

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTE

The 389th meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

1 – PRESENT - Mr Flockhart (Chair), Miss Daniels, Mrs Stephen, Mr Jones, Mr Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Punya Samarakoon, Councillor Victor

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Torrance, Mr Armes, Cllr Sullivan.

3 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report for November 2025. Youth disorder 7; Anti-social 4; Thefts 2 under investigation; Shoplifting 2 under investigation; Drink/drug driving 2 detected, 1 under investigation.

Mr Flockhart hoping to catch up with PC Charnley at the next Community Collective.

4 – MINUTE 388 – Change date to 26th November 2025. Accepted.

5 – MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.2) Grit bins – Clarification on insurance – Never seen grit bins so well used.

(2)(5.3) Chapelton lorry – Permission was sought from the landowner and planning permission is not required. However, Mr Morgan reported Planning Enforcement are still investigating and trying to ascertain who the owner/owners are,

(3)(5.5) Update on bushes – Bushes at TESCO have been trimmed. As a goodwill gesture bushes etc at walkway will be done by the end of this financial year. Also, discussion is to be held to ascertain the way forward with upkeep.

(4)(5.9) Portlethen Academy catchment area. Mr Morgan has prepared a document which is to be forwarded to NKRCC and Portlethen and District Community Councils which could be submitted as a joint statement from all Community Councils.

(5)(5.10) Community Council Forum – No update.

(6)(16.1) Resilience leaflet - Mr Flockhart has forwarded a leaflet prepared by Torphins to Miss Daniels.

(7)(6.10) CC logo – No advance.

6 – PLANNING – (1) LDP – 2 bids for land between Muchalls and Newtonhill - 120 houses and mixed 202 houses. Although 2 bids have been submitted, they will not necessarily be accepted, (2) Double yellow lines – Stagecoach are to contact the Roads Department.

7 – CHAPELTON – Nothing to report.

8 – ROADS and POTHOLEs – (1) Mr Flockhart has complained re the state of Elsick Place, potholes in St Michaels Road, Cairnhill Drive, St Crispin's Road to name but a few. He pointed out all need resurfacing and not just patching. Will be checked by Roads sometime!

(2) Muchalls potholes – Lots of. I believe one in Nethermains Road has been filled in with cement

9 – FINANCE REPORT – Admin grant has been received - £1036. Total in bank £4807

10 – ADMIN GRANTS – Could get a bit complicated keeping receipts for everything and claiming mileage.

11 – NHS – Nothing.

12 – UNDERPASS – No updates.

13 – JUBILEE COASTAL PATH – Update. The name the Doric Way has been confirmed. Thanks from James and Casper to anyone who has helped in any way with the work on the Doric Way. They will soon be looking for more volunteers in our Area (Path wardens)

Meeting needed with Mr Torrance, Mr Morgan and Mr Jones to discuss the upgrade to the Cranhill Path section

Our area covers Stonehaven to Cove.

14 – NORTH EAST SCOTLAND CONVENTION of COMMUNITY COUNCILS – A meeting was held on Saturday 13th December 2025 (21 CCs were represented) to finalise the Unified Statement. Moray CCs to be contacted to see if they wish to support the document. Should NESCCC continue as a standing organisation?

15 – SNOW CLEARING etc

- (1) Message from Newtonhill resident re ice and snow on Skateraw Road and Newton Road. This makes the roads and pavements virtually impassable. Has been forwarded to Local Councillors. Skateraw Road should have been included in gritting etc.
- (2) Mr Flockhart contacted Tim Stephen re accident just after the mini roundabout on Newtonhill Road. As this is the secondary access into Newtonhill, he has requested Cairnhill Way, Cairnhill Drive and Park Place be added to priority clearing list.
- (3) A lady was on train but it was stopped at Dundee due to weather conditions. Passengers could continue their journey north by bus but as said lady had a dog she was not permitted on the bus. Should this have been considered by Rail Company when they stopped onward travel by train and bus transport had to be used?
- (4) Community Resilience - Are there any issues? Can't fault their updates to Community Council.
- (5) Thanks from Tim Stephen for all efforts made by residents during recent bad weather.

- (6) Concerns raised re lack of grit in bin at the school crossing.
- (7) Flooding on A92 when rain came and snow started to melt. Amey had a meeting with landowners to discuss their obligations. It would appear the drains on the road are inefficient and just could not cope with the amount of water.

Well done to Ember for keeping buses running during the snow.

