

## MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

### August 2025



NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ARE OPENING ON 6TH AUGUST 2025.

Here's why you should be involved... Every 4 years a new community council is elected and we would love to welcome new members to join our team! If, like us, you care passionately about our community and would like to get involved, why not become a community councillor and help make a difference.

The next few years will be an exciting time for MCC as we look to deliver projects from our community led Local Place Plan and Action Plan.

# What's the role and purpose of a Community Council?

They are local, voluntary organisations made up of members of the community who act on behalf of people in the local area.

Community councils are the most local tier of the statutory representation structure in Scotland and act as an important bridge between communities and local government. They contribute views and opinions and help to express the needs and challenges of the local area, playing a valuable role in local democracy and positive engagement with communities.

As well as representing the community to the local authority, community councils facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities. They bring local people together to help make things happen, and many community councils protect and promote the identity of their community. They advise, petition, influence and advocate numerous causes and cases of concern on behalf of local communities. Here are some examples of their work from across the country:

- · carry out projects to enhance their community
- Help facilitate support for residents.
- conduct local surveys
- campaign on local issues

For more information see: https://www.communitycouncils.scot/what-is-acommunity-council

#### The Role of a Community Councillor

Being a community councillor means you have shared responsibility for the success of the Community Council, even if you are not an office bearer. You must commit to the role and uphold the standards and values of the Community Council. All contribute to discussions and decisions about the work of the community council.

People who are interested in improving their communities are elected as Community Councillors to represent that community's views and work with others to improve their area. To be a Community Councillor you must be **over 16 years of age, live in and be registered on the Electoral Register for the community council's boundary.** 

## On behalf of our community, MCC is currently involved in the projects and activities noted:

- Road safety improvements
- Campaigning to improve public transport
- Producing a Place Plan and revised Community Action Plan
- Monitoring our flood prevention measures
- Investigating a possible Active Travel route to Dollar and producing a series of walking and cycling route maps.
- Improving our playpark
- Continuing work on the School path

...and the day-to-day work...

- Engaging with Clackmannanshire Council on Planning, Transport, Education, Policing, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Active Travel.
- Supporting the community e.g.managing the EDF Burnfoot MCC microgrant and Event Fund.
- Liaising with Forth Rivers Trust, Glenfarg Community Transport Group, local MPs, MSPs, other CCs and Development Trusts and local police on a wide range of issues.

.....are a few examples of the regular work of MCC.

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