

<b>Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	
<b>In attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair</li> <li>• Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair</li> <li>• Danny Conroy (DC), Treasurer</li> <li>• Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary</li> <li>• Andy Davis (AD)</li> <li>• Jonathan Bacon (JB)</li> <li>• Jon Jordan (JJ)</li> <li>• Celia Norton (CN)</li> <li>• Patrick Thompson (PT)</li> </ul> <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC Barry Reiter</li> <li>• Gerry Flanigan</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Chamberlain</li> <li>• Marlene White</li> <li>• Cllr Dennis Coyne</li> <li>• Cllr Kathleen Martin</li> <li>• Cllr Scott Harrison</li> <li>• PC Barry Ritchie</li> </ul>
<b>1. Declarations of interest</b>	N/A
<b>2. Minutes of 25th October 2023 meeting</b>	Minutes proposed by Jonathan Bacon and seconded by Patrick Thompson.
<b>3. Matters arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The retaining wall between the A91 and properties on Golf View/School Road is in a poor state of repair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB to consider a way forward.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It was agreed to go ahead with the Adopt a phone box scheme option for housing the defibrillator and it was noted that it would need regular maintenance. There would be annual electricity costs of £15-20 to support the defib.</li> <li>• Concerns remain in relation to the effectiveness of current traffic management arrangements. GT has requested a meeting with Clackmannanshire Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GT to send a reminder to Council officials.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4. Residents Voice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GT reported that a complaint had been received from a resident about the increase in uncollected dog poo, particularly in the area from Drumburn Farm to Maudie's Loan.</li> <li>• The council will consider options and the possible extension of Muckhart Primary's good work around highlighting the need for dog walkers to act responsibly.</li> <li>• Meantime, a reminder will be sent on Facebook that failure to clean up after a dog is a fineable offence and asking if residents</li> </ul>

	<p>of and visitors to Muckhart would consider the impact on others.</p>
<p><b>5. Police Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No crimes had been reported since the previous meeting.</li> <li>• The vandalism of two Pop Up Bobs was reported to PC Barry.</li> <li>• The possibility of more speed radar guns was discussed including resource and visibility constraints. Community speedwatch campaigns were also discussed but it was noted that previous local ones had fallen by the wayside and Muckhart was an unlikely candidate for such a scheme.</li> <li>• New speed signs might be considered and PC Reiter agreed to attend the proposed meeting on traffic management and road safety.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Traffic calming and road safety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A discussion paper by GT was considered which looked at the alterations already made to improve road safety as well as those still planned. Additional measures were also considered, including new speed trigger or recording signs.</li> <li>• With regard to the noise and vibration issues possibly arising from the installation of the speed pillow outside Julie Wilson's house, further professional advice may be sought.</li> <li>• Council officials have now accepted that the speed pillow requires reconstruction. No timetable is in place for this work, but temporary ramp signs are in place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Community council roles and responsibilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MR noted that the appointment of new members provided an opportunity to review roles and responsibilities. JB suggested that the community action plan might be updated and provide a vehicle to do so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AD to see if there was previous documentation available for review.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AD confirmed that the underspend from this year's funding is to be used for an Seniors lunch for 40 - 50 residents in February or early March and that discussions were underway to progress this.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. School Path Improvement Project</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB reported that funding for the next stage of the project is to be provided to MCC. This will include drainage and path surface improvements as well as wood art installations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GT stated that Welcome to Muckhart leaflets had been available at the recent Light Up Muckhart event with some take up and discussion with new residents.</li> <li>• There was a discussion about the CC notice board and website management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JB /DC to progress removal of the existing CC noticeboard which is in a dilapidated state.</li> <li>○ GT to consider alternative noticeboard arrangements.</li> <li>○ JB to share website log in details with MR and CC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>11. Development Trust</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP reported that funding criteria from Foundation Scotland is awaited which would allow Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme (RBCHS) to distribute funding to the benefit of communities this year.</li> <li>• MP will contact Fossway CC about Development Trust options and ideas for a joint community bus run service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CN and MR to contact Glenfarg Transport Group about their initiative.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>12. Democracy matters</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second phase of the Democracy Matters conversation was launched in August 2023. It included consideration of key themes such as future powers, representation, accountability, community participation and nurturing community capacity.</li> <li>• The conclusions from a SURF (Scotland's Regeneration Forum) exercise examining the Democracy Matters proposal and Scottish Government updates had been circulated to community councillors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. Active Dollar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding has allowed employment of two part time consultants to design detailed Devon Way Sports Park 3-year operational plans, with a view to making a case for Sport Scotland funding.</li> <li>• GT to attend a review meeting planned for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 along with other community councillors and a representative from the Hall Committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>14. Sub groups</b></p>	
<p><b>a) Meadowside Crescent</b></p>	<p>Fruitful monthly meetings continue to be held with Springfield.</p> <p><b>House sales</b> 10 houses have been sold, 8 are reserved and 10 are available. Houses are being built on a buy to build basis given the current economic climate.</p> <p><b>Section 75 Agreement conditions</b> The completion certificate for the 12<sup>th</sup> house is awaited as this milestone will trigger certain requirements including Springfield's financial contributions towards improvements to the play area and public art.</p> <p><b>Landscaping/planting</b> There is some uncertainty about the landscaping work to be undertaken but this is to be discussed further.</p> <p><b>Other issues</b> Work on social housing is due to begin in late Spring. The field on the other side of Maudies Loan is not owned by Springfield and so no further housing is planned there. 6 car park spaces will be available on the entrance road to the development. It was noted that the hedge on Maudies Loan required to be cut.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JJ to investigate the possibility of using the services of EPIC (Enabling Projects In Clackmannanshire) and TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) to undertake this work.</li> </ul>
<b>b) Flood management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JB reported on the successful willow wall construction undertaken recently, with thanks to staff at SLR Consulting supporting the Forth Rivers Trust and all community volunteers.</li> <li>● Agreement is still awaited from the Woodlands Trust on the proposed actions required further uphill.</li> <li>● Although successful so far, measures will be kept under review and a more formal procedure for using the pond as flood storage is to be agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>c) Muckhart Resilience Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Hall Committee has adopted the Resilience Plan.</li> <li>● JB pointed out that further work is to be done to put measures in place to ensure successful implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A meeting with the Hall Committee Chair is to be arranged to discuss the way forward.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>d) Planning</b>	<p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <p>MCC propose no comment on the following applications:</p> <p>Autumn View, Yetts of Muckhart – remove restriction on occupancy.  Ochilview, School Road – erection of agricultural building.  Hillcrest, Baldiesburn – removal of existing extension.</p> <p><b>MCC Housing Development Policies and Guidelines for Housing Development within the Muckhart Community Council Area</b></p> <p>MCC adopted a paper brought forward by PT outlining proposals developed by an MCC subgroup on MCC planning guidance within the Conservation area and MCC boundary.</p>
<b>e) Local Place Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JB reported that a meeting is being sought with Council officials on approach and strategy.</li> <li>● Public consultation is being considered for the second quarter of next year and funding streams require identification.</li> </ul>
<b>15. Muckhart Primary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This year's Christmas tree sale had been very successful, and thanks was given to everyone who had supported this fundraiser.</li> </ul>
<b>16. Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.</li> </ul>
<b>17. AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JJ and PT had attended recent windfarm consultation events. These had included information on community benefits and community ownership options.</li> <li>● MR confirmed that information on consultation events and newsletters was being publicised to ensure residents were kept fully informed about proposed developments.</li> </ul>