

	Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 3rd September 2025
In attendance	• Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer • Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Greig Ness (GN) • Celia Norton (CN) • Neil Rodger (NR) • Ann Wilson (AW) In attendance: • Lesley Baillie (LB), Strategy and Performance Advisor, Clackmannanshire Council • 2 residents
Apologies	• Cllr Denis Coyne • Cllr Kathleen Martin • Cllr Scott Harrison • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie
1. Introduction	• GT noted that there had been no Police report received for the meeting and no apologies given. Action: MR to contact our Police representatives to welcome their input at our meetings and any reports if unable to attend.
2. Declarations of interest	N/A
3. Minutes of 18th June 2025 meeting	Proposed by MP and seconded by CN.
4. Matters arising	• Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG) 203 pilot Digital Demand Responsive Service (DDRT) – MR reported that the 3-month pilot had begun in August following a test period. It provides a service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leaving opposite Mona's at 0915 to connect with the no. 23 service to Kinross of Dollar/Tillycoultry. • It is being well received and MCC hopes that as many people as possible will use it so that service provision will continue and be extended if funding allows. Further details are on FB and on the MCC website at: New 203 Digital Demand Responsive Transport Service Any queries can be made to sec.muckhartcc@gmail.com. • MR had attended the Kinross-shire Transport Forum where the GCTG 203 pilot was discussed as well as MCC's aspirations to improve transport links. • CN reminded everyone of the Fossoway community bus free pick up service to the Fossoway Gathering which is being offered to support taking Carnbo and Muckhart residents to the event.

5. Police report	No report had been received. Following the meeting, it was confirmed that one crime had been committed which had involved a driver under the influence of alcohol on the A823.
6. Residents voice	A query had been raised by several residents about opening the Coronation Hall car park to allow parking by nonusers out with times when it is not being used. A weekly list of bookings could be provided and/or a link to the booking system to check availability. Action: GT to raise at the next Hall Committee meeting.
7. Active Dollar and Muckhart	- Active Dollar and Muckhart (ADM) is a registered Sportscotland Community Sports Hub which exists to make physical activity accessible to everyone in the FK14 postal code area. It promotes the range of sports clubs and activities through its website and aims to champion the development of long-term health and wellbeing improvement projects such as creating an Active Travel (AT) route between Muckhart and Dollar. MR is a member of the Steering group dealing with AT and walking and cycling maps. - Progress is being made on the AT route as Clackmannanshire Council has confirmed that it is considering options and open to MCC suggestions on possible routes. A phased approach is likely to be taken with work on existing path upgrades possibly being considered within a year. - JB stated that a question had been raised in relation to the desirability of tarmacking the school path if this is to form part of an AT route. It was noted that there may be differing views on this within the community with concerns about urbanisation on the one hand but improvements to accessibility on the other. - It is hoped that work to improve the pavement from Muckhart along the A91 to the Japanese Garden Road turn off will take place within a year. - Clackmannanshire Council have opened an AT and Sustainable Transport survey to run throughout September which MCC hopes residents will complete. Travel Survey - Clackmannanshire Council - Citizen Space - Graeme Downie, MP, had walked part of the A91 roadside with MCC representatives to see the challenges of walking to Dollar and highlight the issue. He had also met members of the Muckhart Meanderers Walking Group. - MR stated that the new walking and cycling map is being well received in local businesses and work has begun on developing a second map which will cover Muckhart, Dollar, Gartmorn Dam and Forestmill, subject to funding being obtained. - It was agreed that the Community Pay Back Team may be able to assist with maintenance of core paths. Action: - work to continue progressing AT route option discussions and development of the second walking and cycling route maps. - The Community Pay Back Team to be contacted about path maintenance.
8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	As MCC's microgrant and community event fund had been undersubscribed, a second round is now open with applications closing on 26th September.

