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|  | **Muckhart Community Council: Minutes**  **20th March 2024** |
| **In attendance** | * Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair * Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair * Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer * Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary * Craig Chamberlain (CC) * Andy Davis (AD) * Jon Jordan (JJ) * Celia Norton (CN) * Marlene White (MW) * Cllr Scott Harrison   In attendance:   * Catriona Scott, Senior Manager (Secondary Education & Communities), Clackmannanshire Council * 7 residents |
| **Apologies** | * Jonathan Bacon (JB) * Patrick Thompson (PT) * Cllr Denis Coyne (DC) * Cllr Kathleen Martin * PC Barry Ritchie * PC Barry Reiter |
| 1. **Declarations of interest** | N/A |
| 1. **Clackmannanshire**   **Council’s ASB Strategy** | GT welcomed Catriona Scott of the Council’s Secondary Education & Communities team. She outlined its plan to develop a Council wide Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and said that she was keen to hear local concerns and discuss possible solutions. Anti-social behaviour was defined as anything which caused distress.  Catriona explained that there is often a disconnect between issues reported to the Council and the police, with dog fouling being one of the most common issues raised by residents with the council.  GT confirmed an increasing number of residents had raised this concern and that resources are no longer provided by the Council to help tackle the issue.  .  CS agreed to extend the deadline for the consultation for a further week and GT urged residents to respond if they had not already done so. |
| 1. **Minutes of 24th January 2024 meeting** | Minutes proposed by Jon Jordan and seconded by Celia Norton. |
| 1. **Matters arising:** | 1. MR and CN had met with Glenfarg Community Transport Group to discuss a possible collaboration on the introduction of a community transport service. A further meeting is to be held in week commencing 25th March to progress this matter. 2. Clackmannanshire Council are still considering a request to change the status of School Road/Golf View to priority status for gritting given it is the main access route for the school. 3. The Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme community fund awards’ process is under development, and it is hoped that details will become available shortly. 4. A message of support from MCC has been given to Dollar Community Development Trust’s (DCDT) Active Dollar group in relation to the proposal for Devon Way Sports Hub, a community owned outdoor sports and recreation facility. 5. GT has met with representatives of the 7 CCs group of 7 Perth and Kinross community councils which was set up to maximise community benefit from Craighead Windfarm. It is hoped that the 7 CCs will become the 8 CCs to enable the inclusion of MCC in future discussions. |
| 1. **Residents Voice** | * Several residents had raised concerns over dog (and cat) fouling. New bins could be purchased but would require to be emptied by volunteers. It was unclear whether more signage would have any impact. * GT suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch type Dog Watch scheme might be part of a range of measures. In the meantime, SH encouraged residents to report incidences to the council and to report repeat offenders to the police. |
| 1. **Police Report** | * Not available |
| 1. **Traffic calming and road safety** | * MCC representatives had attended a meeting with Clackmannanshire Council representatives that week to discuss ongoing road safety concerns and current traffic calming measures.   + MCC to contact Springfield Homes to discuss prospective changes as soon as possible. |
| 1. **Community action plan/ CC roles and responsibilities** | * To be carried over to next meeting. |
| 1. **Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding** | * Completion reports are being sought for existing projects in order to meet reporting conditions. This year’s award to MCC is still awaited but full details will be promoted once these are available. |
| 1. **Adopt a Phone Box** | * As part of the plan to use this scheme to house the new defibrillator, a contract has been reviewed and Clackmannanshire Council have agreed that this can now go ahead. * Residents to be informed and reminded of the location of the existing defibrillator. |
| 1. **Active Dollar** | * GT attended a meeting with Clackmannanshire Council and DCDT to discuss progress on the development of the Devon Way Sports Hub. It was expected that a formal position would be agreed in terms of permission for the changing facilities etc. |
| 1. **School Path Improvement Project** | * It was expected that some further tree felling would take place soon and residents would be notified once details were available. |
| 1. **Communication** | * A shared notice board with the Hall Committee was planned to replace the dilapidated MCC one in Kirkhill which had been taken down. * CC to review the MCC website. |
| 1. **Development Trust** | * MCC continues to consider options for a Development Trust including collaboration with Dollar or Fossoway Development Trust or setting one up alone.   + GT to contact Fossoway DT to discuss possibilities. |
| 1. **Sub groups** |  |
| 1. **Meadowside Crescent** | * 13 houses have been sold, 10 occupied, 7 are reserved and 8 are available. * Now that the relevant milestone has been reached, the next financial contributions from Springfield under the planning requirements are due. These relate to a £25 k sum for improvements to the existing play park, money for public artwork as well as 50% of the Education contribution.   + MCC to examine options for consulting residents on the playpark improvements. |
| 1. **Flood**   **management** | * Forth Rivers Trust has recently installed living willow weaved leaky dams to help with flood prevention on the hillside around the Nature Park area. * They are also holding a meeting to discuss invasive species on Wednesday 27th March in Muckhart Church. |
| 1. **Muckhart Resilience Plan** | * Once the plan has been agreed with Clackmannanshire Council, it will be published and funding applications made by JB to progress implementation. |
| 1. **Planning** | **Planning applications**  Clackmannanshire Council has received the following applications:   * Autumn View, Yetts of Muckhart – formation of new access road and driveway. * Lendrick House, Kirkhill – installation of wood burning stove and external flue on eastern gable of house. |
| 1. **Local Place Plan** | * The LPP subgroup had met recently and work was underway to develop a Local Place Plan under the new Scottish Government legislation. * JJ pointed out that this should take into account the Regional Energy Masterplan developed by Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils, which maps out a route to reaching a net-zero energy system across the region. * MP to be invited to join the group. |
| 1. **Muckhart Primary School** | * The junior class teacher was now on maternity leave. |
| 1. **Treasurer’s Report** | * This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. |
| 1. **AOCB** | * DJC reported that the recent Joint Community Council Forum had included an update on community councils and licensing. There are new requirements which will apply to all community events and include changes to event and alcohol licenses. More information is to be provided. * MR stated that the Pre-application consultation had begun for a new state-of-the-art Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School in Alloa. |