

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 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 Denis Coyne (CDC) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Wilson • 1 resident
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Andy Davis (AD) • Celia Norton (CN) • Marlene White (MW) • Cllr Scott Harrison • Cllr Kathleen Martin • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Declarations of interest	MP declared his position as a Director of Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Society (RBHCS) and GT her position as a member of the community decision making panel which considers applications to the RBHC Fund.
2. Minutes of 19th June 2024 meeting	Minutes proposed by MP and seconded by JB.
3. Matters arising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with Paul Fair, Clackmannanshire Council's Licensing Standards Officer, on 24th June about the new licensing arrangements. There was discussion about their possible impact on community and private events involving alcohol and those involving outside caterers. This matter had also been discussed at a recent Joint Community Council Forum and was much less relevant for other communities as private bars were usually obtained for events. • Following a request from a resident, information had been obtained in relation to rules around installation of red squirrel warning road signs. It was agreed that this should be considered further outwith the meeting. • Maudies Loan maintenance had not been carried out recently and it was agreed that MCC could use the report it function on this issue.
4. Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes have been reported.
5. Residents Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT invited AW to report on the proposed introduction of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS). AW stated that following leafletting to gauge interest in Pool of Muckhart, 17 households had expressed interest from most parts of the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetts was still to be included in this, and a meeting was planned with interested residents to discuss next steps later in the month. A reminder about the proposal would be issued on Facebook and the newsletter.
5. Traffic Calming and Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to move the speed bump at the east end of the village had begun and was expected to be completed between 13th – 16th September. • In terms of improving road safety generally, the issue had been raised in meetings with Keith Brown MSP and Graham Downie MP as a continued concern. It was acknowledged that it will be important to seek residents' views as part of any Community Action Plan engagement exercise.
6. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second round of applications had been invited for the MCC managed Event Fund with a closing date of 27th September 2024. • The Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund's current round would close for applications on 7th October 2024.
7. Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter from Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, to Keith Brown MSP had indicated an inability to intervene on this issue. • It had very recently been confirmed that the feedback provided to Mott Macdonald, the consultants undertaking Clackmannanshire Council's own transport survey, would be considered as part of a larger piece of work on sustainable transport, with a paper expected to be submitted to Clackmannanshire Council in early 2025. • In response to a query by Councillor Coyne about the impact of the new Glenfarg Community Transport Group 23 service, it was explained that this service did not come to Muckhart. Although MCC had been part of discussions to enable this, discussions between Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and Clackmannanshire Council (CC) had failed to reach agreement with lack of funding from CC and a wish to protect P and K residents' being important factors. No discussion had taken place with MCC or Muckhart residents ,more widely. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR to publish Jim Fairlie's letter on the MCC website along with an update on Facebook.
8. Development Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT reported that work was continuing towards establishing a Development Trust.
9. School Path Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB stated that following the first run of tree clearing, and more recent work by TCV, The Conservation Volunteers, it was hoped that drainage and path improvement work would begin fairly soon once a new contractor was identified. • Further tree removal would take place in October.
10. Wind Farms in the Ochils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Craighead wind farm application had now been made with a closing date of 27th September for any representations. This had been publicised in the MCC newsletter and FB page with no comments being received so far. • In view of this and possible varying resident views, MCC did not intend to submit any stance on the application. It was acknowledged, however, that it was important that MCC tried to ensure maximum community benefit from this development and the Brunt Hill Wind Farm development if they then go ahead. MCC's involvement in the 8 CC group, representatives of impacted Perth and Kinross

	communities and Muckhart, gives the community a seat at the table in discussions.
11. Democracy matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT had met with Graham Downie MP recently to advise him of local concerns. • GT had responded to a feedback survey from Scottish Water and had highlighted various issues of concern within the village. • A response had been submitted on the Wellbeing Hub planning application in light of its planned development as a Clackmannanshire amenity. • A response had also been submitted to the Local Development Plan 2 consultation, with the caveat that MCC's views may be altered by its development of a Local Place Plan.
12. Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT had been commissioned to investigate suppliers for a shared noticeboard with the Hall Committee.
13. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 houses have been sold, 3 are reserved, and 8 are available. • Meetings With Springfield are now being held on an as required basis.
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stirling University are considering installing a monitoring point in Glebe Field to inform flood management recording and notification. • The Muckhart flood defence project would feature as part of a week of events during Scotland's Climate Change week later this month. • JB would attend a Natural Scotland Award event in the Scottish Parliament following the success of the project.
c) Planning	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council has approved the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Meadowside Crescent: erection of detached garden room and decking.
d) Local Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that the extended Local Place Plan /Community Action Plan subgroup had met over the summer and funding was being sought to provide some external support.
14. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils' proposals for the playpark improvement project were being developed and these were to be discussed with MCC. • Councillor Coyne agreed to try to ascertain the exact nature of lease arrangements following a failure by Clackmannanshire Council to respond on this issue.
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"> • JJ reported that £750 had been raised for the Stroke Association at the funeral of Pat Jordan and requested that his thanks for this and a link to a fundraising FB page be communicated to residents through the newsletter. • MP reported that the derelict house on the main street was expected to go back on the market soon. • JB reported that residents had raised two issues – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access issues to School Road and reduced visibility at the Kirkhill junction due to inappropriate vehicle parking, and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A wish to extend the roadside barrier on the A91 close to the end of the Cairns Place Lane and the zebra crossing. • It was agreed that both of these concerns would be reported, and the barrier would be incorporated in forthcoming road safety discussions. • JJ reported that the change in government meant that it would be useful to review the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional Energy Masterplan and undertook to carry out this work.
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting: 23rd October 2024

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