

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 19th March 2025
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) • Celia Norton (CN) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC) • 5 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Davis (AD) • Patrick Thompson (PT) • Ann Wilson (AW) • Cllr Kathleen Martin • Cllr Scott Harrison • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Welcome	GT welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Declarations of interest	MP is a Director of Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Society (RBCHS) and GT a member of the community decision making panel which considers applications to the RBCHS Fund.
3. Minutes of 22nd January 2025 meeting	Minutes proposed by CN and seconded by JB.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GT confirmed that MCC has been offered a pedestrian salt spreader, some gloves and high-viz tabards to treat the road and pavements, particularly along School Road. A bigger grit bin is also awaited, and it is hoped that a team of volunteers will use both to ensure the area is much safer during icy conditions. A suitable storage unit for the spreader is to be sourced, ideally located beside the hall. - CN stated that investigatory work by Clackmannanshire Council to resolve the issue with the ponding at Kirkhill seems to have helped and the area is also to be resurfaced. - JB reported that phase 1 of the school path improvement project is complete and drainage work is expected to begin soon. JB,DC, the contractor and Tim Barratt, President of Muckhart Golf Club (MGC), are to meet to discuss run off of water from the golf course. A resident raised concern about a burst water pipe which will need repaired before work begins and GT undertook to raise this matter with Scottish Water. This fault may also be the cause of low water pressure at Leys Farm.
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"> • JB stated that MGC had contacted MCC about the ongoing problem of children and adults walking on the Cowden 6th hole as this is a blind

	<p>hole with a high risk of injury. JB will raise this matter at the Parent Council and walkers who do so are asked to avoid doing so.</p>
<p>7. Active Dollar and Muckhart</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT reported that SCIO status is not currently being sought and ADM will continue to be part of Dollar Community Development Trust. • MCC will lead on taking a possible AT route forward on behalf of ADM and an initial meeting has taken place with Shirley Paterson, Clackmannanshire Council's Active Trave Officer. • JB stated that work on considering route options and identifying landowners is ongoing and a phased approach of path improvement may be an option. • MR confirmed that any work would be undertaken in consultation with the council and that the specification and design of any path, even to a type 1 standard, would need to be agreed so there is no longer term negative impact on upgrading the path when funding becomes available. Any new path would also need to be of a certain design standard before the council would consider adopting it or maintaining it. • Work to finalise the first in a series of walking and cycling route maps was continuing and MR stated that this was expected to be completed soon. There had been positive feedback on the concept from local businesses who will be an important part in the map's distribution.
<p>8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR stated that AD had reported that end of year reports had been completed for the Christmas light fund and microgrant fund and were now approved by Foundation Scotland. All completion reports bar one Event Fund application had been received and following receipt, the end of year report will be submitted. Applications for this year's round were expected to open in late April/early May with decisions in June. • Applications for the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund had opened and publicised in the MCC newsletter and on Facebook. Applications will close on 11th April with decisions in May.
<p>9. Traffic calming and road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT stated that speeding had been raised anonymously in a MGT FB post. • Following the December walkabout with Kevin Wells, the hoped for meeting with Springfield Homes had not taken place. • An update from Springfield Homes to MR had just been received which reported that as requested by Clackmannanshire Council's Roads Dept, a new design for the Meadowside junction/speed table had been prepared based on the junction between Brook St/Stirling St in Alva. It was suggested that this would have black asphalt with red chips as opposed to a red finish to be more in keeping with the feel of Muckhart as a village. A copy of the plan was passed around for comment. • GT had emailed Kevin Wells (KW) with concern about the lack of communication on this matter, particularly as MCC comments had been requested by 28th March. KW had been unaware of discussions and stated that Council Officers thought the proposed plan was reasonable although not finalised. Officers had also asked Springfield to consider installing a speed table to the west of the village (given the one installed is not compliant with the required design), at the entry. • Discussion took place about the proposed Meadowside junction plan and there were varying views about the best solution. It did not appear that it would negatively impact on parking but it was agreed that parking close to the junction with Kirkhill remained a concern. This

	<p>along with road safety generally would be considered as part of the Local Place Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Springfield were not due to move the bus stop as this was thought to be in too fragile a state. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to write to KW to seek further discussion on this matter and an extension in response date to be sought.
10. Development of Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR explained that the last community plan had covered 2017 - 22 and now needed updating. In addition, community councils were now able to prepare Local Place Plans, which are a new way for communities to influence development outcomes in their area. Following successful funding applications, MCC had employed consultants to support the MCC Steering Group in developing a Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan, which will be a community-led plan for the future of our area. The MCC website now has a landing page for all LPP/CAP information. This includes a link to sign up to a LPP/CAP newsletter and will provide a link to the survey: <p style="text-align: center;">https://muckhart.org.uk/lppcap/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A launch event is to take place on Saturday 29th March from 2 – 4 pm and this is currently being publicised. It will be a drop in event with a presentation at 2.30 and tea and cake will be available. Residents will be encouraged to complete the survey online as this is most beneficial for the spatial style of the survey but paper copies will also be delivered to ensure all residents have the chance to take part. A 3 week engagement period is also planned for May.
11. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 houses have been sold, 4 are reserved, and 6 are available. MCC had just learned that Springfield had modified the wetland proposals and these had been approved by Clackmannanshire Council. Revised plans had been provided and these suggested that a path was no longer proposed around the entire area. GT expressed disappointment as MCC had expected to be involved in discussions about any wetland design proposals. She also thought that affordable housing construction taking place did not adhere to plans and a resident stated that there was a wish for more parking to be made available onsite. It was noted that although Springfield have confirmed that road sweeping of the A91 is being carried out, this does not seem to be effective. <p>Section 75 Planning gain projects</p> <p><u>School Path Improvement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered under Matters Arising. <p><u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that the Muckhart Primary School art exhibition event in February where they had presented their ideas on what they would like to see included in this project had gone well and feedback was being sought on it. Discussions have begun with Clackmannanshire Council on how this project can be realised however these are proving slow to progress due to capacity issues. MR asked if CDC could assist in this matter. Lease arrangement clarification is ongoing with Clackmannanshire Council stating that they do not hold a lease. MR and CN will take this project forward as a MCC Subgroup. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussion with Clackmannanshire Council and MPS about the project and feedback obtained from MPS on the February event.
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB reported that the Church of Scotland had objected to siting flood monitors in the Glebe Field so these were now to be sited in certain gardens of Kirkhill and Balliliesk grounds.
c) Muckhart Community Resilience Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This had been agreed with the Hall Committee and discussions were still to take place about any future funding or projects related to the plan.
d) Planning	<p>Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR stated that the planning log had not changed since the last MCC meeting. Planning Subgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident had expressed interest in acting as a resident member of the group and had commented on the draft Planning Subgroup remit. No further changes were required.
12. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB thanked all who had supported the recent Soup and Sweet event which had been very successful.
13. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC had circulated this prior to the meeting and it was noted. It was agreed that a sum could be used for marketing for the LPP/CAP event.
14. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the additional siting of a defibrillator in the adopted phone box, CN stated that a resident could provide First Aid training to MCC members for a minimal fee. It was agreed that this be progressed. GT reported that a joint hall/community council information notice board was to be sourced, in a similar style to the new Church one. Funding was to be sought to cover this cost. GT reported that with Dunning CC joining the 8 CC group this was now the 9 CC group. The group aimed to maximise local windfarm community benefit. The Craighead and Brunt Hill Wind farm applications were to be resubmitted to reflect a reduction in proposed wind turbine numbers. GT requested another CC member be available to attend these meetings and a suggestion was made in this regard.
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of next meeting: 21st May 2025.