#	Action
	Classes/groups			
A1	Arts and/or crafts club/facilities	Bettridge centre/general	4	Bettridge
A2	Children's art club	Bettridge Centre	3	Bettridge
A3	Indoor bowls	General	2	Bettridge
A4	Cookery classes run by the Bollywood	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
A5	Cookery classes	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
A6	Keep fit classes	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
A7	Step aerobics classes	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
A8	Activity clubs	General	1	Bettridge
A9	Parenting classes	Primary School	1	CL&D
A10	Yoga classes	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
A11	Leisure gym	General	1	Bettridge
A12	Dancing workshop	General	1	Bettridge
A13	Make-up centre	General	1	Bettridge
		Total	19	
	General			
B1	Community café	General	4	CL&D
B2	Internet cyber café	General	3	CL&D
B3	Coffee shop/tea room/café	General	3	Noted
B4	Elderly people's day centre	General	2	Bettridge
B5	Asda or Tesco	General	2	Noted
B6	Vet	General	2	Noted
B7	Post box	Cairnhill	2	P1B7
B8	Post box	Courts	1	Rejected

B9	Post box	Muchalls	1	P1B7
B10	Toilets with disabled facilities	Courts area	1	Noted
B11	Carry out/chip shop	Village centre	1	Noted
B12	Supermarket	West of the flyover	1	Noted
B13	Pizza Hut	General	1	Noted
B14	Rebuild Quoilers site		1	Noted
B15	Recording studio/rehearsal room	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
B16	Community use of fax/photocopier/computer	Library	1	Exists
B17	No Tesco	General	1	Rejected
		Total	28	

Crime & safety

Item	What	Where	#	Action
	Street lighting			
C1	Improved lighting	Top of Mains of Monduff track	3	P2C1
C2	Improved lighting	Path between houses in Cliff View to the main park	1	P2C1
C3	Improved lighting	Whitelands Road	1	P2C1
C4	Improved lighting	Greystone Place	1	P2C1
C5	Revise street lighting times	General	1	P2C1
		Total	7	
	General			
D1	More police on the beat	General	2	P1D1
D2	Young people hanging around here	Outside shop	2	P1D1
D3	Young people hanging around here	Elsick Burn	1	P1D1
D4	Young people hanging around here	Steps from Greystone Place to Bettridge Centre road	1	P1D1
D5	Drug taking problem here	Courts area	1	Actioned
D6	Cars with no road tax	General	1	P1D1
D7	Protective fencing needed	Courts area	1	Noted

D8	Some vandalism	General	1	P1D1
D9	More CCTV	General	1	P1D1
D10	Some drug problems around	General	1	Actioned
D11	Feel safe here	General	2	None
D12	Feel safe here	Cliff View area	1	None
D13	Feel safe here	Windyedge Court area	1	None
D14	Feel safe here	School area	1	None
D15	Feel safe here	East Cammachmore	1	None
D16	Afraid at night	St. Anne's Wynd area	1	P1D1
D17	Afraid at night	General	1	P1D1
D18	Afraid at night	Courts area	1	P1D1
		Total	21	

Housing

Item	What	Where	#	Action
E1	Housing for elderly required	General	1	Noted
		Total	1	

Health

Item	What	Where	#	Action
F1	NHS dentist required	General	1	CPP
F2	Hospital car service required	General	1	CPP
F3	More local NHS facilities	General	1	CPP
F4	Happy with NHS	General	1	None
F5	Need a GP in the village	General	1	CPP
		Total	5	

Leisure

Item	What	Where	#	Action
	New ideas :-			
G1	Skatepark	Bettridge Centre or main park area	13	P1G1
G2	Swimming pool	General	6	Rejected
G3	Climbing wall	Bettridge Centre	5	Bettridge
G4	Development of cycling routes	General	5	CPP
G5	6 – 12 year old adventure park	Main park area or Bettridge Centre	3	Bettridge
G6	Basketball hoops	Main park	2	P1G1
G7	Basketball pitch	Main park	2	P1G1
G8	Football pitch	Courts play park area	2	P1G1
G9	Astroturf pitch	Main park	2	P1G1
G10	Basketball hoops	Bettridge Centre	1	Bettridge
G11	Hockey Pitch	Main park	1	P1G1
G12	Zipwire	Main park	1	Rejected
G13	Netball pitch	Main park	1	P1G1
G14	Sports centre	General	1	P1G1
G15	Hangout shelter for young people	Main park	1	CL&D
		Total	46	
	Improvement of existing :-			
H1	Bigger and better park with more physical activities - improve play equipment	General park areas	6	P1G1
H2	Improve the tennis courts	Main park	4	P1G1
H3	Better climbing frame	Main park	3	P1G1
H4	Football goalposts needed	General park areas	3	P1G1
H5	Improve swings	Main park	2	P1G1
H6	Extra facilities	Main park	2	P1G1
H7	Improve playground	Primary school	2	P1G1

