

Muckhart Community Council: Minutes, Wednesday, 8 June 2022, 7.30pm, Coronation Hall

In Attendance:

Jon Jordan (Chair) JJ

Gillian Thompson (Secretary) GT

Andrew Davis (Vice Chair) AD

Danny Conroy (Treasurer) DC

Patrick Thompson PT

Matthew Pease MP

Chris Hardy CH

Cllr Dennis Coyne DC

Residents

Apologies: Marlene White MW (Cllr)

Jonathon Bacon JB (Cllr)

PC Barry Reiter

2. Declarations of Interest None

3. Minutes of 26 January 2022 Meeting Proposed by GT, seconded by DC

4. Matters Arising EV Charger. It was confirmed that the charger was live. AD expressed concern about the inevitable impact on the general parking for Coronation Hall. There was also a prospective issue about cars being parked on the green spaces blocking use of the charger. It was agreed that an eye should be kept on this although unclear what action would be taken. PT noted that the green spaces were large in size which reduced the available space for parking outwith the hall carpark. It was suggested that signage might be required.

Action: JJ undertook to invite to JB to contact Clackmannanshire Council in respect of potential solutions.

5. Police Report There was nothing to report.

6. Traffic Calming and Road Safety JJ reported that he had spoken to Clackmannanshire Council roads department about the proposed traffic management scheme. He confirmed that the roads department was not keen to reopen discussion about the Section 75 agreement with Springfield. In respect of the question of introducing a 20mph in Muckhart JJ explained that he had been told that 20mph had been introduced in other Hillfoots' villages during Covid due to the lack of space available for pedestrians to maintain the 2 metre rule. It had been suggested that the limit had not been intended to be permanent.

Stuart McPhee (SMCP) resident raised the example of the recent implementation of 20mph limit through Coalsnaughton. It was suggested that given this it was hard to understand why the same could not be put in place for Muckhart particularly in light of the procession of heavy construction lorries accessing Meadowside Crescent. There followed a discussion about the provisions under Section 75 imposed on Springfield through the planning agreement for the housing development. It was confirmed that, strictly, Springfield were responsible for the agreed traffic calming measures after the 12th house had been completed. It was viewed as possible that there might be traffic calming interventions at either end of the village in advance of the 12th house. The raised platforms would come later. It was acknowledged that as a result of a petition by a pupil at Muckhart Primary Councillor Martin and others had had constructive discussions with MCC, Police Scotland and Clackmannanshire Council roads department with a view to bringing forward a 20mph limit earlier to better protect the zebra crossing in particular which served the play park and Coronation Hall. JJ noted that a meeting was due between MCC and Springfield. He suggested that MCC should ask Springfield to act sooner. The issue of the noise and speed of lorries could be raised later with the roads department.

CH confirmed that in fact Springfield would like to start the traffic calming work due under Section 75 now with the exception of the speed reduction table at the entrance to Meadowside Crescent. After further discussion of the various merits of slowing traffic through the village. MCC agreed that Councillors would seek to push for an early implementation of a 20mph limit.

AD raised the question of a buffer zone between the 40 speed limit at either end of the village and a 20 speed limit. MCC was reminded that speed reduction tables would be in place at the zebra crossing and the eastern end. Celia Norton (CN) pointed out that the Japanese Garden would be encouraging an increase in traffic with its plans to increase visitor numbers. JJ noted that there should be consideration of the speed limit at Yetts. CH reminded MCC that there continued to be calls from residents for a 30mph limit to cover the complex junction. JJ agreed to write to Clackmannanshire Councillors and the Roads Department to press for an urgent change to 20mph. He acknowledged that there was still to be a meeting between Councillors and the primary school petitioner which might influence the situation.

AD suggested that a management plan could be put in place to work with Springfield and perhaps such could be discussed at the forthcoming meeting with Springfield.

JJ raised the difficulties being faced by residents of Kirkhill and Cairns Place due to the planned road works by Clackmannanshire Council. The initial plan had included replacement of lighting, renewal of pavements and road surface. The required road closures had been shelved but it was not clear how the work would be managed.

SMcP commented that residents of School Road and Golf View would appreciate some resurfacing of the road outside their properties.

Actions: CH and JJ to meet Springfield on 15 June 2022 and JJ to write to Clackmannanshire Councillors and roads department. Cllr Coyne to enquire about the planned road works at Kirkhill and Cairns Place

7. Resilience Plan Update JJ confirmed that some progress had been made in development of a plan. There had been an opportunity to apply for a grant of £1,500 for a new generator but it had been acknowledged that there had not been enough time to develop the bid. JJ suggested that MCC put in a bid with SSEN in April 2023 for a grant. JJ suggested that MCC look at what could be arranged for an emergency generator. JJ confirmed that JB would develop a resilience plan based on the perceived flood risk.

