

Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 13th May 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) ● Greig Ness (GN) ● Celia Norton (CN) ● Neil Rodger (NR) ● Ann Wilson (AW) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr Denis Coyne
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair ● Cllr Scott Harrison ● Cllr Kathleen Martin ● PC Barry Reiter ● PC Barry Ritchie
1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Declarations of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
3. Minutes of 1st April 2026 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed by AW and seconded by CN.
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR had contacted the Woodland Trust about the possibility of a rain shelter at the Nature Park, which is used by MPS children most Wednesdays. It was agreed that a wooden structure might be preferable in keeping with the park if this was acceptable. ● JJ stated that the Jordan family would like to make some kind of bequest to the community which may be able to contribute to any structure. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JB/MR to contact the Headteacher for more detail about the type of shelter envisaged.
5. Police report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR stated that no crimes had been reported since the previous meeting. There had been no further reports of off road bikes being used at Geordie's Wood and on Seamab. MR had however contacted Clackmannanshire Council about the possibility of signage to deter future illegal vehicles. ● There had been a recent spate of housebreakings in Dollar and residents were urged to take simple steps to make their house look occupied when it is not. It was agreed that this would be covered in the next newsletter. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CN reported that although she had not had a positive response from Police Scotland or politicians about the introduction of defibrillators in police vehicles, it would be worthwhile exploring funding options. It was noted that the Fire and Rescue Service had a duty to coordinate emergency services. She also updated the meeting on a charity south of the border that had successfully raised money for defibs in police cars. It was agreed that she would find out more with a view to considering whether there were lessons learned for MCC. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AW highlighted that the recent Neighbourhood Watch Group meeting had discussed the possibility of a First Responders Group in the village and CPR and First Aid training for residents and Resilience Group members. MCC agreed that such a group would be of benefit. It was noted that the British Heart Foundation provides free training. Further consideration would be given to setting up the Group. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR reported that funding had now been sourced by MCC and Muckhart Church for a new defibrillator at the Coronation Hall and thanks were given to the Church for their support in this. Purchase would be made shortly. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR
<p>6. Residents voice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GN reported that there had been a further crash in Glendevon involving a car and motorbike and voiced concern about the number of accidents there. In the latest accident the injured party had been airlifted out. This was not the first time the air ambulance had been used in recent times. The anti-slip road surface seemed to be encouraging traffic to drive faster. Perhaps consideration could be given to reducing the speed limit to 30mph. See Road Safety below. ● A resident had raised concern about the transition from 50mph to 20mph at the western end of the village with the Council during the consultation period but had not received a reply so far. See Road Safety below. ● Residents had also raised concerns about the lack of public transport. The particular residents indicated that they may have to move away from the village because it had become too difficult to live in Muckhart without access to a bus. Parking outside the hall on School Road had been raised again after another incident of the road being semi blocked. The previous discussions with the Council were commented on including the possibility of double lines. However, it was recognised that there were wider issues to be considered around road markings. It was agreed that the yellow no waiting bollards that had been left in the village would be moved to the hall to be used as needed.
<p>7. Active Dollar and Muckhart</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT stated that ADM had now achieved Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status. Supported by Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI), discussions were continuing to ensure

	<p>appropriate transfer of monies from DCDT and all necessary steps to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The changing and storage container was now in place at the Devon Way Sports Park to provide the required facilities. ● MR had attended the recent ADM Spring into Action information and come and try event at the Hive in Dollar, which had been attended by Muckhart Golf Club and a member of the Muckhart Meanderers. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT and MR to continue to progress ADM issues.
<p>8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR reported that applications were now open for MCC's Microgrant and Event Fund made possible through the EDF Power Solutions Burnfoot Hill Community Fund managed by Foundation Scotland. ● Applications close on 22nd May 2026.
<p>9. Traffic calming and road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GT suggested that although the new speed limits in and around the village had a 12 month trial period, it was already clear that the change from a 50 mph limit to 20mph at the western end of the village was raising road safety issues. Traffic from Dollar were driving right up to the 20mph sign and having to brake sharply. The natural crossing point just within the 50mph limit which had been reinforced by the Council's pavement improvement meant that pedestrians could be at risk. The possibility of increasing the speed limit through the Cowden Bends to 50mph followed by a 40 limit from the school road end to the 20 at the village entrance was discussed. There were no dissenting voices. GT said that she would write to the Council with this suggestion. ● As part of the agreed improved road safety programme in the wake of the development of Meadowside Crescent it had been agreed that the Council would replace the elderly Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) with modern more comprehensive signs as seen elsewhere in Clackmannanshire. It had also been agreed that there would consultation with MCC about location. GT had circulated an email to MCC from Clacks Roads which confirmed that the VAS signs would be more limited and that they would erected in the same locations. MCC expressed disappointment recognising in particular that the current sites were simply not successful in reminding drivers to watch their speed. It was noted that an additional type of movable VAS that can warn drivers of exceeding speed limits and record and store information on all vehicle speeds was to be introduced in Clackmannanshire and Muckhart would be included although it was so far unclear how often this mobile VAS would be seen in Muckhart. ● It was agreed that a more strategic approach was required. It was noted that the Community Plan included a project to undertake a traffic and parking appraisal which would include a feasibility study, options appraisal and community consultation. If a Development Trust was set up, this could help with funding and co-ordination support. ● In the meantime, it was agreed that more weight should be given to the road safety issues at Yetts. Plus a Pop Up Bob would be located at the Yetts/Glendevon and a microgrant application could be made to enable purchase of further 'Bobs.'

