

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Muckhart Community Council

Wednesday 4th September, 2024

In attendance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair• Matthew Pease (MP), Vice Chair• Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer• Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary• Jonathan Bacon (JB)• Jon Jordan (JJ)• Patrick Thompson (PT)• Cllr Dennis Coyne (CDC) In attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesley Baillie, Community Council Liaison Officer• Ann Wilson• 1 resident
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Davis• Craig Chamberlain• Celia Norton• Marlene White• Cllr Kathleen Martin• Cllr Scott Harrison• PC Barry Reiter• PC Barry Richter
1. Welcome, apologies for absence and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GT welcomed everyone to the meeting. MCC members and a co-opted member was introduced to the guest present, Lesley Baillie.
2. Minutes of AGM on 6th September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes of the previous AGM proposed by PT and seconded by MP.
3. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GT presented her report and thanked everyone who had contributed to the work of the Community Council. It outlined some highlights and lowlights, as well as looking ahead at the forthcoming year. A copy of the report will be appended here for information.
5. Treasurer's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The audited MCC Accounts for the year up to 31st March 2024 were presented to members. These showed the balance brought forward, from 2023, at £2,760.84. During the year, there had been expenditure of £8,757.44 and income of £8,335.30, leaving a balance carried forward of £17,989.40. It was noted that this

	<p>was largely due to expenditure not yet incurred related to the School Path improvement project. CDC suggested that it may be helpful in future to attach an appendix showing committed expenditure and this was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts were accepted unanimously as presented. • DJC thanked John Anderson for his work in auditing the accounts.
6. Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Wilson agreed to become a co-opted member of the Council. • All other Council members present confirmed their willingness to continue in their current roles, following no other nominations being received. • Nominations proceeded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair: Gillian Thompson ○ Vice chair: Matthew Pease ○ Secretary: Marion Riddell ○ Treasurer: Danny Conroy
7. MCC meeting dates for 2023/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following dates were proposed and accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 23rd October 2024 ○ 4th December 2024 ○ 22nd January 2025 ○ 19th March 2025 ○ 21st May 2025 ○ 18th June 2024 <p>It was also agreed that further meetings could be held as required.</p>
8. AOCB	<p>GT thanked members for their contribution over what had been a busy year.</p>

The Chairman's report for 2023 – 24 is appended below for information.

Muckhart Community Council

Chair's Report for 2023/24

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the work of the Community Council during the period of this report. In particular, I am very grateful for all the activities carried out by the office holders this year with special mention of Marion Riddell, Secretary, whose energy and persistence has been invaluable.

Some highlights

During the year we -

held a successful, well attended, public engagement about public/community transport;

took over the phone box and had a new defibrillator installed in it through the good offices of Springfield;

developed a resilience strategy which has been accepted by Clackmannanshire Council;

began work on the school path project, the money for which came through the Section 75 agreement in respect of the new houses at Meadowside Crescent;

engaged with Muckhart Primary School on a design for a renewed playpark, and are looking forward to seeing the ideas;

joined the 7 Perth and Kinross Community Councils (now 8CCs) so that Muckhart can form part of a stronger bargaining group in respect of the community benefit which will arise from the windfarms proposed at Craighead Farm and Brunt Hill, located by Carnbo;

took some initial steps to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in Pool and Yetts and a Muckhart Community Trust. More on both in the coming months.

Some low lights

Road safety

We have made no progress towards a full-scale review of speed reduction and road safety measures in Muckhart despite discussion at various levels with Clackmannanshire Council. The zebra crossing remains a danger to residents, particularly children. The speed hump at the crossing (west end) which was built to the wrong specifications has not been redone as was promised. There has been no further discussion about the speed hump planned for the top of the Meadowside Crescent junction outside Mona's. I had hoped Clackmannanshire Roads Department might accept that it would not improve the situation and might lead to difficulties as seen at the east end hump. As part of the Section 75 planning approval Springfield seem to hold all the cards as I am told that if they decide to press on with the speed hump in that location it won't be possible to make changes. By not installing the hump it might be possible to use any monies saved to install upgraded signage to replace the single slow down sign which works only when the sun shines and is now in the wrong place. Apparently, the Roads Department is waiting for a reply from Springfield on whether they would be willing to agree such a change to the planned road safety measures. The speed hump at the east end is being moved further up the road away from the Birkhill Cottage. This is mostly as a result of the lobbying carried out by the resident and is a great example of effecting change that we could all follow.

We have been unable to set up a Speedwatch campaign because Police Scotland informed us that we are too far away from police resources and anyway there is no money available for the required equipment.

Public transport

Muckhart has been without a bus for several years now. This is as a result of the withdrawal of funding by Clackmannanshire Council from a contract held by Perth and Kinross with a bus company that used to run a bus through the village. The withdrawal of funding was done without any discussion with the Community Council or residents, or indeed notification. As a result of discussion with Glenfarg Community Transport (GCT) held by Marion Riddell and Celia Norton, we held a public engagement event which was very well

attended, followed by a survey of all residents, including young people, to gauge what interest there was in the provision of public transport and determine whether we could join the new bus service which has gone live run by GTC. All looked positive but initially but sadly it seems that there has been discussion between the 2 local authorities and an agreement has been reached, without reference to Muckhart, that our village should continue to be excluded.

The consultation carried out by Mott MacDonald on behalf of Clackmannanshire Council looking at how the bus transport service operates in Clackmannanshire has reported but there is no word yet as to what the report says or what the Council intends to do about it.

School path

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were not able to complete the promised improvements to the school path over the summer holidays. I am sorry about that as it was a great opportunity to get rid of the flooding problem at the western end. We are currently seeking a new contractor as the previous contractor has been unable to fit the work in.

Looking ahead

I am hopeful that we will see positive movement on the low lights mentioned above in the coming year. Some sooner than others of course but a good start has been made by engaging with our MSP and new MP. Both of whom are supportive and let's hope they continue to be so.

Gillian Thompson OBE

Chair 2023/24