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|  | **Muckhart Community Council: Minutes****6th September 2023** |
| **In attendance** | * Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair
* Andy Davis (AD), joined part way through meeting
* Danny Conroy (DC), Treasurer
* Jonathan Bacon (JB)
* Chris Hardy (CH)
* Jon Jordan (JJ)
* Patrick Thompson (PT)

 In attendance:* Alan Salmond (Waste Disposal Office, Clackmannanshire Council)
* Lesley Baillie, Community Council Liaison Officer
* PC Barry Ritchie
* Marion Riddell (MR), Minute Secretary
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| **Apologies** | * Matthew Pease, Vice Chair
* Celia Norton
* Marlene White
* Cllr Dennis Coyne
* Cllr Kathleen Martin
* Cllr Scott Harrison
* PC Barry Reiter
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| 1. **Declarations of interest**
 | N/A |
| 1. **Minutes of 21 June 2023 meeting**
 | Minutes proposed by Danny Conroy and seconded by Jonathan Bacon. |
| 1. **Matters arising**
 | * GT has raised the issue of the style/material of the entrance wall to the Meadowside Crescent Development with Clackmannanshire Council who are content with it.
* After some discussion, adopt a phone box is being considered to house the defibrillator and it was noted that it would have to be painted to make it more visible.
* AD has commented to Forestry Scotland that new planting should not result in the treeline being visible above Common Edge Hill.
* The retaining wall between the A91 and properties on Golf View/School Road is in a poor state of repair.
* AD to confirm responsibility for any repair with the relevant landowner and a timetable for this work to be undertaken.
* GT has sent a copy of the MCC boundary map to Donald Malcolm of Active Dollar.
* Following contact by GT, Clackmannanshire Council have agreed to rebuild the traffic pillow at the west end of the village to a new specification which should ensure they are more fit for purpose.
* It was noted that the first phase of the traffic calming and road safety measures were required to be in place now that the milestone of 12 houses being built has been met.
* Concerns remain in relation to flooding of the traffic pillows at the east end of the village and the operation of the zebra crossing.
	+ GT to request a meeting with Clackmannanshire Council now rather than when works are complete.
* AD has notified successful applicants for Foundation Scotland/EDDF Funding.
* GT to set up a community councillor WhatsApp group to ease communication between meetings.
* GT has met with Dollar Development Trust. GT, PT and MP are still to meet to discuss.
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| 1. **Residents Voice**
 | * No residents were present.
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| 1. **Police Report**
 | * An individual has been charged with reckless driving following the recent accident at Fossoway Bridge which caused significant damage.
* Parties held in Dunning Glen over the summer are dealt with by Perth and Kinross Police department.
* The speed of lorries coming into the village from the east side was raised and it was noted that handheld speed detection is not permitted in 20 mph areas. The lighting at the zebra crossing is also not working.

**Action: PC Barry Ritchie to contact Springfield Homes about the speed of contractors’ lorries coming into the village and site entrance.** |
| 1. **Household Waste bin collection changes**
 | * Alan Salmond of Clackmannanshire Council Waste Department outlined plans to introduce a separate grey bin for paper and went through a Q and A document about the changes.
* The change is aimed at improving the environment and will not impact on council tax charges. It is expected to generate some income.
* It was noted that there will be a landfill ban from 2025 and some large incineration plants are being developed to deal with this.
* Any questions can be directed to wasteservices@clacks.go.uk.
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| 1. **Traffic calming and road safety**
 | * A number of concerns remain in relation to satisfactory traffic calming measures being in place, including fewer rumble strips than previously, and the current speed measurement sign.
* Maintenance issues need to addressed through the council’s report it facility.

**Action: following input from GT, JB to seek a meeting with Clackmannanshire council to discuss concerns.** |
| 1. **Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding**
 | * The 2nd funding round had resulted in one voluntary event being rejected and one application under consideration with additional conditions to be met.
* It was noted that the funding cannot be used for repeat events and that more communication to the community is required about the funding and any conditions.
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| 1. **Adopt a phone box**
 | * The Adopt a phone box scheme provides c**ommunities across Scotland the opportunity to adopt their local phone box for just £1** to turn them into something inspirational for their local area.
* Clarity is required about certain aspects of the scheme but planning permission would not be required to paint the phone box.

**Action: CN to continue to explore the possible use of the scheme for the purpose of housing of a second defibrillator for the village.** |
| 1. **Active Dollar**
 | * GT has met with Fraser Reynolds of Clackmannanshire Council to discuss this issue.

**Action: MCC to publicise the Active Dollar Sportsfest event taking place on 7th October.** |
| 1. **School Path Improvement Project**
 | * Clackmannanshire Council wish MCC to take a more active role in this project, with funding going to MCC.
* The project aims to address various issues including smoothing and widening of the path and drainage and accessibility issues.

**Action: JB to share the project plan with MCC.** |
| 1. **Communication**
 | * A community councillor WhatsApp group is to be set up to ease communication between meetings.

**Action: GT to set up** |
| 1. **Development Trust**
 | * Dollar already has its own Development Trust and it has charitable status. There is considerable work involved in setting up a trust and If advantageous, it may be possible for Muckart to join Dollar’s Trust.

**Action: MP to provide further information about the advantages of the scheme.****Action: GT, MP and PT to meet to discuss the Development Trust scheme.** |
| 1. **Sub groups**
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| 1. **Meadowside Crescent**
 | **House sales**4 houses have been sold, with 9 available of which 5 reserved.**Landscaping/planting**As the milestone of 12 houses ready for occupancy has now been reached, confirmation should be sought on road traffic measures’ completion. The play area contribution from Springfield should also be provided to Clackmannanshire council and a contribution for public art made. The council should consult with MCC about the development’s open space.**SUDS pond**Springfield is still in discussion with a local landowner in relation to this. |
| 1. **Planning**
 | Muckart Mill – home office. MCC propose no comment.Ochilview, School Road – erection of agricultural building. Planning advice notification needed.Autumn View, Yetts of Muckhart – remove restriction on occupancy. MCC has supported this application. |
| 1. **Flood**

**management** | * JB is in contact with the Woodland Trust. The first phase of work has been completed and willow weaving is due to take place in November.
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| 1. **Muckhart Resilience Plan**
 | * Awaiting reply from the Hall Committee in relation to the Resilience Plan.
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| 1. **Local Place Plan**
 | * Work on this is ongoing.
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| 1. **Muckhart Primary School**
 | * This year there are 40 pupils in the school.
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| 1. **AOCB**
 | * There was a discussion in relation to an increase in EV charging tariffs by Clackmannanshire Council. It was noted that the chargers have been used less often recently.
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