

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 22nd May 2024
In attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair • Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Andy Davis (AD) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Celia Norton (CN) • Cllr Denis Coyne (DC) • PC Barry Reiter <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer • Patrick Thompson (PT) • Marlene White (MW) • Cllr Scott Harrison • Cllr Kathleen Martin • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Declarations of interest	GT reported that she has agreed to be a panel member for the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund.
2. Minutes of 20th March 2024 meeting	Minutes proposed by Jon Jordan and seconded by Celia Norton.
3. Matters arising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catriona Scott of the Council's Secondary Education & Communities team had extended the deadline for the consultation on its Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. Dog fouling and speeding were identified as local areas of concern. • Clackmannanshire Council are not sympathetic to a request to change the status of School Road/Golf View to priority status for gritting. • New arrangements on licensing are now on Clackmannanshire Council's website. These have an impact on BYOB events and those involving outside caterers. • Applications had opened for the Rumbling Bridge Community Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New licensing arrangement information to be shared on MCC Facebook page.
4. Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes have been committed. • GT outlined plans for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, prospectively a village wide scheme. This was being progressed by a local resident. • Discussion took place on other measures including spraying to highlight offences and those already in place, such as school posters and bottles of bags. PC Reiter will provide information on its neighbourhood alert scheme to report issues to the police. • GT highlighted news of a Milnathort speed watch initiative reported in the Kinross Newsletter. She suggested that it would be a useful additional tool in trying to slow the speed of traffic through

	<p>Muckhart to at least the speed limit. PC Reiter stated that this had been considered previously in Clackmannanshire but not been taken forward. Ideally a police resource in the vicinity would be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB stated that a third pop up policeman has been stolen and the 2nd one will be used sporadically to minimise the risk of theft. Given that these cost the Community Council money it is disappointing news.
5. Residents Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident reported that following an approach by a member of Clackmannanshire Heritage Trust, plans were being pursued for a Muckhart sculpture. This might be of a wild boar located at the west end of the village and options were being considered prior to consultation with residents and Clackmannanshire Council. MCC confirmed support for the initiative and there was an initial discussion about siting etc. • A resident raised concern about the speed bump located at the east end of the village. This is causing damage to her house and considerable vibration issues due to its proximity and the speed of drivers. A lengthy discussion took place about ongoing efforts to resolve this issue. The bump has been smoothed out, but this alone has made little difference to the impact of traffic speed. GT reported that the outcome of contact between Clackmannanshire Council and Springfield Homes was awaited. (As below).
6. Traffic Calming and Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting had taken place in March between MCC representatives and Clackmannanshire Council representatives on road safety and traffic calming measures. The discussion had centered on the planned traffic calming measures that Clackmannanshire Council had agreed with Springfield as part of the planning approval requirements for Meadowside Crescent. It was accepted that it would be worth contacting Springfield with a view to reviewing the planned work given the passage of time and the obvious shortcomings in the original intentions as put in place up to now. The matter now lies with Clackmannanshire Council Roads Department and that, if necessary, external advice should be sought. MCC also raised a number of additional measures that could be considered such as improvements to the speed signage.
7. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD reported that the EDF Renewables Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Community Fund had approved 8 applications for the main grant with successful applicants including the junior section of Muckhart Golf Club and the Village Kitchen. • Applications for the MCC Microgrant and Event schemes had opened. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reminder about the Microgrant closing date to be put on social media.
8. Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent public meeting which had included a presentation by Glenfarg Community Transport Group had been well attended. • The survey had now closed, and responses analysed. Over 80 had been received with strong support for a community transport scheme. • MCC representatives were to meet GCTG again soon and were also to provide feedback to Mott Macdonald, the consultants undertaking Clackmannanshire Council's own transport survey.

9. Development Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT referred to an extract from the September 2020 Annual Progress Report on the Muckhart Community Action Plan for 2017 – 2022. This included a recommendation to establish a Development Trust (DT) as a company limited by guarantee and apply for membership of the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) if a suitable project was identified with the advantage of managing it through a DT. • GT had met with the chair of Fossoway Community Council who is also the Secretary of Fossoway DT, and it was noted that although a separate entity, crossover membership was possible. Any DT might also take forward new projects already identified such as community transport or identified through a revised community action plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT to go ahead with progressing the development of a DT.
10. School Path Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB stated that the first run of tree clearing had been completed and drainage and path improvement work would begin when possible.
11. Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans were progressing for a shared noticeboard with the Hall Committee. • The updated Welcome Pack had been completed and publicised to residents. • Work was continuing to update the MCC website.
12. Wind Farms in the Ochils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A section 36 planning application for the Brunt Hill Wind Farm development was made to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 8th May. The application will be determined by Scottish Ministers and the consultation period for any representations ends on 28th June 2024. • GT reported that the 7 CCs group of 7 Perth and Kinross community councils set up to maximise community benefit from Craighead Windfarm, has become the 8 CCs to enable the inclusion of MCC in future discussions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Details of the Brunt Hill consultation to be shared on FB.
13. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 houses have been sold, 14 occupied, 4 are reserved, 9 are available and 7 to be constructed. • Now that the contract for the Adopt a phone box scheme has been agreed, Springfield will install a defibrillator in it in early June. Quotes are being sought for renovation work. • MCC are seeking clarification on Springfield's financial contribution of £25k for improvements to the existing playpark. It is also ascertaining ownership and lease arrangements. • The school has agreed to become involved in a public art project for the development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Muckhart Primary School to be approached for input to proposals for the playpark considering the recently set up football initiative and available funding.
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB had met with Net Zero Minister Mairi McAllan and other volunteers recently about the collaboration between community councils, flood groups and Clackmannanshire Council and wider funding for flood resilience projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCV/EPIC could be available to help with local improvement projects such as the school community garden and Maudie's Loan.
c) Muckhart Resilience Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB had discussed this with Karen Kirkwood, Emergency Resilience Officer, Clackmannanshire Council.
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 – formation of new access road and driveway. • Lendrick House, Kirkhill – installation of wood burning stove and external flue on eastern gable of house. <p>New applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Kirkhill – extension of rear of garage • 9 Meadowside Crescent – erection of detached garden room and decking to rear.
e) Local Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LPP subgroup planned to undertake a consultation exercise on the development of a local place plan. To inform Clackmannanshire Council's Local Development Plan, this must be submitted by June 2025. • MR suggested that as the Muckhart Community Plan needs to be revised, the LPD subgroup could be extended to include this work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LDP subgroup to be extended to begin a review of the MCP.
14. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a positive discussion about the potential introduction of a community bus service. • The school summer BBQ takes place on 25th May.
15. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
16. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR highlighted a Planning Aid Scotland Local Walking Action Plan initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MCC to register interest in this by the deadline of 29th May.