

# MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the AGM of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

Present;

Jon Jordan (JJ)	Chair
Marlene White (MW)	Deputy Chair
Stuart Dean (SD)	Secretary
Douglas Fisher (DF)	Minutes Secretary
Margot McKerrell	
Matthew Pease (MEP)	
Mireille Pouget (MP)	
Niall Simpson (NS)	
Mike Wilson (MRW)	

### Item 1. Apologies for absence/introductions

Apologies for absence were received from John Anderson, Colin Mann and Danny Conroy. Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser, Clackmannanshire Council was welcomed to the meeting.

### Item 2. Minutes of previous AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Proposer: Douglas Fisher  
Seconder: Mireille Pouget

### Item 3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

### Item 4. Chair's Report

This year has seen the eventual approval by the Scottish Government and Clackmannanshire Council of the Local Development Plan. The major issue for the Community Council has been the proposed housing development behind the bowling green site. Despite objections, the Reporter decided that the number of houses should remain at thirty-five (35). This was excellent news and showed that with the support of Clackmannanshire Council's elected members we were right in campaigning for this level of housing rather than the 160 houses in the original proposals from the Council.

We are now waiting for the developers to involve the community in the creation of a master plan for the site and to see some planning gain that the community can enjoy.

In addition, it is important that we as a community welcome the new residents and help them integrate. Hopefully many will wish to play important roles in village life. In our campaign to limit the number of houses to 35, the Muckhart Area Plan played a key role. It told us that the majority of the community wanted to see some organic growth but were concerned that a disproportionate large number of new houses would lead to a loss of village identity. This gave the Community Council a very strong lobbying position which was eventually successful.

The existing Muckhart Area Plan is now over six years old and a major initiative is the creation of a new one. A sub committee led by John Anderson with Margot McKerrell, Matthew Pease, Mireille Pouget, Mike Wilson and myself has been formed. We have made good progress and held an initial public meeting and are now in the process of consulting with local groups, businesses and societies. The first will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the church with an environmental event on 10<sup>th</sup> October as well as a questionnaire which is currently being prepared. Thanks go to the whole team for all their hard work.

Finally, I would like to thank all Community Councillors for their hard work. Mike Wilson was co-opted on to the Council this year and has made a great contribution on road issues and the new Community Plan. I would also like to thank the office bearers for their high levels of commitment – the Community Council would not function so effectively without their efforts.

#### **Item 5. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary proposed the acceptance of the accounts and this was seconded by Jon Jordan. The audited accounts, of which the Treasurer holds a signed copy, were unanimously accepted as presented.

Finally, Ken Bibby was thanked for once again auditing the accounts.

#### **Item 6. Election of Office Bearers**

The following members were elected to serve as office bearers.

Jon Jordan	Chair
Marlene White	Vice-Chair
Stuart Dean	Secretary
John Anderson	Treasurer
Douglas Fisher	Minutes Secretary

#### **Item 7. MCC Meeting dates for 2016**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. (To be followed by the AGM)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. (First meeting of the new community council,  
called primarily to elect office bearers)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. (First full meeting of the new MCC – provisional)

All meetings will start at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall.

**Item 8. ACOB**

Nil