

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held in the Coronation Hall, on Wednesday 30th November 2016, at 7:30 pm

Present: John Anderson (JA) Chair
Patrick Thompson (PT) Vice-Chair
Mike Wilson (MRW) Secretary
Danny Conroy (DC) Treasurer
Philip Lord (PL) Minute Secretary
Jonathan Bacon (JB)
Stuart Dean (SD)
Peter Wyatt (PW)

PC Reggie Ryles (to agenda item 5)

PC Barry Reiter (to agenda item 5)

Status: Approved

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Jon Jordan (JJ), Matthew Pease (MP), Marlene White (MW), Val Whyte (VW) and Councillor Alastair Campbell.

1. Declarations of Interest

Stuart Dean declared an interest in item 11, Burnfoot Wind Farm.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 7th September and Special Meeting on 16th November 2016

The Minutes of the 7th September were accepted without amendment. Proposed by Danny Conroy and seconded by Mike Wilson. Likewise, the Minutes of the Special Meeting on the 16th November were accepted without amendment. Proposed by Patrick Thompson and seconded by Philip Lord.

3. Matters arising

- Re item 13, for the Minutes of the 7th September, Consultation on Flight paths into Edinburgh Airport: SD noted that the MCC response, submitted as part of the consultation on this subject, was one of 33 responses received from Community Councils, from 226 invitations sent out (overall, there were 5,880 responses of which 89 were from organisations and elected officials and 5,791 from individuals). There will be a Phase II consultation, in January 2017, which

will discuss the results of the previous consultation. SD agreed to keep a watching brief on this issue

ACTION SD

- John Anderson, on behalf of MCC, expressed congratulations and appreciation to Alison Peden and Val Whyte for the splendid Christmas event that took place on Sunday 27th November, in the Coronation Hall

4. Police Report

PCs Ryles and Reiter introduced themselves. PC Ryles noted that there were no reported crimes in the area, since 26th October. He also noted that he and PC Reiter had visited Muckhart Primary School to introduce themselves and to talk to the pupils.

PL noted that dog walkers had reported that two men, carrying rifles, had been seen in the Community Woodlands, early one morning last week, but had disappeared when they realised that they had been spotted. Furthermore, PL reported that a dead deer had been found on the Seamab hillside, so, the assumption is that the two men were poachers. PC Ryles noted that the Police could only act if they were informed of such events and encouraged anybody witnessing such an event, in the future, to report it. It is better to report such matters, even if in error, rather fail to act on them. PCs Ryles and Reiter then left the meeting, with the Councils thanks.

5. Appointment of MCC Convenors

JA noted that the recently appointed MCC Officers had met and, further to discussions, suggested that there was a need for three additional Convenors on MCC to take responsibility for:

- Publicity for MCC and, in particular, to act as an interface with the local press
- Managing and maintaining the Muckhart Community website and Facebook page, keeping both of these up to date. The Convener would also act as “gatekeeper”, moderating content to be uploaded to the site and would need to act proactively in this role. JA also noted that the Minutes of MCC meetings should be available from the website but that these were not being kept up to date (note: residents can opt to be added to the MCC mailing list and receive copies of the Minutes and other documents via that route)
- MCC representation is required on the JCCF (Clackmannanshire Joint Community Council Forum)

Volunteers were requested to undertake these roles:

- Peter Wyatt agreed to take on the role of Publicity Convener. This was unanimously approved
- Jonathan Bacon volunteered to look at the role of Web and Facebook Convener, and will report back at the next meeting. This was agreed

ACTION JB

- Danny Conroy agreed to continue to attend JCCF meetings and report back (note: it was pointed out that any member of a Community Council can attend these meetings). The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, 26th January 2017, in Alloa Academy **ACTION DC**

6. Appointment of MCC Sub-Groups

There are two Sub-Groups which require members:

- Planning: SD, as Planning Convener, briefly described the current remit of the Sub-Group, namely: all Planning applications, as they arise; work on the next Local Development Plan (LDP), due to start in 2018); and the current PAN situation concerning the major housing development proposed for area H49 of the current LDP
- Roads: will continue to be led by MRW

Further volunteers were requested to participate in these Sub-Groups

- PL, PT and MRW volunteered to join the Planning Sub-Group. This was agreed.
- JB volunteered to join the Roads Sub-Group. PL noted that Alison Macdonald is willing to be co-opted onto this Subgroup. This was agreed

7. Muckhart Community Plan: Members Update

JA reported that the Muckhart Community Plan (MCP) was in its final stages of development and gave a PowerPoint presentation to bring the new MCC up to date with all of the work that has been completed over the last two years by the MCP Working Group and MCC, as a whole.