	- The main EDF Burnfoot fund managed by Foundation Scotland is due to meet on 7th October and will be attended by MCC representatives. - Applications for the Autumn 2025 round of the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund also managed by Foundation Scotland are due to close on 30th September 2025.
9. Traffic calming and road safety	- GT reported that agreement had been reached on the Meadowside junction/speed table and traffic calming improvements for the west end of the village but there was no update on the timing of these. - After discussion, it was agreed that although situated within the Conservation area, the bus shelter next to the entrance to Meadowside Crescent would best be replaced by a modern, clear shelter to provide improved road safety when exiting the road into the development. - GT raised concern about the increase in lorries and buses coming through Muckhart due to a route diversion from the M9. - GN also raised the issue of road safety in Glendevon with frequent accidents due to the speed limit not being adhered to. MP said that improving road safety was included in our draft Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan. Action: Contact Clackmannanshire Council about new bus shelter.
10. Development of Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	- MR confirmed that work had been progressing over the summer by the Steering Group to develop a draft plan, supported by MCC's consultants. - A successful event on Muckhart Community had been held where Andy Wightman had given an informative and thought-provoking talk at a workshop to discuss the issue. - A well-attended workshop had also taken place to discuss the actions and proposals in the draft plan and seek views on priorities, as well as ensuring that the plan is climate ready. - The plan is now being honed further prior to the Information Notice Period when it will be open for feedback prior to being ratified by MCC and submitted to Clackmannanshire Council. - Further news on timescales will be provided but so far the plan is developing in line with the journey map shown at Local Place Plan – Information Period from September and submission October 2025.
11. Consideration of a Development Trust	The recent Community Plan workshop had confirmed the importance of considering the establishment of a Development Trust to take some of the proposed projects forward. Community interest in doing so had been expressed by those in attendance. Action: GT and MR to progress this further.
12. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	Section 75 Planning gain projects <u>School Path Improvement:</u> - Work to complete this is expected to be carried out soon. Action: A completion date to be sought for the work. <u>Playpark Improvement Project</u> - MCC records suggest that a 20-year lease was agreed for the playpark in 2001. This information has been passed to Clackmannanshire Council along with a request for an update on how this project can be progressed. Action: continued contact with Clackmannanshire Council.

b) Flood management	• A volunteer day on maintenance work on the flood defence measures at the Nature Park is planned, and Flood Group members are encouraged to attend. • The planned flood defence monitors are still to be installed.
c) Muckhart Community resilience plan	Muckhart's Resilience Plan includes provision of a joint MCC/Hall Committee Resilience Team. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have this group meet to consider what actions need to be taken to ensure appropriate measures are in place to respond to any form of emergency that may be experienced within the Muckhart community. Action: GT to raise with Hall Committee.
d) Planning	Planning applications • MR stated that the updated planning log had been circulated. Four applications had been made since the last meeting: <u>Wester Moss, Yetts of Muckhart</u> Erection Of Stable Block Building and Associated Hardstanding (Partly Retrospective) • MCC had objected on various grounds including illegal development in the countryside, road safety of proposed access and insufficient detail to assess environmental concerns. <u>Rosehall Cottage, Pool of Muckhart</u> Felling Of 2 No. Spruce Trees And 1 No. Dead Oak Tree • MCC made no comment. Approved 25th August 2025 <u>Hillcrest Baldiesburn, Pool of Muckhart</u> Installation Of Garden Room Building to East of House (Retrospective) • MCC made no comment. <u>Ochil View, Pool of Muckhart</u> Alterations, Extension to Rear of House and Extension to Provide First Floor Accommodation, Demolition of Existing Stable • under consideration
13. Muckhart Primary School	• The school had been praised by Education Scotland following an inspection at the rural school earlier this year. MCC expressed its congratulations to the school on this well-deserved report.
14. Treasurer's Report	• DJC had circulated this prior to the meeting, and it was noted.
15. AOCB	• GN expressed an interest in any training to help in his role as a Councillor. • GT to find out the status of the joint Hall Committee/MCC notice board purchase.
16.	• Date of next meeting: 15th October 2025.