

NEWTONHILL, MUCHALLS and CAMMACHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The 391st meeting was held in the Skateraw Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th March 2026.

DRAFT MINUTE

1 – PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair), Mrs Stephen, Miss Daniels, Mr Morgan, Mr Armes, Mrs Davidson, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Torrance, Cllr Victor.

2 – APOLOGIES – Mr Jones, Cllr Sullivan, Punya Samarakoon. David Walls (NVA).

3 – WELCOME – Mr Flockhart welcomed all and thanked them for coming out.

2 – POLICE REPORT – Written Report for February 2026. Youth disorder 7; Anti-social 12; Thefts 1 under investigation; Shopliftings 4 under investigation; House breaking 1 detected; Dangerous driving 1 detected.

4 - MINUTE 390 – item 15 AOCB 5 – Campaign for North East Rail. Accepted.

5 - MATTERS ARISING _

(1)(5.1) Chapelton Lorry – Brian Saunders owns the land in question. Informal agreement between Mr Saunders and Places for People provided they obtain relevant planning permission which they appear not to have done.

6 - PLANNING – (1) Fluid Power has erected a fence round what used to be double glazing unit at Newtonhill, (2) TESCO Store – Major variation. No concerns with either.

LDP - Mr Morgan has forwarded a copy of the draft response from Ward 17 Community Councils.

Marie from KDP will attend the next Reactivate Coffee Morning at the Bettridge Centre to look for comments on the Portlethen Place Plan.

Aberdeenshire Council is to change some matters regarding Muchalls Conservation Area status – mostly concerning heat pumps, replacement windows, etc all to improve energy efficiency.

7 – SCOTLAND’S WATER ENVIRONMENT CONSULTATION - Flood Risk Management Consultation – Response from Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council

8 - ROADS and POTHOLES – (1) Goodwill gesture has been completed. Still not sure what will happen with maintenance going forward, (2) Carriageway improvements on A92 northbound near Bridge of Muchalls until Thursday 9th April 2026, (3) Removal of lamp posts. One to be replaced in Muchalls - Dunnyfell Road number 7 outside houses 11 and 13; Park Place number 11 opposite Windyedge Court, Old Mill Road towards Tern Court number 71 rear of Puffin Court, junction Old Mill Road. Others will not be replaced due to lack of funds. Communities can fund a lamp post replacement, (4) Mr Flockhart has

contacted Council re lack of responses to road queries. Secondary access to Newtonhill will not be added to snow clearing programme except in a case of emergency.

9 - FINANCE REPORT – A total of £4,450 in the bank but in excess of £2, 000 is spoken for.

10 – INSURANCE – Zurich Insurance now due - £162.36 – No comments from members so Mr Ewing will make payment.

11 - COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMIN GRANTS – Still a work in progress.

12 – UNDERPASS - Consultant has been appointed to take on preliminary design phase. Design an active travel route from Newtonhill to the U78K using existing underpass. Design a footway along the U78K to Cammachmore Village using existing trodden path, design a path linking St Michael’s Road to the south bound bus stop on the A92.

13 - JUBILEE COASTAL PATH - Update received. A lot of work has been carried out, much of it dealing with the cutting back of gorse. There will be a work day for volunteers on Saturday 28th May – Burn of Pheppie

14 – NESCCC – Copy of Joint Statement by Aberdeenshire Community Councils, January 2026. Aberdeenshire Communities Demand Equitable and Fair Funding. Prepared by 22 Community Councils.

15 - POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE at Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council – A request was made for a representative from Aberdeenshire Council Education Department to attend a Community Council meeting. Council asked for questions and we have received written responses. Doesn’t look like someone is going to come along. Answers to questions will hopefully be published in the next NEWSEY.

16 – JUST TRANSITION PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND 2025 – FEEDBACK. Mr Torrance suggests “Joining NESCAN as an Organisation”. Mr Torrance and Mr Armes are to apply to become members. No expenses involved.

17 -- CORRESPONDENCE

1 – My Place Awards

2 – Poster to Share – Asthma and Lung UK

3 – Stonehaven Vaccination Centre Open Day – Thursday 26th February, 2026, 3 – 6pm

4 – Take Care to Reduce Fire Risk – Emollient skin creams –

5 – Shaping NHS Grampian 2026/2027 Priorities.

6 – Aberdeenshire Council Development Plan Scheme - Press release

7 – Aberdeenshire Council Press Release – Interment Changes 4-3-2026.

8 - GRAM Involve – Research study involvement opportunity – email ddnihr@abdn.ac.uk

- 9 – KDP Grassroots Festival – 18th April 2026, Mearns Community Campus
- 10 – Two close calls from battery fires in Aberdeenshire – Please keep batteries out of household bins.
- 11 – Portlethen Area Place Plan – Survey open until 31st May 2026 – Portlethen Area Place Planning/Engage Aberdeenshire.
- 12 – Launch of New Public Portal for Energy Consents Representations
- 13 – Revised Environment and Climate Change Policy Agreed by Aberdeenshire Council.
- 14 – Doors Open Days 2026, 19th and 20th September 2026.
- 15 – Glasdon outdoor furniture.
- 16 - ElanCity – Speed Indicator Devices
- 17 – Aberdeenshire Energy Development Charter 18-2-2026 – Energy Development Charter launched to ensure Aberdeenshire benefits from major energy projects.
- 18 – Research Study – involvement opportunity. How to improve fairness and progression for doctors with disabilities in the iNHS.
- 19 – Cerulean Winds Aspen Project Limited – update
- 20 - S36 Representations Briefing 20 January 2026. – Updated process for submitting representations to the Energy Consents Unit.
- 21 – Aberdeen Rapid Transit – Public Engagement Responses
- 22 – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026 – Nominations open.
- 19 - AOCB
- 1 - Query from NVA regarding Community Council decision not to adopt grit bins.
- 2 –Email from Dave Walls (NVA) regarding tennis courts. Request for Community Council to go 50/50 with any major costs for repairs. Unfortunately, the only funding we have is through Aberdeenshire Council and it looks like this may be reduced. Suggest NVA contact KDP for possible sources of funding
- 3 – Apologies from Mr Cruickshank for non-attendance at the Stack Meal. Enjoyed by all who attended.
- 3 – Travel on buses when trains cancelled. It would appear to be at the bus driver’s discretion as to whether pets are permitted. Taxis may be provided if permission is refused for pets to be on buses. However, customers are required to contact Scot Rail via platform telephone.

4 – Mr Jones and Mr Torrance have managed to repair the telescope for the princely sum of £3.25.

5 – Banchory Devenick School is to close in April.

6 – Cllr Victor has requested a walk-in surgery be set up in our area.

7 – Rural Transportation – Scottish Water are to be carrying out work on the Netherley road from the roundabout at Stonehaven for 29 weeks. The road will be closed to cyclists, horse riders and walkers. This will cause long detours. Over to Mr Torrance – surely some other route can be found.

8 – It was decided to start meetings at 7pm as from next month,

9 – Mr Torrance attended KDP Rural Transport Workshop.

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