

	<b>Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
<b>In attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair</li> <li>• Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair</li> <li>• Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer</li> <li>• Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary</li> <li>• Jonathan Bacon (JB)</li> <li>• Andy Davis (AD)</li> <li>• Jon Jordan (JJ)</li> <li>• Celia Norton (CN)</li> <li>• Patrick Thompson (PT)</li> <li>• Ann Wilson (AW)</li> <li>• Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC)</li> </ul> <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louise Barron, MPS teacher and 3 pupils (for item 3)</li> <li>• 3 residents</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Chamberlain (CC)</li> <li>• Cllr Scott Harrison</li> <li>• Cllr Kathleen Martin</li> <li>• PC Barry Reiter</li> <li>• PC Barry Ritchie</li> </ul>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	GT welcomed Louise Barron, 3 Muckhart Primary School pupils and 3 residents to the meeting.
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None declared.
<b>3. Residents Voice</b>	<p><u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from Muckhart Primary School made a delightful presentation on their ideas for improvements to the existing playpark, which are being made possible through Section 75 funding in relation to the Meadowside Crescent development.</li> <li>• These include a zip line or smaller version of this as provided at Kinross playpark, monkey bars, more swings and an enhanced nature area.</li> <li>• Louise added that some potential for shelter might be helpful, especially if it allowed for some school storage. The football area might be reduced to allow for a zipline, and additional funding could also be sought from the Awards for All Fund. She will share the perimeter size figures which pupils calculated as part of the project.</li> <li>• GT thanked Louise and the pupils, and it was noted that the next stage would involve an engagement exercise in the New Year to share these ideas alongside an art exhibition, funded by the MCC EDF Burnfoot Event Fund.</li> <li>• A discussion took place about other funding sources and considerations including lease arrangements and the release of project funds from Clackmannanshire Council.</li> <li>• JJ stated that the football pitch area was owned by Trustees of John Izaat and the playpark area by David Cartwright, with both areas</li> </ul>

