

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 23rd October 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 • Andy Davis (AD) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Celia Norton (CN) • Patrick Thompson (PT) • Cllr Scott Harrison <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Wells, Strategic Director of Place, Clackmannanshire Council • Donald Malcolm, Active Dollar • 3 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Ann Wilson • Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC) • Cllr Kathleen Martin • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Welcome	GT reported that MW had recently resigned from the council. The Council thanked Marlene for her long service to the Council and all her work over the years.
2. Declarations of interest	MP declared his position as a Director of Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Society (RBCHS) and his interest in the Woodacre planning application. GT declared her position as a member of the community decision making panel which considers applications to the RBCH Fund.
3. Residents Voice	<p>GT welcomed Kevin Wells, who was recently appointed as Strategic Director of Place at Clackmannanshire Council. Whilst budgetary limitations were understood, Kevin had been sent a list of matters of importance prior to the meeting in the hope that some of these could be progressed.</p> <p>Kevin explained that as an experienced local authority public servant, he was keen to serve. His broad remit includes Housing, Environmental Services, which includes transport and roads, Development Services and Property.</p> <p><u>Road Safety</u></p> <p>GT gave a summary of concerns around road safety and there was a discussion about possible solutions. This included improved signage, however CSH suggested that physical barriers were more effective. Kevin offered a walkabout meeting with himself and members of his team with local police also being invited. He said that it may be possible to extend the village's speed limit area, and that new speed recording equipment was being considered by the Council. He also reported that the previously</p>

	<p>planned speed hump close to Meadowside Crescent entrance was subject to further discussion with Springfield Homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW to organise a walkabout meeting to discuss traffic calming and road safety <p><u>Community Transport</u></p> <p>GT highlighted the lack of any bus service and outlined MCC's attempts to improve public transport including this year's survey, public meeting, and discussions with Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG).</p> <p>It was explained that whilst Perth and Kinross Council offered a Demand Responsive Service covering part of the Muckhart area, in practice this did not operate well. Furthermore, the new 23 bus service run by GCTG from Kinross to Tillycoultry bypassed Muckhart. Lack of transport to Dollar Health Centre was also a major issue.</p> <p>Active Travel improvements including a safe route between Muckhart and Dollar would be beneficial but were only part of the solution. Kevin said that such a route was being considered as part of the next phase of expanding its Active Travel route network, although this was a longer term objective. He also said that a commercial bus service was unlikely to be viable and that there was no budget for any subsidisation of a service. He did, however, agree to share the results from the Mott MacDonald consultation as soon as possible, as part of the larger piece of work being undertaken. He also agreed to explore with colleagues other possible solutions which might include support of a community transport scheme through the loan of minibus vehicles for example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW undertook to share Mott Macdonald survey and explore other transport options. <p><u>Playpark Project</u></p> <p>GT reported that whilst some progress was being made with one landowner to clarify any current lease arrangements, assistance from the Council in resolving this issue would be welcomed as two landowners will need to be consulted on any proposed play park improvements. She also asked when the playpark funding would be made available. Kevin undertook to investigate these matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW to clarify playpark lease arrangements. <p><u>Other matters</u></p> <p>Other matters would be discussed out with the meeting, but Kevin is to look into the delay in the removal of redundant lamp posts in Kirkhill. The recent unexpected road closure of the Hillfoots back road to the Japanese Garden was also raised and whilst this may have been partly due to private utility work, Kevin agreed to clarify if Council work had also been undertaken and if so why no notice had been provided. GT thanked Kevin for his attendance, and both agreed to continue discussions going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW to clarify Hillfoots back road closure works and notice provided.
<p>4. Minutes of 19th June</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by DC and seconded by CN.</p>

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5. Matters arising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following use of Clackmannanshire Council's Report It service, MCC is grateful to The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) who recently completed excellent maintenance work at Maudies Loan. TCV might also be asked to undertake other work such as repairs to the bus shelters. The first meeting of residents interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had taken place on 7th October with further meetings planned for the New Year. In conjunction with Forth Rivers Trust and Clackmannanshire Council, our flood resilience project won the Community Climate award. Thanks to all who supported this project including the church and school.
5. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AD reported that following consideration of applications to round 2 of the Event Fund. 4 applications had been received totalling £1925 and it was recommended that all be agreed to the sum of the available fund of £1765. MCC approved these recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AD to notify applicants this week. CN agreed to fill the vacant grant sub group vacancy.
6. School Path Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A start date for the school path improvement project work was awaited following identification of a new contractor.
7. Wind Farms in the Ochils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT reported that a further meeting of the 8 CC group, representatives of impacted Perth and Kinross communities and Muckhart, was due to take place in January 2025. It was noted that Fossoway CC had objected to the Craighead Wind Farm application,
8. Democracy matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that as the village has ongoing roadside water leaks, Scottish Water may be invited to a future MCC meeting to try to resolve these. JB has completed a Scottish Government Community Resilience in Emergencies survey on behalf of MCC.
9. Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCV and the Men's Shed are to be contacted about provision of a new noticeboard for MCC and the hall.
10. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 houses have been sold, 2 are reserved, and 10 are available. Clarification was being sought on the start date for the social housing and any wetland landscaping work.
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of a potential monitoring point in Glebe Field would inform flood management recording and notification. The resilience plan remains active. The recent gas explosion in Alloa highlights the importance of reviewing the plan and being prepared should any event prompt a response from the resilience team.
c) Planning	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>Woodacre, Pool of Muckhart Demolition Of Existing Garage, Erection Of Detached Building Incorporating Garage For Use As Ancillary Residential Accommodation And Partial Change Of Use To Use As Short Term Let (Sui Generis), Erection Of Detached Garden Office Building.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC has submitted comments by email which had been interpreted as an objection. • It was agreed further thought needed to be given to the shape of the planning subgroup. There followed a robust discussion in respect of how the MCC response had been handled by the residual planning group. AD had confirmed he wished to no longer be a subgroup member and MP was unable to offer comment due to his involvement with the planning application. GT had stepped in to support PT. The upshot of the discussion was that those present felt that the response submitted had not been dealt with appropriately. <p>Tullihasset, Drumburn Road Demolition Of Existing Conservatory And Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Side Of House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC propose no comment. - Following discussion about planning sub group membership, it was agreed to review membership and any terms of reference.
d) Local Place Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that following 2 successful funding applications, a meeting of the CAP/LPP subgroup was due to be held in November. A further funding application outcome was awaited.
11. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils' proposals for the playpark improvement project were being developed these will hopefully be discussed with MCC following the return from the October break. • The school will be holding their Christmas tree fundraiser again and continued community support will be welcomed.
12. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. An additional sum from one of the funding awards had been made since the report had been completed.
13. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR had attended recent meetings on Active Dollar and information on their progress and plan to produce walking and cycling route maps had been circulated prior to the meeting. Active Dollar now has a dedicated website https://www.activedollarcommunitysportshub.com/ and it is proposed that a new body named Active Dollar and Muckhart Community Sports Hub is created as a 2 Tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). • CN reported that the defibrillator in the phone box had been lowered to an appropriate height. Two residents had offered to paint it, and JB had repaired the door.
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting: 4th December 2024