

Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 7th January 2026	
In attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair ● Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer ● Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary ● Jonathan Bacon (JB) ● Jon Jordan (JJ) ● Celia Norton (CN) ● Greig Ness (GN) ● Neil Rodger (NR) ● Ann Wilson (AW) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr Scott Harrison ● PC Barry Ritchie ● One resident
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair ● Cllr Denis Coyne ● Cllr Kathleen Martin ● PC Barry Reiter
1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT welcomed all to the first meeting of 2026.
2. Declarations of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT reported that she had an interest in a planning application included in the planning log.
3. Minutes of 26th November 2025 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed by GN and seconded by AW.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Defibrillator First Aid training for MCC members to be postponed to a more suitable date. ● A replacement Pop Up Bob has been purchased and is in its initial location. ● GT will raise the Resilience Plan with the Hall Committee, which meets later this month, to discuss formation of a Resilience Team. ● GN reported that no action has been taken to remove fly tipping on the Water Treatment road. GT offered to write to Scottish Water on behalf of MCC if this remains an issue. ● GT is in correspondence with Clackmannanshire Council about the flooding on the A91 between Pool and Yetts. Councillor Harrison reported that he understood that extensive investigation in the area had not found the source of the problem but had identified the source of a different one. Further work to tackle the flooding would resume as soon as conditions allowed and, in the meantime, additional gritting is being carried out to reduce the risk to road users. Resurfacing work will also be required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Following the MCC Facebook post on the school path upgrade works and feedback from residents, details are being worked up on how best to ensure safer access from the path to the golf course. ● Following MCC contact with Springfield Homes about the safety of children around the wetland, NR reported that no action was being taken on the basis that the area was in accordance with the planning application. It was agreed that this could be considered by a Residents Association should one be formed. ● Storage options for a pedestrian salt spreader were discussed including a combined storage solution with the Hall, and it was agreed that MCC seek to take delivery of the spreader as soon as possible. ● GT and AW are to meet to discuss next steps for Muckhart's Neighbourhood Watch Group <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR to rearrange First Aid training for MCC. ○ GT to discuss the Resilience Plan with the Hall Committee. ○ JB to consider further safer access from the school path to the golf course. ○ MR to contact Clackmannanshire Council about delivery of the salt spreader. ○ GT and AW to meet on Neighbourhood Watch next steps.
<p>5. Police report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PC Ritchie reported that no crimes had been committed since the previous meeting. CN shared details with him about the Keiran's Legacy campaign to equip police vehicles with defibrillators.
<p>6. Residents voice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A resident raised safety concerns about the two dead trees near the end of the school path in the vicinity of Airis. This matter had also been raised by other residents and reported to Clackmannanshire Council on several occasions. Councillor Harrison undertook to raise the issue with Land Services to see if the trees could be inspected and removed by the Council given safety concerns and their proximity to a core path. ● GT noted that fencing work had been completed on two Council houses on Golf View and a large outbuilding had been erected in the garden of one of them. She noted that residents on School Road had raised with her the fact that previously Clackmannanshire Planning department had refused applications for such fencing. There was discussion about the possibility that this may have been in an attempt to preserve the visual impact of the western entrance/exit as open as possible. It was noted that the same was true on the opposite side of the road. The Council's action in erecting substantial fencing seemed to be at odds with that open aspect requirement. It was agreed that a Planning observation would be sought. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Harrison to expediate the removal of the dead trees on the school path following discussion with Clackmannanshire Council. ○ MR to seek clarification on the planning implications for fencing on School Road for both private and Council owned properties.
<p>7. Active Dollar and Muckhart</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT reported that an application is being made for ADM to achieve Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work had begun on the pavement upgrade at the western edge of the village. MR stated that work on the second walking and cycling map was nearing completion.
8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR had returned the revised Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the EDF Power Solutions Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Community Fund to Foundation Scotland. ● Applications for the main fund were now open and close on 30th January 2026. This had now been publicised on Facebook and will be included in the newsletter.
9. Traffic calming and road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councillor Harrison reported that two Traffic Regulation Orders currently in place are to be removed – the temporary 40 mph speed restriction on the A91 near the junction to the Upper Hillfoots Rd and the 50 mph restriction near the Cowden bends. ● GT asked that further discussion take place around this and other road safety issues and undertook to contact Clackmannanshire Council in this regard.
10. Review of Section 75 Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion took place on how best to proceed with the playpark project given the outstanding ownership questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT to continue to pursue contact with the playpark owners to open discussion about the project and clarify lease arrangements.
11. Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Local Place Plan has been submitted to Clackmannanshire Council for validation ahead of placement on the public Local Place Plan Register. Clackmannanshire Council have raised only one point of clarification in relation to the proposed revised settlement boundary and it is hoped that a webpage will be set up soon to register MCC and other Local Place Plans. ● Work to bring the plan to life could now begin and MR noted that consideration of a Development Trust could enable this to progress. It is hoped that an open community meeting can be held to discuss this, possibly with representation from Development Trust Association Scotland. ● Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR to contact DTAS and arrange an open meeting on the next steps towards setting up a Development Trust.
12. Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR reported that she had met with Drew Smart of Glenfarg Community Transport Group before Christmas to discuss the Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) pilot. This had now come to an end but had provided useful data to inform future funding applications. If these are secured, it is hoped that the pilot will recommence. ● A Clackmannanshire Council officer had provided an update to the Joint Communities Council Forum (JCCF) on the Be The Futures Sustainable Transport work. This included short term actions to develop a Hubs-based Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) system and community-led services for unserved routes. ● MR had publicised the Falkirk Community Hospital bus pilot which provides a door to door service every Wednesday.

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"> ● Covered above. <p><u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covered above.
b) Muckhart Community resilience plan	Discussion on this item was covered under Matters Arising.
c) Planning	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>The updated planning log had been circulated as follows:</p> <p><u>Woodcroft, Pool of Muckhart</u> Alterations and part demolition of existing extension, and two storey extension to side of house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised plans submitted and under consideration. <p><u>Orchard House, Yetts of Muckhart</u> Alterations, Single Storey Extension To Front And Two Storey Extension To Side Of House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now approved <p><u>Braeside, Drumburn Road</u> Internal Alterations, Conversion Of Storage Space To Form Ensuite Bedroom And Single Storey Extension To Rear To Form Gardener's Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under consideration <p><u>The Barn, Drumburn Road</u> Removal Of Existing Extension, Alterations And Erection Of One And A Half Storey Extension To Rear Of House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under consideration
14. Muckhart Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JB reported that the Christmas Tree fundraiser had gone well and thanked all supporters.
15. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DJC had circulated this prior to the meeting, and it was noted. Additional funding had been received from Foundation Scotland in relation to the increase in the level of microgrants award.
16. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR confirmed that the hall defibrillator is now out of action and residents have been reminded of the nearest one available in the phone box across from Mona's. MR is seeking funding for a replacement defibrillator for the hall given the current one's age and pad replacement supply issues.
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next meeting: 18th February 2026.