	<p>having leases granted to the Council in 2010 and the early 2000s respectively.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Further discussion to take place between MPS and MCC ahead of the planned community engagement.</b></li> </ul>
<b>4. Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 meeting</b>	Minutes proposed by AD and seconded by CN.
<b>5. Matters arising:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A walkabout meeting on road safety took place this week with Kevin Wells, Strategic Director of Place, Clackmannanshire Council, other CC representatives, local police representatives, Councillors Harrison and Coyne and MCC members. A note had been circulated.</li> <li>• Work had begun on the next stage of the school path improvement project which involves drainage improvements and surface upgrades, and this had been communicated via social media.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Police report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An EV charger had been stolen from the building site during the hours of darkness.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Traffic calming and road safety</b>	<p>GT reported on the walkabout meeting where the following issues had been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clackmannanshire stated that Springfield does not intend to rebuild the speed hump at the east end of the village that was built to incorrect specifications. There is consideration currently of a mechanism to slow traffic as it approaches the zebra crossing/enters the village space and MCC will keep in touch on thinking on this ahead of wider community discussion. The previously suggested village entrance wild boar sculpture location might be a good place for any further traffic slowing mechanism. This sculpture, which had been suggested by the Pot and Bloom group, could be considered as part of Image of the Village discussions as part of the updated Community Plan.</li> <li>• The Scottish Government's consideration of a reduction in the national speed limit from 60 to 50 could improve the situation on the Cowden Bends. Depending on future resident engagement it may also be possible to extend the 30 mph limit beyond the current point.</li> <li>• Kevin Wells is to write to Springfield to invite a discussion with Muckhart representatives about the Meadowside Crescent entrance and raised table near Mona's. It was noted that such a table would mean that three parking spaces were lost. Parking was already an area of concern in the village, particularly around the Coronation Hall, on the A91 above the junction of School Road and at the Kirkhill A91 junction.</li> <li>• It may be possible to instal double yellow lines in particularly difficult areas and there may in future be traffic wardens to manage and issue fines as appropriate. The possibility of changing the electric parking spaces in school road to those where a combination of parking can take place, (electric and non electric cars), was also raised.</li> <li>• An alternative to a raised table within the village might involve rumble strips at intervals, however it is understood that more data on speeding would ideally be captured before an overall road safety strategy is developed. CDC also pointed out that any change to the planned raised table would have to be renegotiated as it formed part of the Meadowside Crescent Section 75 planning requirement document.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Kevin Wells to write to Springfield to invite a discussion with MCC representatives about the Meadowside Crescent entrance and raised table near Mona's.</b></li> </ul>
<b>7. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AD will be collecting evaluation reports from this year's successful grant applicants in January to ensure release of funds for 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>AD to collect evaluation reports in January 2025.</b></li> </ul>
<b>8. JCCF Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MR and DC had attended the recent meeting and the draft minute had been circulated. Clackmannanshire Council's Chief Executive, Nikki Bridle, and a colleague had updated on Community Engagement and the position with the Ben Cleuch Centre and Sauchie Hall. Community interest had been voiced in taking these services on. The Council is to undertake an Asset Strategy refresh with further possible disposal of assets.</li> <li>• MCC had raised the issue of community transport and were informed that the Mott McDonald report will not be released ahead of the wider transport strategy work being undertaken.</li> <li>• The model for carrying out the Planning function varies within community councils. Following MCC enquiry, further training is to be offered in January and February 2025.</li> <li>• There is a proposal to bring forward the community council election timetable and this is now likely to begin late April and end in May or June depending on whether a ballot is required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Planning training session to be attended in January/February 2025.</b></li> </ul>
<b>9. Sub groups</b>	
<b>a) Meadowside Crescent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 houses have been sold, 1 is reserved, and 9 are available.</li> <li>• Build of the private houses is likely to be complete by March however Springfield will still be on site as the contracted builder for the Kingdom Housing Association social housing.</li> <li>• Further discussion with Clackmannanshire Council is to take place on the wetland area. There is some concern about changes to the landscape plan for this area and MCC are keen to know what is planned.</li> <li>• The roads within the site will be put forward for adoption by Clackmannanshire Council in due course.</li> </ul>
<b>b) Flood management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two water level monitoring points are to be placed in the Glebe Field to inform flood management recording and notification. This information will be available through the RiverTrack system.</li> </ul>
<b>c) Planning</b>	<p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning log had been circulated. There was no further update on the information provided at the previous meeting.</li> <li>• The planning subgroup is to be extended to 5 members if possible, and consist of DC, MP, MR and PT with one other community member being sought.</li> <li>• MR had prepared a draft remit for the group to ensure best practice and this had been commented upon. It had been shared with Clackmannanshire Council who had asked if it could be shared with other community councils once agreed.</li> </ul>

	<b>Action:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Community member of Planning Subgroup to be sought.</b></li> <li>- <b>Planning Sub group remit to be shared with other CCs.</b></li> </ul>
<b>d) Local Place Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following successful funding applications, the CAP/LPP subgroup had met with its preferred consultants and a further meeting had taken place to begin preparatory work on this project.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Muckhart Primary School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued community support had been welcomed by Muckhart Primary School Parent Council, with Christmas tree orders matching last year's figures.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.</li> </ul>
<b>12. AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Active Dollar</u> - In addition to the plan to produce walking and cycling route maps, there were plans to form a working group with the aim of achieving a safe active travel cycle route between Muckhart and Dollar. MCC representatives and interested residents will form part of this group.</li> <li>• <u>Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional Energy Masterplan</u> - JJ reported on a review he had undertaken of this plan, which outlines a joint local authority proposed plan for creating a net zero energy system across Stirling and Clackmannanshire by 2045.</li> </ul> <b>Action:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Masterplan to be kept under review.</b></li> </ul>
<b>13.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.</li> </ul>