

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 18th June 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 • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Patrick Thompson (PT) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Denis Coyne (CDC) • 4 residents
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Andy Davis (AD) • 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	MR noted that MCC had made an application for a microgrant to help fund a new joint MCC/Hall Committee notice board.
3. Minutes of 21st May 2025 meeting	Minutes proposed by PT and seconded by JJ.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defibrillator training is to be arranged for MCC after the summer break.
5. Police report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting.
6. Residents voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matters were raised.
7. Active Dollar and Muckhart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new walking and cycling map is being provided to local businesses and offered for a small charge or contribution. Information was to be provided to Foundation Scotland following the award of funding for map 1. Funding is also being sought for a second map which will cover Muckhart and Dollar. • No update was available on the progress of any further discussions with landowners on a possible Active Travel route. It was noted that EPIC had provided assistance with the upkeep of paths such as the Jubilee Way.
8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the launch of MCC's microgrant and community event fund, 3 applications had been received for the microgrants totalling £999.73 and 2 applications for the community event fund totalling £800. • MCC approved all funding requests (one with additional conditions). • £1522.59 is left over in the microgrant fund and £2200 for community events. MCC approved a second round to take place after the summer holidays. • MP reported that further funding had been made available for the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund which is provided for the

	<p>benefit of the environment, and for people living within the Fossoway and District Community Council area and the Muckhart Community Council area. Consideration was also being given to the setting up of a Community Wealth Fund which would enable investment in the future.</p> <p>Action: MR to notify successful applicants and launch a second funding round towards the end of the summer.</p>
<p>9. Traffic calming and road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT had circulated a note of the meeting which had taken place on 4th June with Kevin Wells, Clackmannanshire's Strategic Director of Place about the Meadowside junction/speed table and the wetland area. • Clackmannanshire Council had been made aware that MCC's current community planning process had identified traffic management and road safety as its top area of concern. • Further discussions were taking place between Clackmannanshire Council and Springfield on traffic calming improvements for the west end of the village, with consideration being given to a similar speed table to that at the east end to be located at the Welcome to Muckhart sign and possible extension and continuation of the current temporary TRO of 40 mph around the Japanese Garden entrance towards Muckhart. • The 20-mph limit in Muckhart might also be extended to cover the entire village and the current electronic signs might be replaced with more effective ones which might also be moved to a better location. • Keep left bollards or paddle boards might also be deployed as a traffic slowing mechanism and after some discussion it was agreed that this should be considered. • It was noted that the final design proposal for the Meadowside Crescent junction was still to be agreed between Springfield and the Council and that concern remained about this including a raised surface on the A91 and a ramp joining from Meadowside Crescent. • It was agreed to remove the wooden bus shelter at this junction given sightline difficulties and that it could be replaced by a more modern transparent shelter. A joint shelter/pop up shop had also been suggested around that area in the community plan discussions. Clackmannanshire Council had suggested that MCC may wish to consider taking over responsibility for all 4 bus shelters under its Asset Transfer process and it was agreed that this was worth further consideration. • With regard to parking, Clackmannanshire Council agreed with MCC's request that Muckhart's parking restrictions be reviewed given growing difficulty with dangerous parking. • It was confirmed that there is no plan to install a pavement opposite the bungalows on Meadowside Crescent with the road being accepted as a shared surface road. • No agreement was reached about the reinstatement of the rumbling strips at the east end of the village. • During discussion, further purchase, and deployment of 'Pop up Bob' policemen was agreed as a useful traffic means. • The possibility of additional parking on the road leading to the church was also being revisited.

10. Development of Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR stated that the final May community engagement at the Open Garden event had provided a summary of responses so far and allowed additional input. Further discussions with landowners have also taken place to inform the plan. All the data gathered so far is being analysed with a view to the LPP Steering Group developing a draft plan during July. A public meeting is planned to raise awareness about the existence of a Community within the MCC area. Communities 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”. It is hoped that Andy Wightman will speak at this event likely to be held in July.
11. Consideration of a Development Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the proposal in the last community plan to consider a Development Trust and prior consideration by MCC, it was agreed that the new plan provided an impetus for further work to be done to progress a way forward. The community plan would identify top priorities and projects, with a community bus project likely to feature.
12. Sustainability Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT had provided a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding for this group of 9 CCs which exists to seek to maximise community benefit from renewable energy assets within the areas represented by the CCs. MCC agreed to become a signatory to this document. GT reported that Galileo had made an appeal to the Scottish Government on the basis of non-determination following a delay in response from Perth and Kinross Council to their planning application. The Scottish Government is reviewing their Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits for onshore and offshore renewable energy and plans to update their guidance.
13. 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"> Work to complete this is still to be carried out and MCC noted the unsatisfactory nature of its current condition in places and the requirement for drainage measures to be put in place. A resident had raised concern about horse manure on the path, and it was agreed that this could pose a risk for children although part of living in the countryside. <p><u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussions were taking place with Clackmannanshire Council on how this project can be realised and CDC offered to try and enable these.
b) 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.
14. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school BBQ had gone well, and it had also taken part in one day of the Open Garden event.
15. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJC had circulated this prior to the meeting, and it was noted. Given additional expenditure related to the community plan, it was agreed that the availability of an additional cost of living sum to MCC by Foundation Scotland could be reserved to meet these costs.

16. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a proposal to change the format of the Joint Community Council Forum with meetings being held half yearly. • MR had recently met with Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG) which hopes to introduce a pilot DRT bookable bus within Kinross-shire which if approved may provide a link for Muckhart residents with the number 23 service at Rumbling Bridge. The 23 service is operated by GCTG and runs from Kinross to Tillycoultry via Crook of Devon, Rumbling Bridge, Powmill, Blairingone and Dollar. • If agreed, this pilot is planned from August to October to gauge interest and would run 3 days a week initially to connect with every second 23 service – so every 2 hours. • Purchase of a community bus with volunteer drivers could form part of such a service and would in any case provide opportunities for improved transport within the Muckhart area. • Contact had also been made with Ember given its plans to extend routes within Scotland and to ensure it is aware of MCC's public transport's situation.
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of next meeting: 3rd September 2025.