The task now is to bring new MCC members fully up to date with the Plan, together with the results of the Community Questionnaire, used to support it, and to review, amend and agree the Plan and to publish and enact it next year. To achieve this it is proposed:

- To send the current MCP Plan working document and Questionnaire Analysis document to MCC members, before Christmas **ACTION MW**
- To arrange to hold two Planning Workshops, each of 2 to 3 hours duration, during January and February, for all MCC members to discuss, agree and finalise the Plan **ACTION JA**

The original MCP Working Group, perhaps with some new members, will work to complete the Plan.

8. Planning: Development of Site H49 Update

SD described recent developments, for new members of the MCC, regarding existing planning applications for this site and the current, unusual, situation that two separate

Proposal of Application Notices (PANs) have been submitted for the same site. SD also confirmed that both applicants had now responded to the letter, sent recently to both parties, which expressed MCC's unease with the current situation and asking for clarification of current proposals.

Tim Allan has since responded with a letter, in which he has reiterated his support for a maximum of 35 new homes, across the whole site. John Izat and Partners have also responded, with an email, stating they would like to discuss the matter further. SD will continue to monitor the situation. **ACTION SD**

9. Public Transport: Bus Summit Update

PL reported that the Bus Summit, arranged for 28th November, has been rescheduled for the 16th January 2017. PL to attend. **ACTION PL**

10. Burnfoot Wind Farm: Update

JA and PT attended a Community Liaison Meeting, on 23rd November, hosted by Wind Prospect, regarding the Burnfoot Wind Farm project. JA has since issued a PowerPoint presentation to MCC members, regarding the proposed Wind Farm extension.

The addition of three new turbines, to the existing site, is being proposed and a Planning application is expected to be submitted, sometime in 2017. It is understood that the new turbines would not be visible from Muckhart and also that Muckhart would not qualify for any community funds made available to communities affected by the Wind Farm. JA also reported that it is proposed to hold an Open Day event on the 31st January, in Tillicoultry.

JB noted the need for MCC to consider how this project might impact Muckhart and its community.

JA will maintain his contact with Wind Prospect, clarify why Muckhart does not qualify for any Wind Farm funding and report on any further developments. **ACTION JA**

11. Roads Issues: Update

MRW reported that he had been in contact with the Council's Roads Department and reported that its new Management Team has now approved the proposed works on the A91, between the Pool and Yetts, to upgrade the foot / cycle path, to move the existing speed limit signs and to install a new village gateway. The essential points are:

- The proposed budget has been increased to around £150,000 to cover all of the new, upgraded works. This budget would be made up from contributions from various existing Council Roads budgets. Sustrans have also agreed to contribute around £55,000 to help with the provision of new street lighting and in support

- of the Council 'Safer Routes to School' and 'Active Networks' policies
- The pedestrian and cycle path is to be upgraded to a high standard, Hot Rolled Asphalt (HRA), bitumen surface. Additionally, the current path will now also be widened, with new roadside kerbing put in place
 - The current street lights, in place, including electrical power cabling and ducting, will be fully replaced with the very latest, approved LED street lighting
 - The provision of new 'bike hoops', to provide safe storage of bicycles, will also be installed at the bus stops in the Yetts and at Coronation Hall, in the Pool
 - The introduction of the new village gateway sign and relocation of the 30mph speed limit signs on entry to the village from the NE
 - The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the current financial year (end March 2017)
 - Due to the extent of work required, it is expected that there may be some disruption to the flow of traffic, in the area, as work proceeds. A full TRO will be issued by the Council to cover the works

All MCC members, and residents, present expressed their appreciation and support for the new, upgraded path, lighting and gateway works.

12. Treasurer's Report

JA presented the Treasurer's Report, up to 30th November 2016. The MCC had funds of £2596.32, of which £566 was ring fenced to produce the Community Plan and £192.77 for IT expenses. It was noted that the Council grant of £2000 for window repairs to the Coronation Hall had been transferred to the Hall Committee.

13. Community Matters Grant: Update

SD noted that individual grants, of up to £5,000, were available for individual projects under the Community Matters scheme, funded by the Scottish Government and the Council. The deadline for applications is set for 31st December 2016, after which applications would be judged against a specific set of criteria. It was decided to make the Primary School and Hall Committee aware of the availability of these funds.

ACTION MW

14. Correspondence

All relevant correspondence has been circulated to members.

15. MCC Meeting dates

The following meeting dates were agreed up to the end of next year:

- Wednesday 25th January 2017

- Wednesday 22nd March 2017
- Wednesday 31st May 2017
- Wednesday 6th September 2017 (Meeting to be followed by the AGM)
- Wednesday 25th October 2017
- Wednesday 6th December 2017

MRW confirmed that the Coronation Hall has been booked for these dates.

16. AOCB

The following matter was raised under AOCB:

- As Jon Jordan was not present to report on the previous JCCF meeting, SD noted that the Council was consulting on updates to the Community Council 'Scheme of Establishment', together with the underlying rules

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next MCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.