Actions: JJ/JB to develop a bid for a grant for a new generator in April 2023. JB to develop a resilience plan in respect of the risk of flooding.

8. Public Transport Questionnaire and 202 Bus Update JJ confirmed that Perth and Kinross contract with Bay Travel for the 202 service would end on 30 June 2022. Clackmannanshire Council had confirmed that there would be a new contract but it was unclear at this point what route the new contract would cover. On the Questionnaire results JJ said that for Dollar the number returned had been 130 whilst for Muckhart the number returned had been 48. Issues raised by respondents included:

- quality of service – times and frequency, and direction. A key concern was the lack of a direct route to Stirling.
- for those aged 22 – 30 a small number indicated that they had no car nor access to cars.
- for those aged 35 – 50 there was a view that buses running later would be desirable to enable evening excursions.
- no respondents had expressed enthusiasm for the DRT service.

JJ undertook to provide an analysis of the results.

Cllr Coyne commented that there would be a Sustrans meeting in June and that he hoped that there would be something to add arising from that meeting. There was some further discussion around the possibility of involving Council contacts. Marion Robertson, resident, suggested contact be made with Mark Russell MSP and consideration should be given to a strategy region wide.

Action: JJ to provide an analysis of the questionnaire data.

9. Cycle Path from Dollar to Muckhart JJ raised the issue of the discussions underway on the provision of a new cycle path. The route proposed was Vicars Bridge/ Leys Farm/Rumbling Bridge. He commented that Clackmannanshire Council had previously been supportive but that the notion had lost impetus. JJ suggested that MCC should work closely with the Access Forum and contact Sustrans. MP remarked that the old railway could be used. Mention was made of a Tour de Clacks.

Action: JJ to keep in touch with ongoing developments to ensure Muckhart interest

10. Sub Groups

a) Planning Applications including Springfield Sign Application AD confirmed that Springfield had lodged an application to erect an advertising sign in the field next to Birkhill. He confirmed that, in recommending that MCC object to the application he had considered that; the sign could impact negatively the slowing down of traffic; that it would be detrimental to Birkhill and the use of Maudie's Loan; and that he considered that the sign would impact negatively on the conservation nature of the village. It was confirmed that whilst the sign would be temporary it could be up for up to 5 years. Cllr Coyne commented that Clackmannanshire Council had no policy on such signage and that consequently the application would likely be accepted. MCC asked AD to object to the application.

Action: AD to write to Clackmannanshire Council to object to the application for the Springfield advertising sign.

b) Traffic Management - Full discussion under item 6.

c) Meadowside Crescent Development CH reported that he remained in touch with Springfield and progress on the house building continued to be monitored as did the issue of the pumping machinery which from time to time had been left on overnight to the frustration of residents. Springfield had been reminded that this would continue to be unacceptable.

Actions: CH to continue to monitor

d) Infrastructure Not taken

e) Flood Management Not taken

f) Website/Facebook Not taken

11. JCCF JJ reported on the discussion at the latest JCCF meeting. The issue of holding interim elections for Community Councils had been raised. It had been noted that AlloaCC had concluded that it would arrange for interim elections in Autumn 2022. The issue there was linked to death and resignations. JJ confirmed his view that MCC did not require to hold interim elections.

12. MCC Microgrants/Event Funds AD offered his thanks to all who had taken part in the Queen's Jubilee events. The arranged trip to the Japanese Gardens had been well received by those who attended. The lunch and afternoon teas had also been well attended and enjoyed.

AD confirmed that the Micro Grants deadline was approaching. 20 June 2022. He Marlene and Jon would be consider applications shortly thereafter.

Action: Consideration of applications for Micro Grants

13. Community Involvement After further discussion on involvement of the community in beautification of the village it was confirmed that Celia Norton (CN) would be co-opted onto MCC

and would continue to consider prospective opportunities for enhancing the look and feel of Muckhart.

Action: CN, AD and GT

14. Muckhart Primary School Report No report

15. Treasurers Report See attached account transaction statement.

16. AOCB MP raised the matter of the transfer of Common Edge which continued to be in hand.

**17. Date of next meeting Wednesday 8 September, followed by the AGM, 7.30pm,
Coronation Hall**