

## MUCKHART

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held remotely on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at 7:30pm**

**Status: Draft:**

**Present:** Jon Jordan (JJ) Chair  
Gillian Thompson (GT) Secretary  
Danny Conroy (DJC) Treasurer  
Marlene White (MW)  
Andrew Davis (AD)  
Chris Hardy (CH)  
Jonathan Bacon (JB)  
Patrick Thomson (PT)

#### **In attendance**

Councillor Coyne  
Councillor Lindsay

#### **Apologies:**

Matthew Pease (MP)  
Val Whyte (VW)  
Councillor Martin  
Police Constables

#### **1. Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

JJ welcomed Council members and a number of residents (MOPs) to this meeting of the MCC.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declaration of Interests were made

#### **3. Minutes of Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> September were approved, proposed by AD, seconded by MW.

#### **4. Confirmation of CC officers etc.**

The following was agreed:

- Infrastructure group led by JB not AD

#### **5. Matters Arising**

H49 (Meadowside Crescent) Tree report from Jim Ravey, Springfield, was not a report but an E mail to Grant Baxter, Principal Placemaking Officer, Clackmannanshire Council.

Damage to pine tree, a root protection zone installed to be checked on a monthly basis.

Sycamore Tree – Expert attended and minimal damage reported; no remedial work required; to be monitored.

Alison McDonald (resident) asked if monitoring will be recorded and sent to MCC?

GT reported a large digger working in vicinity of Sycamore tree without any signs of protective measures.

EDF Windfarm representatives agreed, MW; AD and John Anderson (resident)

Micro Grants - to be discussed

Update on School Path Project (Peter Wyatt, resident) scope to be agreed.

Light up Muckhart; GT acting as MCC liaison.

## **6. Police Report**

One reported crime Identified; an individual arrested in relation to an incident on the school path. Individual remanded and awaiting trial.

Discussion followed on speeding through Pool and Yetts which included what measures could be put in place to control and reduce speed.

Pop UP Policeman currently not displayed. MCC agreed that a timescale for appearances would be considered. **Action JB**

Alison McDonald suggested speed cables across road and all recorded data made available to MCC for analysis.

Marion Robertson (resident) suggested that the top speeds were after leaving speed limited areas, not helped by inconsistencies with limits.

JJ suggested a meeting with Police and Council be arranged to discuss possibility of 20 MPH limit further.

CH noted that Springfield had asked that Traffic Calming measures be brought forward.

Alison McDonald suggested that any Traffic Calming Measures (Bumps in Road) may cause structural damage to nearby buildings due to vibration.

There was discussion about the speed limiting plans in respect of the Meadowside Crescent development which included a speed table. Councillor Coyne commented that no Speed Table bumps would be allowed on a trunk road. GT confirmed that the planning approval would seem to contradict this.

CH reinforced the impact of speeding through Yetts.

## **7. H49 Meadowside Crescent Update**

CH and JJ met with Jim Ravey (Springfield) and the following topics were discussed

1. Tree damage
2. Site security fencing; completed and CCTV to be operational soon.
3. Site to be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan
4. Power supply cables undergrounded.
5. Springfield requested input from MCC re landscaping and Artwork.
6. Bus Stop - Opinions on preferred location sought; probably down to Clackmannan Council.
7. Traffic Calming Measures to be brought forward as previously discussed.

### **Timescales**

Sales Office – Jan or Feb.

Showhouse – Plot 2

Slab for Plot 1 to be used for parking for site personnel

### **Pollution Issue**

PT confirmed a report had been sent to SEPA who attended the site and requested mitigation works to be carried out by contractor.

Pollution was ongoing and did not appear to be getting any better.

The situation would continue to be monitored and any issues reported to SEPA.

Observations in discussion were;

The surface Water Plan from CDC's website must conform to SEPA requirements.

The SUDS system also comes under the same control.

It was discussed whether regular meetings with Springfield were a good idea or not and it was decided to carry this over to the next meeting as a Site Manager may be in place by then. **Action CH and JJ**

#### **8. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Update**

It had hoped that Tim Allan (resident) would chair the group but he had indicated that he had too many commitments.

It was agreed That PT, DC and JJ would lead and PT agreed to contact Tim Allan with a view to moving this on **ACTION: PT**

#### **9. X53 bus withdrawal**

After the formal announcement that the service would be withdrawn on 8 January 2021 MCC discussed at length and some of the questions raised were;

Who is obliged to provide transport ?

What about the Hospital Bus pledge.

What about the increased demand due to bus passes for the younger age group and additional households in the Springfield development.

Councillor Coyne ; MR, JJ, JB, Philip Lord (resident), CH, Alison McDonald, MW and GT all contributed to the discussion and it was established that the Bus companies were not obliged to run services that were not profitable and that the local authority could not provide subsidies to all services.

Options for DRT and Community Transport were discussed and it was agreed that these were unlikely to provide a positive solution and MCC would join forces with other affected groups; Dollar CC and Fossoway CC.

This issue would be on the agenda until resolved.

#### **10. Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Scheme community fund distribution.**

Matthew Pease (MP)to report on this at future meetings

#### **11. Muckhart Community Plan: Updates**

It was agreed that the executive / JJ should arrange to meet with John Anderson, the co-ordinator of the Muckhart Community Plan for the previous MCC , to establish how best to pick up and continue the development of these Plans **ACTION: JJ**

#### **11. Planning Sub-Group**

AD advised that there were no new planning applications.

Also that Woodacre and Rowberrow applications had been approved by Clackmannanshire Council.

AD confirmed that he

#### **12. MCC communications, website and members photo;**

JB agreed to continue to manage and update the website as and when necessary. It was agreed that a group photo would be taken of all MCC members at the next meeting to be posted on the website. **ACTION: JB**

#### **13. Boundary Commission changes**

GT confirmed that the consultation had closed. The proposal which affected Muckhart was that the area would be within a new boundary of Mid Forth Valley

#### **14. Muckhart Primary School representation on MCC**

JB confirmed that Val Whyte (resident) had agreed to be the school liaison.

GT to develop a strategy for Dog Fouling that would involve the school and MCC. **ACTION: GT**

### **15. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted.

### **16. JCCF Update**

JCCF had been attended by JJ and DC. The Police Area commander had given a statistical report and discussion about the pending withdrawal of the bus service had taken up almost all of the meeting

### **17. AOCB**

1. GT requested agreement to price a replacement community notice board for the bottom of Kirkhill – agreed. GT to take forward. Action GT

2. The question of a generator for the hall in case of future power cuts was discussed. JJ raised the issue of developing a resilience plan.

3. Celia Norton (resident) asked if anyone was interested in discussing Twinning with a similar community and said that she had previous experience of this and would be happy to go over benefits. For consideration by MCC.

### **18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next MCC Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 7:30pm at the Coronation Hall, unless otherwise advised.

JJ thanked all for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.