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Community Council grant - Grant payment has been sent for approval. Admin grant £984 plus £52 data protection.
- (2) Aberdeenshire Council renews partnership with nature conservation organisations
- (3) A92 Newtonhill Flyover Steps and Ramp – hope to be completed by March 31st 2026
- (4) Aberdeenshire Council recycling and waste services across the festive period
- (5) Prohibition of waiting Skateraw Road – unfortunately due to engineering difficulties delays continue
- (6) Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Budget -- open till end of February
- (7) Festive Services 2025 -stagecoach Scotland.Festive.Timetables/Stagecoach
- (8) Public Consultation at Portlethen Golf Club – Public consultation on proposal by Cala to build houses on land next to Hillside School - Thursday 8th January 2026 with dates for comments 22nd January. Effect of extra houses on Portlethen Academy, also Portlethen Health Centre. Mr Morgan to write to Paul Macari.
- (9) Ease app - for disabled people in work
- (10) Public Consultation – Safeguarding Scotland’s Water Environment - open till 3rd March 2026
- (11) SEPA - One in eight properties in Scotland are at medium risk of flooding.
- (12) Free training from Planning Aid Scotland – Various dates
- (13) Transport Surveys for Disability Equality in Scotland -
- (14) Rethinking Public Services. – 5th March 2026
- (15) Draft minute of Bus Forum Meeting held on 27th November 2025.
- (16) Christmas wishes from Liam Kerr, KDP, CAB and Kincardine and Mearns Area Team.
- (17) its Time Tae Just Dae It – A Just Transition for North East Scotland – Saturday 21st March 2026, Park Inn by Radisson
- (18) Disabled People’s views on Rail Transport – Survey.
- (19) Amey’s latest newsletter.
- (20) Citizen’s Advice Bureau Annual Report
- (21) SEPA is calling on Scots to have their say on the future of the nation’s water environment.
- (22) Weather updates from Aberdeenshire Council.
- (23) Community Resilience Groups – See item 15
- (24) Community Event 10th December 2025 – James Hutton Institute
- (25) Muir Mhor Winter 2025 Newsletter

- (26) Joint Statement re funding for public services in Aberdeenshire.
- (27) Re-thinking Public Services – 5th March 2026, 9.30am.
- (28) Share your views on Scotland's Draft Climate Change Plans.
- (29) Draft minute of Chapelton Liaison meeting
- (30) Community Council update – Possible flooding once snow melts. Services getting back to normal.
- (31) Stonehaven Library Engagement - for neighbouring Community Councils, Tuesday 27th January 2026, 11.30am to 1pm, 4pm to 5.30pm or Saturday 31st January 2026, 11.30am to 1pm. Aberdeenshire Council are proposing to move library provision to Viewmount; Aberdeenshire Council trying to save money by closing stand =alone buildings, eg libraries.
- (32) Free webinars this month for Community Councils.
- (33) Road closure – Cranhill Place, Newtonhill, January 2026 for 5 days - Scottish Water repairs to burst water valve
- (34) Free training delivered by Planning Aid Scotland
- (35) Don't miss out – Share your views on Scotland's Draft Climate Change Plan.
- (36) Coastal Communities Fund – Round 7 now open.

17 – AOCB

- (1) Work was supposed to start on Muchalls Railway Viaduct but not sure it has.
- (2) Newtonhill tennis courts – Aberdeenshire Council hopes to have repairs carried out to tennis courts and also instal a pickleball court by Spring time. However, they do not have funds to undertake running repairs and would appreciate any help groups could give.
- (3) The Scottish Government has increased Active Travel funding to new record levels. Can Local Councillors direct the powers that be in the direction of the A90 underpass and Dunarguin-Bramble Way fastlink
- (4) There is a plan to build housing to the south of Bramble Way Could the developer assist the Fastlink path from Portlethen to Newtonhill?
- (5) Mr Armes has cleaned the noticeboard at West Cammachmore.
- (6) Skateraw Hall, 19th February 2026, the North Kincardine Heritage Group will host a Talk on Wrecks on the Mearns Coast.
- (7) Cllr Victor reported Blairs Chapel is now a Registered Charity and she is fortunate to be a member.
- (8) Trying to find a suitable date for a meal at the Stack. Possibly 25th February or 4th March 2026.
- (9) Mr Jones reported a pothole on the Cookney to Newtonhill Road

(10) Mr Flockhart meeting with Audrey Nicholl on Friday to discuss flooding in the car park at Skateraw Store. Mr Flockhart has been in contact with Network Rail. Could the water be running off the railway?

The next meeting will be held in the Skateraw hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026.