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Introduction

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Welcome to the spring 2015 issue of ChapeltonNews. It has been an exciting start to the year with the opening of the Stephen and ZeroC show-homes and more than 60 properties sold or reserved. With the first residents settling in to their new homes, Chapelton has now been officially listed as a 'place' by the Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre.

The three show-homes have been extremely popular with the number of visitors estimated at over 4,000. In this issue we will take a look inside these great properties and find out how the very first residents were welcomed to their new home.

The first neighbourhood, Cairnhill, is taking shape with tree-lined streets, pavements and street lighting all in place. More than 15 homes are now occupied in Cairnhill with up to 70 more homes expected to be inhabited before Christmas.

We are now looking ahead and planning the infrastructure up to the first primary school and are selling more land to the house-builders to ensure that the supply of houses continues to keep pace with demand.

In this issue we will also introduce Stephanie Gray of planning consultancy Turnberry Planning Limited. Stephanie tells us about her role in the Chapelton team.

We very much hope you will enjoy reading this issue of ChapeltonNews.



The Latest from Chapelton



The Town Takes Shape

It has been just over one year since house-building work started on site at Chapelton and the development of the town is gathering momentum. There are more than 170 workers on site each week and Hume Square, at the heart of the first neighbourhood, is nearing completion.

Hume Square will be a community hub for Chapelton's first residents offering a visitor centre, tea room, dental practice and nursery school, all of which will open in the summer.

Surrounding the square are a range of house-types including detached houses, apartments and semi-detached properties, all demonstrating the skilled workmanship of our three house-builders.

The network of streets around the square follow the features of the site's landscape, incorporating the natural contours of the land, and provide sea and country views.

Left: Homes at all stages of construction



First Residents Move In

In the last issue of ChapeltonNews we met some of the town's first home buyers and just a few months on these residents are now settled in and calling Chapelton their home.

The first to arrive were newlywed couple Kelly and Liam Syme who moved in to their four-bedroom AJC home just in time for Valentine's Day. The couple was welcomed by 12 of the town's workmen, including the three house-builders AJC, Stephen and ZeroC, alongside construction services company W M Donald, who formed a guard of honour - replacing swords with spades.

Speaking of the celebrations, Liam said: "We feel extremely privileged to have been given such a warm reception at Chapelton and our new home. This was a very exciting day for us and the celebrations made it really special."

Along with other homeowners they will benefit from the local amenities at Hume Square as well as the Park and Choose facility served by a community bus service, which will open later on in the year, providing a sustainable alternative to using the car.



Local Primary School Pays a Visit

The construction of Hume Square was of great interest to local school Fisher Moss Primary who visited the site in March as part of their house and homes project. The 22 Primary 2/3 pupils toured the site to learn more about each stage of the building process, from laying the foundations to the finished product.

The youngsters also learned about the importance of safety when developing street frameworks. By viewing the town model located within the visitor centre, the pupils were able to visualise how Chapelton's road networks and junctions will reduce traffic flow in residential streets and improve overall safety.

After quizzing the Chapelton team about the facilities that will be featured in the town such as schools, parks and doctors' surgeries, the pupils returned to school to build their own fictional family house from cardboard.

Left: Chapelton's first residents, Kelly and Liam Syme

Above: Primary 2/3 pupils from Fisher Moss Primary School

Show-home Update



Since the last issue of ChapeltonNews, ZeroC and Stephen have opened the doors to their show-homes. All three of the show-homes, which have attracted the attention of thousands of prospective buyers, showcase the distinctive features within AJC, Stephen and ZeroC's homes.

Launching at the end of January, the Stephen Melfort show-home is the epitome of modern family living. This detached property boasts an open plan kitchen dining room, a large lounge and French double doors opening on to a landscaped garden.

The generous upstairs space, designed for growing families, continues with a master bedroom and three additional bedrooms, which have all been styled to provide a glimpse of the finishes Stephen homeowners at Chapelton can enjoy.

One month later the largest of the three show-homes opened - the 250 square metre ZeroC property. This five-bedroom home pays homage to established traditional buildings in the local area with designs integrating materials such as granite, stone and slate.



Clockwise from top: ZeroC show-home dining room, Stephen Melfort show-home bedroom and living room

Offering, in addition, three bathrooms, spacious reception rooms, a log-burning stove and a great view of the sea, the property highlights ZeroC's strong focus on sustainability.

From two-bedroom apartments to five-bedroom family homes, highly efficient technologies that will reduce carbon levels are incorporated into each of ZeroC's house designs.

The visitor centre and all the show-homes are open Thursday to Monday between the hours of 11am and 5pm.

For more information or to arrange a viewing visit www.chapelton-online.com

Having your say

You can find the latest news and share your views on Chapelton via our Facebook page and website:

www.chapelton-online.com

 www.facebook.com/chapeltonofelsick

In the meantime if you have questions you would like us to answer, please get in touch at info@chapelton-online.co.uk. We will respond directly and print some of the answers in upcoming issues. People and their views are at the heart of the community.

Meet the team

Stephanie Gray, Turnberry Planning Limited



As a Planning Consultant at Turnberry, Stephanie has been involved with Chapelton since 2011.

Her initial role consisted of assisting with the preparation and submission of planning applications as well as attending all public consultation events and meeting with planning officers.

Today Stephanie's role has developed with responsibilities including direct liaison with each of the three house-builders, the design teams and local councils.

How did you arrive in your current role?

I have always had an interest in how cities evolve and develop and chose to study Planning & Development at Heriot Watt University.

After graduating in 2009 I initially worked at Planning Aid for Scotland in Edinburgh and then as a Graduate Planner in Aberdeen. In 2011 I was lucky enough to be offered a planning role at Turnberry and moved down to London to join the team.

Describe your typical day at work

After working at Turnberry I have quickly learned there is no typical working day. My day-to-day routine normally starts with arriving in the office at 8.30am before reviewing my workplan for the week, checking emails and setting out priorities for the day.

You spent some time living in Aberdeen, what are your highlights of the city and surrounding areas?

My first graduate planning job was working for a planning, architecture and project management firm in Aberdeen. I have lots of fond memories from my time in the north east as there was always a host of different things to do and a great selection of restaurants.

Living in the city also made it very easy to explore the surrounding areas, with particular highlights for me being trips to Stonehaven and Balmedie Beach.

What has been your favourite aspect of the Chapelton project so far?

My favourite part of the project is seeing the masterplan being translated onto the ground. I generally get to visit the site every month and the progress being made is really fantastic.

After working in Aberdeen, what do you think Chapelton will bring to nearby communities?

As Chapelton continues to develop I think it will offer surrounding communities a destination to visit and a place to enjoy.

What are you most looking forward to seeing develop at Chapelton?

In the short term I'm really looking forward to seeing Hume Square being developed and early commercial occupants moving into their new units in the Square.

In the longer term, I look forward to seeing the town centre mature and primary and secondary schools open.

What do you think makes a good community?

There are a host of things important to delivering a good community. Two key attributes are quality and variety of place - not only in the houses that are built but also in the street networks, open spaces and local amenities provided.

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