

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 22nd January 2025
In attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair • Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer • Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Andy Davis (AD) • Celia Norton (CN) • Patrick Thompson (PT) • Ann Wilson (AW) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Scott Harrison • 13 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC) • Cllr Kathleen Martin • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Welcome	GT welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the group of residents. She pointed out that MCC will be seeking new members this year, should anyone be interested in joining MCC, with community council elections due to take place in August.
2. Declarations of interest	None declared.
3. Minutes of 4th December 2024 meeting	Minutes proposed by PT and seconded by CN.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GT stated that contact with one of the playpark owners is still being pursued prior to sharing of improvement project plans. - GT reported that she hopes that the planned meeting with Springfield Homes and Muckhart representatives about the Meadowside Crescent entrance and raised table near Mona's will be held soon. Springfield residents will be kept informed. - AD confirmed that evaluation reports have been sought from successful microgrant and event fund applicants to ensure release of funds for 2025. - MR stated that a community volunteer addition to the Planning subgroup is still being sought. - MR reported that the January Joint Community Councils Forum (JCCF) planning training session did not go ahead due to staffing issues, but the online 6th February event was still expected to do so. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC to pursue contact with one of the playpark landowners.
5. Police report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes had been recorded since the previous meeting.

6. Residents voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence had been received from a resident about the longstanding run off of water from the golf course on to the School Path and need for discussion with Muckhart Golf Club about possible drainage solutions. Further discussion took place under the agenda item. A resident asked about the lack of public transport in the MCC area. GT explained the history to this, along with the hoped for collaboration with Glenfarg Community Transport Group, which runs the 23 service from Kinross to Tillicoultry via Powmill and Dollar. This remains an area MCC would like to improve, and in the meantime, a reminder will be issued about the Muckhart and West Kinross-shire Demand Responsive Transport Service (DRT1) which is still available with restrictions. Muckhart and West Kinross-shire Demand Responsive Transport – Perth & Kinross Council (pkc.gov.uk) Thanks to resident and MCC representative intervention and the help of Clackmannanshire Council and SSEN, the two redundant lampposts in Kirkhill have now been removed. MR stated that following discussion with Clackmannanshire Council, MCC hopes to be offered a pedestrian salt spreader, some gloves and high-viz tabards to treat the road and pavements, particularly along School Road. If this offer to the community and a bigger grit bin are confirmed, a team of volunteers could use the spreader and ensure the area is much safer during icy conditions. CN reported that investigatory work is to take place by Clackmannanshire Council to try and resolve the issue with the ponding at Kirkhill.
7. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for the main EDF Renewables Burfoot Hill Wind Farm Community Fund (Clackmannanshire) are now open. This fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and as well as making available funding to constituted community groups, it provides MCC with funding towards Christmas lighting and microgrants and event grants, which MCC manage. Applications for the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund are expected to open soon. <p>Available Funds Foundation Scotland</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Availability of funds to be communicated.
8. Traffic calming and road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT confirmed that further discussion is to take place with Clackmannanshire Council and Springfield Homes on the proposed speed table outside Mona's and near the entrance to Meadowside Crescent. This had formed part of the traffic management works agreed as part of the Meadowside Crescent planning application but the final design of any traffic calming measure here is to be determined. The planned speed table would reduce parking spaces, and a resident raised concerns about the bus shelter location obstructing visibility at the Meadowside Crescent entrance. It was acknowledged that traffic chicanes, such as those at Coalsnaughton, may not be possible given Muckhart is situated on a main road.
9. Sub groups	

<p>a) Meadowside Crescent</p>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN reported that 27 houses have been sold, 2 are reserved, and 8 are available. • Build of the private houses is nearing completion but there are no plans to close the sales office. • Springfield will remain on site as the contracted builder for the Kingdom Housing Association social housing, with construction work due to begin soon and be completed by October. • Further discussion with Clackmannanshire Council and Springfield Homes is to take place on the wetland area and any further information will be shared when available. <p>Section 75 Planning gain projects</p> <p><u>School Path Improvement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB stated that the school path upgrade has commenced with a significant length being widened and surfaced, but reshaping of the soil stockpile, creation of the active loop and drainage works are still to be completed. • Following discussion with residents, MCC will also engage with the golf club and look at funding options for enhanced drainage provisions. Works on the path are likely to commence in four weeks' time. • A resident had also raised concern about a quad bike using the School Path. Such matters should be reported to our Clackmannanshire East police contacts by calling 101 or by e-mail at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - barry.reiter@scotland.pnn.police.uk - barry.ritchie@scotland.pnn.police.uk <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement with Muckhart Golf Club and consideration of funding options for enhanced drainage provision. <p><u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR stated that Muckhart Primary School are planning to hold an art exhibition event in February where they will present their ideas on what they would like to see included in this project. • Discussions have begun with Clackmannanshire Council on how this project can be realised. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued discussion with Clackmannanshire Council and MPS about the project.
<p>b) Flood management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB reported that the flood prevention measures undertaken had led to a significant reduction in flooding of Kirkhill gardens although it was acknowledged that this work had not completely resolved the issue.
<p>c) Planning</p>	<p>Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR stated that the planning log had been circulated, and two applications had been approved since the last MCC meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woodacre - demolition of garage, erection of detached building, partial change of use to use as short term let and erection of garden office building and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tullihasset - demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension. <p>Planning Subgroup</p> <p>MR stated that a request had been made via the newsletter for a volunteer resident member. If anyone would like to get involved, please contact sec.muckhartcc@gmail.com.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR had amended the draft remit for the group slightly to ensure best practice and once finalised it will be shared with Clackmannanshire Council and other community councils. This includes Scottish Government guidance on planning. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning circular 1/2024: householder permitted development rights - gov.scot to be shared with the community.
d) Local Place Plan/Revised Community Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR stated that foundation work is continuing on this important project with plans to hold engagement events this Spring. • The plan will include the community's vision and action plan for the next five years together with a spatial vision for the area with proposals relating to the use and development of land and buildings.
10. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art Exhibition is planned for February and a Soup and Sweet event in mid March. JB reported that pupils had been involved in a lot of extracurricular activities including use of the Nature Park and woodland areas.
11. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC had circulated this prior to the meeting and it was noted.
12. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT stated that the hall was expected to close for much of April to allow the bathroom refurbishment work to be completed. • MR reminded residents about the Welcome Pack which includes details of hall and other village activities as well as a host of other information. • AW updated on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Group which now has a WhatsApp group. • GT had attended the King's visit to Alloa and some Muckhart Japanese Garden volunteers had also met him. • GT was involved in work to obtain SOIC status for the Active Dollar and Muckhart Sports Hub. • MR was part of a project to produce a series of walking and cycling route maps, with progress being made on the first of these. • JB had had preliminary discussions with relevant landowners about a wish to develop an active travel route between Muckhart and Dollar. • Clackmannanshire Council's Active Travel Officer will be invited to join a future MCC meeting soon. • GT reported that the next meeting of the 8 CC group which aimed to maximise local windfarm community benefit was due to take place the following evening. • It was noted that recent heavy rainfall had scoured out the Maudies Loan path. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB and DC to examine Maudies Loan damage and possible solutions.

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13.	• Date of next meeting: 19 th March 2025.

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