

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 24th January 2024
In attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Danny Conroy (DC), Treasurer • Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Celia Norton (CN) • Marlene White (MW) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drew Smart, Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG) • Douglas Fraser, Glenfarg Community Council • 5 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Denis Coyne • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Patrick Thompson (PT) • • Andy Davis (AD) • Cllr Kathleen Martin • Cllr Scott Harrison • PC Barry Ritchie • PC Barry Reiter
1. Declarations of interest	N/A
2. Glenfarg Community Transport Group	<p>GT welcomed Drew Smart of GCTG and Douglas Fraser of Glenfarg Community Council to the meeting. MR explained that GCTG had been invited to the meeting as part of MCC'S exploration of a possible collaboration. GCTG are also in early discussion with Fossoway CC about the possibility of taking over the 202 bus route.</p> <p>DS outlined that GCTG is a charity set up by Glenfarg CC to plug a transport gap and that it has a public social partnership with Perth and Kinross Council. It is now running the 55 bus route, a school transport service and a community bus service, using small 16 seat buses. It is also running a pilot service to Perth and the community bus organises away day trips.</p> <p>As a charity GCTG exists to serve its passenger rather than seek to be profit making, and is reliant on its success in attracting a range of funding. DS and DF outlined the steps taken to set up the group and suggested that MCC's initial requirement might include supplying part-time volunteer drivers.</p> <p>After some discussion and a Q and A session, GT thanked DS and DF for their very informative and thought provoking input and DS committed to keep in touch with MR going forward.</p>

3. Minutes of 25th October 2023 meeting	Minutes proposed by Jon Jordan and seconded by Jonathan Bacon.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB explained that the retaining wall between the A91 and the back of properties on Golf View/School Road is not dangerous and may well need traffic management to be in place for any repair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was agreed that this might form part of a new community action plan.
5. Residents Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two residents had raised concerns over road gritting and safety during recent spells of bad weather. Clackmannanshire Council's winter road servicing policy of gritting priority routes only was noted, together with the long held arrangement for use of grit bins in side streets. • Councillor Coyne agreed to pass on the residents' request to change the status of School Rd and Golf View to priority status given it is the main access route to the school and to enquire whether any special provisions are possible for disabled residents in Muckhart. • A resident has also raised vandalism of the bus stop and it was noted that a Clackmannanshire Council member of staff with responsibility for its Anti Social Behaviour Strategy hopes to join the next meeting on 20th March.
6. Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes had been reported since the previous meeting. • Police Scotland had carried out some speed detection in the village which had had a poor return, however visibility of officers in full high viz was a probable reason for this.
7. Traffic calming and road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT thanked PT for his comments on her discussion paper which looked at the alterations already made to improve road safety as well as those still planned. PT had also carried out some traffic monitoring at the east end of the village and flooding at the speed pillow there was still problematic. • A resident observed that the pelican crossing at the west end of the village was ineffective and it was agreed that traffic lights triggered by pedestrians might be beneficial. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor Coyne agreed to identify suitable dates for a meeting on overall road safety management within the next few weeks.
8. Community council roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC had previously agreed that the tabled community action plan requires to be updated and may provide a way of looking at overall roles and responsibilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT and MR to meet to discuss this alongside subgroups and overall priorities.
9. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that Information on the main grant fund of the EDF Renewable Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm was about to be shared with residents. The next application deadline is 5th March 2024. • MP reported that funding criteria from Foundation Scotland is now available which will allow Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme

	<p>(RBCHS) to distribute funding to the benefit of communities this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small group including Muckhart and Fossoway CC representation will be convened as part of the awards process and application guidance provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP to progress RBCHS fund scheme arrangements.
10. Adopt a Phone Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the plan to use this scheme to house the new defibrillator, CN has now received a contract for review to be shared with DC. CN also reported that maintenance and improvement work on the telephone exchange and surrounding area will be carried out by BT as soon as possible.
11. Active Dollar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT and MR had attended a review meeting on 4th January 2024 along with two Hall Committee members. This had included various presentations on the planned Devon Way Sports Hub, a community owned outdoor sports and recreation facility. Muckhart has been invited to be included in the users of the Hub. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to contact Donald Malcolm of Active Dollar with a positive message of support.
12. School Path Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB reported that funding for the next stage of the project has now been provided to MCC. This will include drainage and path surface improvements. It was noted that the relevant tree clearance was a resident responsibility.
13. Democracy matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Democracy Matters initiative includes key themes such as future powers, representation, accountability, community participation and nurturing community capacity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to consider how this might be taken forward.
14. Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Muckhart leaflets were being provided to new residents and the leaflet was being kept up to date. JB had shared website log in details with MR and CC and MCC minutes were now all up to date with further updating to be carried out.
15. Development Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP stated that discussions with Fossoway CC on possible collaboration with their Development Trust had not progressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to contact Dollar DT for further discussion.
16. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<p>Fruitful meetings continue to be held with Springfield.</p> <p>House sales</p> <p>8 houses are occupied, 16 are reserved and 10 are available. Once the social housing has been built, this will be offered at mid market rent. A build start date is yet to be confirmed but it was noted that a suggestion had been made by Springfield that it could be summer 2024, which is earlier than previously anticipated. This could have implications for school numbers.</p> <p>Wetland area</p>

	<p>It is hoped that the school will be involved in a public art design for the area and Springfield have made contact on this matter.</p> <p>GPS and Street Signage The sales sign has been changed to include <i>2nd on the left</i> to make the site entry clearer. Street signage is awaited from Clackmannanshire Council and GPS directions using Google maps or Apple maps are still to be corrected.</p> <p>Welcoming residents Leaflets had been delivered and several residents had attended recent community events such as the School Soup and Sweet fundraiser.</p>
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB reported that measures to date had been successful with no flooding yet occurring in an area of Kirkhill which had flooded 3 times the previous year. • Agreement is still awaited from the Woodlands Trust on the proposed actions required further uphill from the recent works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JB and GT to liaise on possible MSP involvement to resolve this issue.
c) Muckhart Resilience Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with the Hall Committee Chair has taken place on the plan which includes the use of the hall as a place of safety. • Discussions have now concluded and once the plan has been agreed with Clackmannanshire Council, it will be published and funding applications made by JB to progress implementation.
d) Planning	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council has approved the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn View, Yetts of Muckhart – remove restriction on occupancy. • Ochilview, School Road – erection of agricultural building. • Hillcrest, Baldiesburn – removal of existing extension. • Parish Church, Manse Rd – removal of a sycamore tree.
e) Local Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB had met with Council officials on approach and strategy in the development of a Local Place Plan under the new Scottish Government legislation. • Public consultation is being considered and funding streams require identification. • The Community Action Plan will be updated as soon as possible.
17. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parent Council has a new Chair, Jayne Price. • The Soup and Sweet event had been very successful with over £700 raised. Thanks were given to all volunteers and attendees.
18. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
19. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT and other MCC representatives had attended a recent Craighead windfarm consultation event. This had included information on possible community benefits and community ownership options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT has arranged to meet with representatives of 7CCs (Perth and Kinross) to discuss the involvement of

	<p>Muckhart CC in discussions on collaboration to maximise community benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ asked DC about remaining cemetery capacity. • Councillor Coyne stated that Clackmannanshire's Budget consultation had begun and asked for it to be circulated to residents. • JJ reported a scam involving a telephone caller posing as Open Reach.
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