

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 387th meeting was held In MUCHALLS VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th October 2025.

DRAFT MINUTE

1 – PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Connolly, Mr Armes, Punya Samarakoon, Cllr Sullivan, Alan Jones, Paul Macari (Aberdeenshire Council), Colin Pike (Men's Shed) and 3 members of the public.

2 – APOLOGIES – Cllr Victor, Mrs Davidson, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Torrance, Mr Slessor

Mr Flockhart welcomed all present and then introduced Paul Macari who was to face a grilling for the next two hours.

3 – PAUL MACARI – Mr Flockhart welcomed Mr Macari to our meeting. Mr Flockhart expressed our disappointment at lack of communication with and updates from Aberdeenshire Council.

Mr Macari responded to several queries regarding the Chapelton Development. Lengthy discussions followed on

SCHOOL - When will new school be built? Despite the required number of houses required for the building of a new school, there are not enough children to warrant this. At the moment it could be possibly 2028/2029. In the meantime, problems with traffic at Newtonhill School will get worse. Despite the fact we are receiving very little information, lots is going on behind the scenes. Elsie Development will be responsible for the building of the school.

HEALTH CARE – What health care is needed – doctors, pharmacy, dentist? Even if a health care facility is built, will there be staff and finances to run it? NHS Grampian are struggling financially. In the meantime, numbers at Portlethen Health Centre are increasing.

ROADS – There is only a single point access to Chapelton and a second entry point is now needed. Roads need to be 6 metres wide There will be no further development until roads are in place. The road to Cookney is still needed esp if there are sudden unexpected closures on the A92.

Roads need to be kept clean and swept. Planning Enforcement is now using drones.

LDP – LDP Evidence Report has been returned as not being good enough. Apparently, several have been returned as a new method of interpretation is being used.

DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS – MR Macari to inform of how much is available and what it can be spent on.

FIRE BREAK at BARRATTS DEVELOPMENT – Gorse will be cut back by Landscape Services.

GRIT BINS – Aberdeenshire Council are to remove grit bins which do not fulfil certain specifications. 29 are to be removed in Newtonhill. Discussion carried on after Mr Macari left. Does Community Council want to adopt grit bins? No. What would adopting a bin involve? Mr Flockhart to draft a letter to Aberdeenshire council which will be forwarded to Community Councillors for checking.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Macari and he eventually managed to leave at 9.30pm

He is quite willing to regularly attend our CC meetings.

4 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report for Stonehaven Area. Youth disorder 6; Anti-social 8; Thefts 1 detected, 4 under investigation; Shoplifting 2 under investigation; House breaking 3 under investigation; Careless driving 2 detected; Drink/drug driving 2 detected, 1 under investigation;

As Mr Torrance was unable to attend, he provided written updates These will be noted under TT

5 – MINUTE 386 – accepted.

6 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.2) Men's Shed – Mr Pike gave an update. Thanks to Mr Flockhart for all his support. The bid to take over the old Council buildings in Portlethen was approved by Councillors but as this was against the planners' recommendations it will now be discussed again in November.

It was pointed out how difficult it is for "normal" people to stand against all the professionals employed by the Council.

(2)(5.5) Grit bans – See under Paul Macari.

(3)(5.6) Newtonhill noticeboard – Mr Jones contacted Aberdeenshire Council. The noticeboard has been erected in the safest place near the bus shelter. It will stay where it is.

(4)(5/8) Chapelton lorry - No further forward. A site visit has been made. Paul Macari to follow this up.

(5)(16,1) Double yellow lines – Mr Morgan has written to Stagecoach (No reply), Diane Henderson (contact Police). Next step would be double yellow lines.

(6)(16.3) North East Convention of Community Councils – 11th October 2025 – Mr Flockhart attended.

Discussion on overhead power lines Liam Kerr attended as did a member of Reform but they were not allowed to speak. There will be a follow up meeting in a couple of months.

(7)(16.6) 20s plenty – Signs now up.

(8)(16.14) Aberdeenshire Council Funding Share – Mr Flockhart attended Westhill and Elrick CC meeting. Email from Mr Morgan putting forward his suggestions. Mr Morgan queried whether we are actually fourth bottom of the list for funding.

(9)(16.17) Bushes overhanging pavements - Mr Flockhart registered a complaint with Aberdeenshire Council. Response from Aberdeenshire Council. At first thought it was TESCO's liability but eventually it has been confirmed that the liability is Aberdeenshire Councils and the work will be carried out ASAP. (2) Mr Flockhart has again contacted Mr Savege as he has had no response from him.

(10)(17.6) Firework insurance - As we do not organise the event our insurance does not cover it. Mr Slessor has been informed.

(11)(17.8) Lane near the School – No update.,

(12)(17.9) Fast link between Newtonhill and Portlethen – Hopefully Mr Torrance will meet with Alexander Ross and Richard Malloy of National Rail Scotland on Friday 10th October 2025, 2.30pm. Mr Torrance has invited Aimee Allcock to attend. Mr Jones will try to attend.

Aimee Alcock, the new Shire Council Active Travel Infrastructure Officer has forwarded Marywell to Stonehaven cycle route – a feasibility study.

(TT) Mr Torrance met Alexander Ross, Network Rail Scotland. Some areas too close to steep embankment. Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council should approach landowners to see how they would feel about a path going through their land.

