

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 21st May 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) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Patrick Thompson (PT) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC) • 3 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Celia Norton (CN) • 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	None.
3. Minutes of 19th March 2025 meeting	Minutes proposed by JB and seconded by JJ.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB reported that a quote had been obtained for the school path tree work required. He had spoken to the contractor about drainage concerns and confirmed that work on the bottom half of the path is still to be conducted. - GT stated that the Community Justice Team had refurbished the two hall benches. Members commended the removal of the fence around the car park which now provided a more open space. PT raised the bench in Maudies Loan which will need to be replaced as it is in too poor a condition to upgrade. - Funding is to be sought for a new joint hall/community council notice board.
5. Police report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that two crimes had been reported since the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A collision had occurred outside The Inn where a parked vehicle was damaged. The offending vehicle did not report the collision and will be reported accordingly when traced. - A resident was the victim of an online fraud.
6. Residents voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had sent an email about the condition of the school path surface, which is still to be completed, as detailed above.
7. Active Dollar and Muckhart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR handed round a copy of a new walking and cycling map which had been developed by Active Dollar and Muckhart (ADM) in collaboration with Fossoway Community Development Trust and Muckhart

	<p>Community Council. The map was expected to be the first in a series of three maps with Muckhart featuring in all three. The map was well received at the meeting with positive comments on its quality and usefulness for locals and visitors alike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The map is to be distributed through local businesses in MCC and Fossoway Community Council areas. It was suggested that it would be appropriate for a small charge of £2 or a contribution to be requested. • MR also confirmed that a subgroup had been formed to consider taking forward an Active Travel (AT) route on behalf of ADM. Following an initial meeting with Shirley Paterson, Clackmannanshire Council's Active Travel Officer, Donald Malcolm of ADM is making a funding application for a project to include a second walking and cycling route map to cover Muckhart and Dollar area and investigation of options for the AT route. • JB stated that he had spoken to a couple of the landowners in this regard and further discussions were due to take place to inform route option consideration. The opportunity to raise the possibility of an AT route would be taken at the public meeting on 24th May with Graeme Downie, MP for Dunfermline and Dollar. • MR had attended Active Dollar and Muckhart's Spring into Action event which had provided the opportunity to try different sports and find out about local provision. • GT had written to Shirley Paterson in relation to the pavement which runs west from Muckhart along the south side of the A91 as this requires maintenance. A response is still awaited.
8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR will lead on the MCC Christmas light fund, microgrants and event fund, supported by CN with John Anderson continuing as the community member. MR and CN will replace AD and Marlene White on the main Fund Panel. • MR stated that the closing date for applications to the MCC Microgrant and Event Fund had been due to close on 23rd May but it was agreed to extend this for a further week to 30th May. • AD reported that Foundation Scotland had released updated guidance on running a microgrant scheme and this would be considered by MCC for next year. Whilst this allowed for an increase in the maximum permissible award size, it was agreed that this might best be considered in exceptional circumstances only to allow the maximum number of awards to be made.
9. Traffic calming and road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following further email correspondence with Kevin Wells, Clackmannanshire's Strategic Director of Place, GT stated that a meeting was to take place on 4th June about the Meadowside junction/speed table and the wetland area. • Concerns from residents, Mona's of Muckhart and MCC would be discussed and a Meadowside Crescent resident would also attend the meeting.
10. Development of Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR had provided a written update on the development of the LPP and CAP. This had confirmed a good response to the survey and the variety of May community engagement sessions taking place. These included three gathered sessions on visioning Muckhart in 2035, housing and potential projects for a Development Trust. MCC's consultants were also attending informal community groups and local events and discussions were also taking place with local landowners.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final community engagement will take at the Open Gardens Event on 31st May and will allow the opportunity of drop in to see an initial summary of all engagement responses. All the information gathered will be analysed ahead of development of a draft plan by August. Development of Clackmannanshire Council's new Local Development Plan is on hold due to staffing issues within the Planning Department. MCC's Local Place Plan will inform the LDP review process in due course. Updates on the LPP/CAP process continue to be made through the MCC newsletter, LPP newsletter, Facebook and MCC website page: https://muckhart.org.uk/lppcap/. In response to a query from DC on the issue of the Commonty, it was explained that the visioning event had included a short presentation by MP to raise awareness of the existence of a Commonty within the MCC area. Commonties are parcels of land governed by legislation dating back to 1695 and are defined by the author and land ownership specialist Andy Wightman as "legally the undivided common property of neighbouring landowners over which extensive rights of common use persisted". A meeting to share further information on commonties is likely to take place over the summer.
11. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<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"> Muckhart Primary School had provided feedback on their art exhibition event in February where they had presented their ideas on what they would like to see included in this project. Discussions with Clackmannanshire Council on how this project can be realised are proving slow to progress due to capacity issues. A subgroup to take this forward will include JB, DC, CN and MR.
b) Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB reported that flood monitors are still 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 are 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.
12. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB reported that the school community garden tidy up had been well supported and reminded everyone of the School BBQ due to take place on 24th May. The school roll had decreased to 36 and next year's classes would include classes for years 1 – 4 and 5 – 7. It will be interesting to see if the affordable homes being managed by Kingdom Housing Association lead to any increase in the school roll.
13. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJC had circulated this prior to the meeting and it was noted. MR will provide DJC with the Hall Treasurer's contact details.
14. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid training on the defibrillator to be progressed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJC had examined the run off of water on Maudies Loan and this is thought to have been made worse by the previous location of the east end of village speed hump. GT, JB and MR to attend the public meeting on 24th May with Graeme Downie, MP.
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of next meeting: 18th June 2025.

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