

Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council

DRAFT MINUTE

The 396th meeting took place at the Skateraw Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026

1 – PRESENT – Mr Flockhart (Chair). Mrs Stephen, Mr, Morgan, Mr Ewing, Mr Cruickshank, Mr Armes, Punya Samarakoon, Mr Jones, Mr Torrance and one member of the public.

Mr Flockhart welcomed everyone and commented how nice it was that Mr Cruickshank managed to attend. Long may this continue.

2 – APOLOGIES – Ms Daniels, Cllr Sullivan.

3 - POLICE REPORT – (1) PC Charnley will attend the November meeting, (2) Police Report (spelling of Muchalls). Police have talked to pupils in every school regarding- the use of E-Bikes and E-Scooters. Road Safety – no deaths or serious injuries in our area One drink driving charge Mr Cruickshank commented both Bridge of Dee bridges are now open – well before schedule.

4 - MINUTE 395 – Accepted.

5 - MATTERS ARISING

(1)(5.5) Bettridge Christmas market – Mr Ewing has made payment

(2)(16.7) Parking on disabled space in Stonehaven Market Square on Car Boot Sales days. No updates.

(3)(16.8) Any update on football pitch. Work should now be done once children are back at school.

(4)(16.10) State of roads in Cammachmore – Road works start Monday 21st September 2026 for 5 days.

At this point Mr Flockhart advised the Stonehaven and District CC was up and running again. He read out a letter regarding declaration of interests which will be forwarded to all members.

6 – PLANNING – (1) Reminder comments on LDP need to be submitted by 23rd September, 2026. Mr Morgan has responded on our behalf. The Proposed Aberdeenshire LDP should be published in winter 2027, (2) ALDO – Roll for Community Councils in planning applications – still waiting, (3) Still waiting for an update from Aberdeenshire Council on Chapelton School

7 - ROADS and POTHOLEs – (1) The lights on the dual carriageway at Muchalls have been temporarily repaired. Awaiting parts from the Netherlands before work can be completed, (2) Some potholes have been repaired in Newtonhill.

8 - FINANCE REPORT - £4, 477 in bank. Admin grant has been received - £1,047.

9 - CC ADMIN GRANT – As above.

10 - QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PATH UPDATE – NESCAT/The Doric Way is looking for letters of support. Mr Jones and Mr Torrance to deal with this. Wet patch at Cobbleboards still in need of attention. Mr Jones to have a word with person who offered to fix it.

11 - NEWTONHILL FESTIVE LIGHTS – No update.

12 – UNDERPASS – Work continuing on preliminary design. Numerous surveys and investigations need to be carried out including discussions with land owners.

13 - CERULEAN WINDS – Windfarm meeting will take place at the Hut Chapelton on Wednesday 30th September, 2026, 7-8.30pm. A Muchalls resident is interested in being co-opted on to Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council specifically to help with this. Mr Flockhart to follow this up. If Mr Flockhart is happy then members are quite happy for her to be co-opted on to Community Council.

Mr Morgan has responded on our behalf to Scoping Report.

14 - CORRESPONDENCE

1 – Prohibition of waiting 5 days commencing 17th September 2026 for Bettridge Dance Festival

2 – Agenda for NVA meeting 2nd September 2026

3 – Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2026 – Expressions of interest open

4 – Community Council Aberdeenshire Networking Event 2026 – cancelled due to lack of interest.

5 – New Private Rented Housing Info Facebook Page

6 – Scotland-wide community led research funding now available.

7 – Drainage improvements on the A92 north of Stonehaven begin Monday 14th September 2026.

8 – TESCO Grants

9 – Kincardine and Mearns Halls Network Thursday 8th October 2026, Kinneff Hall, 2-4pm.

10 – Movement toward a sustainable estate.

11 – SSEN - We need your view on preparing for future storms

12 – Invitation to Mearns FM AGM, Sunday 4th October 2026, 7pm, Stonehaven British Legion.

15 – AOCB

1 – LOGO – Shape. Cammachmore – horse and plough; Newtonhill. - creel; Muchalls - lighthouse. 3 words. Still needs some work.

2 – Portlethen Post Office – Just for info. Took payment from Muchalls Gala but couldn't take cheques yet.

3 - Local holidays

Stonehaven – 5th April, 7th June, 6th September, 4th October

Portlethen/Aberdeen City Local Public Holidays – aligned with Aberdeen City as yet not updated

4 - Unprecedented Ei Niño – Anything we need to be mindful of?

5 – Real Time Passenger Information Display at Newtonhill Park and Choose has been damaged. A team from Information and Infrastructure will visit the site, assess damage and organise necessary repairs.

This is the third time it has been damaged. It will be repaired but Council may have to stop funding repairs. Who is legally responsible for funding repairs? Mr Flockhart to make enquiries.

6 – Tennis court update – New back boards and new netball posts fitted, the angle iron for the fence has been fitted

7 - Application for salt – Aberdeen City are offering residents one tonne bags of rock salt. Applications due by 25th September 2026. Why City and not Shire? Mr Jones following this up. If he managed to obtain salt, would divide into manageable quantities and deliver as appropriate. One way to obtain salt might be to become a snow warden.

8 – Punya Samarakoon – Due to unfortunate circumstances, Punya doesn't have a permanent address in Cammachmore at the moment. It was unanimously decided to adopt her on to Community Council as an Associate Member for Cammachmore (proposed Mr Morgan, seconded Mr Cruickshank).

9 – Newtonhill Bowling Club in need of funding in order to carry out refurbishment.

10 – PISA Results – It would appear Scottish education results are well below English results. Will be discussed at our next meeting.

11 – Complaints re Go Fibre.

12 – We have been asked to support a request for a standalone Post Office in Stonehaven. Mr Flockhart confirmed we will support this.

13 – Complaints re sudden closures of recycling centres.

14 - Mr Torrance and Mr Jones met with Cerulean to discuss Active Travel prior to public meeting. Quite keen to support. Upgrade to steps at Shore Cottage leading to Cranhill a possibility.

15 – Funny tasting water in Cammachmore and some parts of Newtonhill. Has been reported to Scottish Water. Keep an eye on the situation.

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The meeting finished at 8.25pm.