(13)(17.10) Sub -committee meeting – No update.

(14)(17.!!) Difference of opinion re minute 385. No further action taken. Miss Daniels commented more co-operation is needed between Community Council and NVA as a lot of work is being duplicated, eg tennis courts.

7 - PLANNING – (1) Planning application for solar panels has been withdrawn, (2) Planning application APP/2025/0120 Chapelton has been withdrawn, (3) Planning application submitted for Kintore to Tealing transmission line by Scottish Hydro Electric, (4) TESCO has been granted permission for Sunday deliveries.

8 – CHAPELTON – See under Paul Macari.

9 – ROADS and POTHOLE – (1) Roadworks between Newtonhill and Portlethen still ongoing.

10 - FINANCE REPORT – Still waiting for audited accounts

Community Council grants brought forward to next meeting.

£3,991 in bank.

11 – TENNIS COURTS – This is being left to NVA to deal with

12 – NHS - Have your say – AHSCP Draft Strategic Plan 2022035. Mr Flockhart reported people with hearing problems are now being dealt with at Stonehaven community Hospital NHS Strategic Plan – Mr Morgan given leave to respond that individuals not areas should be considered.

13 – UNDERPASS – (TT) Mr Torrance met Aimee Allcock to examine the site and also look at the woody walk up to the bus stop via Elsie Bridge with an eye to getting it upgraded or strummed.

14 – JUBILEE COASTAL PATH – There will be a clear up of the path between Muchalls and Newtonhill on 25th October 2025. (TT) Murray Swapp has been in contact with another funding idea but this needs 10% match funding. Any ideas> The Area Committee?

15 – CAMMACHMORE WALL - £1500 returned to Meikle Carewe; donation of £97 from Chapelton's Brio is being considered; Newtonhill Rotary will 'be thanked for their offer of a donation of £100; £50 will be returned to Fluid Hydraulics; donation from Portlethen Golf Course raised £120 at the Skateraw Fair. Mr Connolly thinks Community Council may be allowed to keep the money.

Mr Connolly indicated he is to step down from Community Council but if the proposal to erect a feature at Cammachmore arises again he is willing to come back on to the Committee.

Mr Connolly reported the big Newtonhill sign was removed and the poles will be removed in the future.

There is a possibility the Newtonhill sign could be lit up. It also came to light that the sign post to Dundee, Cookney, etc is on the wrong side of the road. Will this be rectified? Watch this space.

Thanks to Mr Connolly for all his hard work in getting a feature wall at Newtonhill and the work involved in trying to have one erected at Cammachmore.

16 - CORRESPONDENCE

1 - A Wee Apple Award - Aberdeenshire Councils Greenspace Team has received the Wee Green Apple for the second year.

2 - Community Hospitals – Engagement Sessions October and November. Stonehaven – Thursday 6th November 2025, 3-7pm, Stonehaven Community Centre.

3 - Muir Mhor Autumn 2025 Newsletter.

4 - Road Closure Elsie Place 3rd to 30th October 2025 for 28 days.

5 - Aberdeen Rapid Transit Project – Engagement and Survey –
<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/aberdeen-rapid-transit>

6 – Nominate an Apprentice

7 – Road Closure C24 Chapelton, Newtonhill – 27 days commencing 20th October 2025

8 – NHS Scotland Weight Management Service Planning – Give your views – <https://rebrand.ly/uitb1el>

9 – Woodland Management on the A92 between Newtonhill and Portlethen begins on 29th September 2025 to Saturday 18th October 2025.

10 – PORTLETHEN ACADEMY catchment meeting Tuesday 4th November, 7-8pm via TEAMS. Does anyone want to join in?

11 – Movement towards a Sustainable Estate – Phase 3. No meetings in our Area yet.

12 – Concrete/wooden bus shelter check – wooden bus shelter at Chapelton Greenlaw Road at Hume Square Assume this should go to NKRCC.

13 – Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm – Project update letter and upcoming virtual consultation.

14 – Kintore to Tealing overhead line

15 – NESCAN Event – Unlocking shared ownership and community benefits in the North East – Tuesday 18th November 2025, 1-2pm, online.

17 - AOCB

1 - Community Council Forum – Mr Flockhart has asked for the following to be discussed at the next Forum – (1) Grit bins, (2) Community Council Admin Grants, (3) Communication.

2 - Meikle Carewe judging panel to meet Wednesday 22nd October, 2025, 7-9pm

3 - Mr Morgan to ask residents what issues they would like Community Council to deal with.

4 - (TT) Mr Torrance attended a Rural Transport Workshop at Viewmount - there are challenges due to a mix of town to town and local services so most people use cars. Needs to be joined up bus/train/active travel

5 - Mr Flockhart received an ECOFLOW from SSEN. He will hold on to it until the renovations at the Bettridge are complete at which point it will be offered to them.

6 - Need to think about a resilience booklet for residents.

7 - Mr Jones attended the new Kincardine Heritage Group. This covers the area from Cowie to Torry. The next meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall on 13th November.

8 - Mr Jones walking through Chapelton when all of a sudden he was attacked and soaked by a bunch of sprinklers. Query as to what they are for and why all of a sudden, they started working Mr Jones to investigate.

9 - Mr Morgan was asked if he could feed all information to all Facebook groups. Good luck!

The meeting finished at 10.15pm.

The 388th meeting will be held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th November 2025.