H8	Nets in the goals	Main park	1	P1G1
		Total	23	

Local Environment

Item	What	Where	#	Action
	Dog fouling issues :-			
J1	Dog fouling problem	General	7	P1J1
J2	Dog bin required	Elsick Burn path	4	P1J1
J3	More dog bins required	General	3	P1J1
J4	Dog fouling problem	St. Michael's Crescent	1	P1J1
J5	Dog fouling problem	Elsick Burn path	1	P1J1
J6	Dog warden presence to fine owners allowing dogs to foul	General	1	P1J1
J7	Dog free zones	Grassed areas off St. Michael's Road	1	P1J1
J8	Dog walking area	Elsick Burn path/fields	1	Noted
J9	Dog fouling problem	Coastal Park	1	P1J1
J10	Dog walking area	Coastal park	1	Noted
J11	Dog bin required	Near school	1	P1J1
J12	Dog bin required	St. John's Walk	1	P1J1
J13	Cat fouling also a problem	General	1	Noted
		Total	24	
	Village Christmas Tree			
K1	Village Christmas Tree	Newtonhill Road park and corner of Park Place	4	P1K1
K2	Village Christmas Tree	Top end of Newtonhill Road park	1	P1K1
K3	Village Christmas Tree	General	1	P1K1
		Total	6	

	Gardening/composting :-			
L1	Fruit and veg to be produced locally	General	4	CPP
L2	Community Composting scheme	Newtonhill	3	CPP
L3	Community garden/family picnic & BBQ area	East side of Bettridge Centre	2	Bettridge
L4	Flowering shrubs to be planted	Allotment area	2	CPP
L5	Community veg garden	General	2	CPP
L6	Fruit trees to be planted	General	1	CPP
L7	Community garden	Cammachmore	1	CPP
L8	Community composting scheme	Cammachmore	1	CPP
L9	Allotments needed	General	1	Council
L10	Flowering shrubs to be planted	Between St. Michael's Road and Elsick Burn	1	Council
L11	Stop people destroying the vegetable garden		1	P1D1
		Total	19	
	Litter/recycling/tidy ups			
M1	Litter bins	General	3	P1M1
M2	Recycling back even if only part-time	Cammies	3	Noted
M3	Trees and shrubs to be trimmed back and tidied	General	3	Council
M4	Regular clean up required	Quoilers site	2	Noted
M5	Trees and shrubs to be trimmed back and tidied	St. Michael's Road	2	Council
M6	Collection of large items to be improved	General	2	Council
M7	Grass needs regular cutting in unadopted public areas	Eg. next to school and between 142-144 St. Michael's Road	2	Council
M8	Weekly garden refuse collections by the council	General	1	Council
M9	Supervised skip 1X to 2X a year for bulky items	General	1	Council
M10	More litter bins	Elsick Burn path	1	P1M1
M11	Litter bins	Old Mill Road	1	P1M1
M12	Litter bins	Newtonhill Road park	1	P1M1
M13	Litter bins	St. Michael's Road	1	P1M1
M14	Litter bins	Elsick Place	1	P1M1
M15	Litter bins	Coastal Park	1	P1M1

M16	Litter bins	Newton Road	1	P1M1
M17	Clean-up required	Elsick Place	1	P1M17
M18	Clean up required	St. Michael's Road	1	P1M17
M19	Clean up required	Near school	1	P1M17
M20	Clean up required	Courts play park	1	P1M17
M21	Clean up required	Beach area	1	P1M17
		Total	32	
	Wildlife issues			
N1	Wildlife area to be preserved	Fields between St. Anne's and E. Cammachmore	3	Noted
N2	Green belt needed, park areas where children can play, dogs walked, elderly have somewhere to sit – no concrete jungles and not everyone has transport to go further away		2	Noted
P3	Wildlife areas to be preserved	General	1	Noted
		Total	6	
	General			
Q1	New path needed	On park side of Newtonhill Road from the bus stop to join the path at the top into Cairnhill	2	Council
Q2	Better seating area and benches	Play park	2	Council
Q3	More seats and benches	General	1	Council
Q4	Rebuild walls	Headland Court	1	Noted
Q5	Seating area	At the village bay	1	Noted
Q6	Seating area	St. John's Walk park	1	Council
Q7	Pest control	Cranhill Brae/Place area	1	Council
Q8	Pest control	Railway line	1	Noted
		Total	10	

Work, Training & Education

Item	What	Where	#	Action
R1	Health/first aid training	General	2	CL&D
R2	Youth support and counselling	General	2	CL&D
R3	Youth provision	General	1	CL&D
R4	New school	West of Newtonhill flyover	1	Noted
R5	Should have choice for children to go to Newtonhill or Lairhillock Primaries	General	1	Noted
		Total	7	