	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GT to respond to Clacks re the speed limits and VAS issue. ○ MCC microgrant application to be made for further Pop Up Bobs.
10. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AW, the Muckhart Neighbourhood Watch Group Co-ordinator, reported that the recent NWS group meeting had included a very helpful talk by an Engagement Officer from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. Funding was to be sought for NW and dog fouling signage and appropriate locations to be agreed. ● Reminders had been made about Police Scotland's Contact Us form which can be used to report any activity of concern: Contact Us form Police Scotland . ● The Alert system had also been highlighted. This allows residents to sign up for free, targeted NW information about their local area, delivered by email, as well as other services such as scam alerts and signage. More information on how to sign up is available at Sign-up for alerts Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. ● Minutes of the meeting are available at: MNWG-Minutes-of-6th-May-2026.docx ● Home security might be a topic for the next meeting, with possible Police Scotland and NW input. ● Anyone interested in taking on the role of Deputy Co-ordinator to assist AW should contact annwilson1960@gmail.com. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW to seek funding for signage and appropriate locations.
11. Local Place Plan (LPP) and Community Action Plan (CAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An Executive Summary of the plan would be developed and made available at the meeting about possibly setting up a Muckhart Development Trust on 30th May.
12. Development Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A community event to discuss next steps on the plan and consider setting up a Muckhart Development Trust had been arranged for 30th May, 2-4 pm in the Coronation Hall. ● It will provide a chance to learn more about community development trusts from a speaker from Development Trust Association Scotland, and the opportunity to browse display boards and chat with local groups and a neighbouring Trust over refreshments.
13. Sub groups	
a) Meadowside Crescent	<p>Section 75 Planning gain projects <u>Playpark Improvement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is being considered further after the Development Trust meeting.
b) Muckhart Community resilience plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MR had circulated an amended draft of the Resilience Plan for comment ahead of this being shared with the Hall Committee at its next meeting. ● The plan had been shared with David Webster, Clackmannanshire Council's Emergency and Resilience Officer. <p>Action:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MCC members to provide any comments to MR ahead of the plan being shared with the Hall Committee. MR to seek a Resilience Group member from the church.
c) Planning	<p>Planning applications The updated planning log had been circulated as follows:</p> <p><u>Blyth Cottage, Pool of Muckhart</u> Change of footway in front of house to garden and erection of garden wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting decision. MCC objection on grounds of reduction of public pavement. <p><u>Blyth Cottage, Pool of Muckhart</u> Installation of Air Source Heat Pump and enlarged rooflight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved. <p><u>Glendevon Water Treatment Works, Yetts O Muckhart</u> Installation of Hydroelectric Turbine House.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under consideration. Awaiting noise assessment report. <p><u>Middlehall Farm, Pool Of Muckhart</u> Prior Notification For Formation Of New Section Of Access Track to Connect Fields Within Agricultural Holding</p> <p><u>Ardmill Lodge</u> Installation Of Replacement Windows, Doors And Chimney (Retrospective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting decision. <p><u>Toll Keepers Cottage, Yetts O Muckhart</u> Removal Of Existing Single Storey Extension And Erection Of Orangery Extension To Side Of House.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting decision. <p><u>Laundry Cottage, Blairhill</u> Formation Of New Access And Erection Of Steel Frame Building For Storage Of Cars And Agricultural Machinery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting decision.
14. Muckhart Primary School	The annual school BBQ is due to take place on Saturday 16 th May.
15. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DJC had circulated this prior to the meeting, and it was noted.
16. Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The next Joint Communities Council Forum is planned for 10th June. ● The draft minutes of the April meeting had been circulated.
17. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that the removal of trees on the golf course had led to an increase in the risk of being hit by a golf ball on the path south of the School. This will be raised with the golf club. ● JB raised the ongoing issue of possible leakage into the burn from the sewage treatment plant. It was recognised that there have been issues with the plant over the years however concern now is that additional houses has meant additional pressure on the plant. It was agreed that any runoff into the watercourse would be reported to Scottish Water
18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of next meeting: 24th June 2026.