Transport

Item	What	Where	#	Action
	Public transport :-			
S1	Reopen railway station	Newtonhill	38	P3S1
S2	More buses through Newtonhill	General	2	CPP
S3	Bus service needs improving	General	1	CPP
S4	Better train timetabling between Portlethen and Aberdeen – so not need station in Newtonhill	General	1	CPP
S5	Reduce bus fares	General	1	CPP
S6	Small bus to go around the village	General	1	CPP
S7	Senior citizens need and deserve a better bus service	General	1	CPP
S8	Train fares to cost the same as bus fares	General	1	CPP
		Total	46	

	Speed related issues :-			
T1	20mph speed limit	General	8	P2T1
T2	20mph speed limit	Newtonhill Road	7	P2T1
T3	20mph speed limit	St. Michael's Road	6	P2T1
T4	Speed ramps	Newtonhill Road	2	P2T1
T5	Reduce speed limit	Old Mill Road	2	P2T1
T6	No speed bumps	Newtonhill Road	1	Noted
T7	Traffic calming	Cammachmore	1	P2T1
T8	Reduce speed limit	E. Cammachmore to A90	1	P2T1
T9	20mph zone	Cairnhill	1	P2T1
T10	Speed ramps	Outside school	1	P2T1
T11	Reduce speed	Outside school	1	P2T1
T12	Reduce speed	A90	1	P2T1
T13	20mph speed limit	Elsick Place	1	P2T1
T14	Reduce speed	Muchalls road to A90	1	P2T1
T15	Replace speed cameras to reduce speed	Muchalls	1	P2T1
		Total	35	
	Road/pavement improvement :-			
U1	Road and/or pavement resurfacing program	General	6	P2U1
U2	Car park resurfacing and lighting	Bettridge Centre car park	5	P2U1
U3	Proper footpath created	Opposite school at underpass to bus stop	4	P2U1
U4	Flyover required	Muchalls	4	Rejected
U5	Crossing point for children	Top end of Newtonhill Road	4	CPP
U6	Zebra crossing	Newtonhill Road	4	CPP
U7	Pedestrian crossing bridge over railway line	North of existing bridge	3	Noted
U8	Holes in road need repaired	Country roads from Newtonhill and Muchalls to Cookney	2	P2U1
U9	Passing places required	Country roads from Newtonhill and Muchalls to Cookney	1	Council
U10	Pedestrian crossing bridge	Over A90 at Muchalls	1	Noted

U11	Zebra crossing	St. Michael's Road	1	CPP
U12	Road has many potholes	Cart track from Lairhillock	1	P2U1
U13	Road surface improvement	St. Michael's Road	1	P2U1
U14	Road surface improvement	Newtonhill Road	1	P2U1
U15	Pavement improved for disabled access	Between Greystone Place and the Bettridge Centre car park	1	P2U1
U16	Better road definition with central road markings	Sharp bend between St. Crispin's Road and St. Ternan's Road	1	Council
U17	Disabled friendly footpath required	Murray Road	1	P2U1
		Total	41	
	General traffic issues :-			
V1	No more business traffic/HGVs	Gillybrands area, Cammachmore	5	Noted
V2	Parking problem	Outside school	2	P1D1
V3	Cars parking on pavements and restricting safe passage eg for buggies	General	2	P1D1
V4	No parking zone	Opposite bus stop and shop in Skateraw Road	1	Council
V5	Too many cars	St. Michael's Road	1	Noted
V6	Too many cars	Dunnyfell Road, Muchalls	1	Noted
V7	Too many cars parking	Road down to Bettridge Centre	1	Council
V8	Inconsiderate parking problem	Chapel Road/Hillhead Road	1	P1D1
V9	No extra traffic wanted	Cairnhill Drive	1	Noted
V10	No through road	Park Place to proposed new development	1	Noted
V11	Sign for no through road	Greystone Place	1	Council
V12	Sign on wall at no.7 directing to no.s 4,6,9 &11	Greystone Place	1	Council
V13	Road will not cope with extra traffic especially when Tesco opens	Newtonhill flyover	1	Actioned
V14	Why is there a new road being built here?	Beside the garage at Cammachmore	1	Noted
V15	What action being taken here?	Lairhillock Bridge	1	Actioned
V16	Police crackdown on mobile phone use particularly during school run at Primary School	General	1	P1D1

V17	Car sharing	General	1	Noted
V18	Encourage walking not driving	General	1	Noted
V19	Promote electric cars	General	1	Rejected
V20	6000 new houses will cause more traffic problems		1	Noted
V21	Complete AWPR to improve road situation		1	Noted
		Total	25	

Appendix 3 Thank you

There are a large number of people, without whose help this event would not have happened. The organisers wish to thank the following people and organisations:

- Kincardine & Mearns Area Partnership (KMAP)
- Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore Community Council
- Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership
- Community Learning & Development
- Aberdeenshire Council
- Our elected Local Councillors
- Miss Carrol's P6/7 class at Newtonhill Primary School
- 3rd Newtonhill & 1st Muchalls Brownies
- Newtonhill Out-Of-School Club
- Newtonhill & District Village Association
- Grampian Police
- K&D Voice (now CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South)
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- The Bettridge Centre
- The developers, who provided an exhibition at the event
- The Leader
- ASDA

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