

# **MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D. Conroy, Vice Chair  
Mr S. Dean, Secretary  
Mr J. Anderson  
Mr P. Boyce  
Mrs Meriel Cairns  
Mrs J. Hunter  
Ms Sandy Winterbottom

In attendance: 5 members of the community.

### **1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions**

Apologies were received from Mr J. Jordan, Mr T. Hollis, Mr C. Nisbet, Cllr A. Campbell and PC Jade Coles.

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 were accepted as an accurate record.  
Proposer: Paul Boyce. Seconder: John Anderson.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- Traffic Calming. SD reported that Clackmannanshire Council have still to complete their traffic census for Clackmannanshire but once completed, they have agreed to hold a workshop/drop in session in Muckhart in the late summer/early autumn.
- Item 8. TH and SD attended a meeting to discuss community planning which focussed on communities and their relationship with the Council.

### **4. Police Report**

PC Jade Coles was unable to attend the meeting but she provided a written police report. The report included details of wheelie bins stolen from a house at Yetts, an attempted break in at Muckhart Golf Club, parking issues in the village and complaints regarding speeding motorbikes in the Yetts area. Subsequent discussion focussed on the problems

resulting from the 'wild camping' in Dunning Glen. SD to follow up the issue with Central Scotland and Tayside Police. **ACTION SD**

### **5. Muckhart Area Plan – next steps**

SD presented the OHP on MAP prepared by TH. A draft of Version 1 was discussed at a previous MAP meeting and comments and corrections were requested. Concern was once again expressed about the unfinished CAA and the uncertainty over the outcome of the Local Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Alteration. The concept of MAP as an evolving document has been accepted but the finalised first draft would inform the community councils comment on the Main Issues Report, due to be published in September. Meanwhile continued concern about the CAA will be taken up with the Council. **ACTION SD/TH**

### **6. Ochils Landscape Partnership – update and selection of representative on the Learning and Participation Task Group**

SD outlined the latest developments with the OLP. The finalised application has now been submitted to the LHF. The project will be managed by a company limited by guarantee with a board of directors. Two task groups will be established, a Project Delivery Group and a Learning and Participation Group. The MNP has a place on the Project Delivery Group and it was agreed that MC would represent MCC on the Learning and Participation group. JJ to be confirmed as a director of the limited company at the next meeting of the JCCF.

### **7. Withdrawal of bus service No 65**

The withdrawal of the No. 65 bus service was discussed, in particular the response from the Director of Services to Communities following our formal complaint to the Chief Executive of Clackmannanshire Council about the decision and the way that it was made. Subsequent emails received show that even the alternative of Demand Responsive Transport for Muckhart has been rejected. This leaves Muckhart with a much depleted bus service and of particular concern will the difficulty accessing the new Larbert hospital by public transport for the residents of the Muckhart area. JH raised the issue of the Dial-a-Journey service and whether or not alternatives to the reduced bus service might be looked at. The matter to be raised further with the Council and at the next JCCF meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> June). **ACTION SD**

### **8. Community Council Elections**

SD updated the community council on the 2010 elections for Clackmannanshire community councils. The first stage of the election process is now underway and all six members of the community council whose term of office is ending will have received nomination papers. Information on the elections and a request for nominations has also been posted on the notice board. The closing date for nominations is 17 June 2010 at 12 noon.

## **9. Conservation Area Appraisal – update**

SD distributed copies of the letter sent to the Council's Strategy and Support Manager expressing our concerns about the continued delay in the completion of the CAA. Subsequent discussions indicate that the Council is keen to complete the CAA and appropriate officers will be convening a meeting to discuss the way forward.

**ACTION SD**

## **10. T in the Park – report on Community Forum meeting**

SD reported back on the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May in Kinross for local community representatives to discuss the preparations for the 2010 event. Leaflets are to be distributed with car passes available for local residents affected by road closures. The organisers asked that any T in the Park problems are reported as soon as they occur. Any issue that might involve the police should, in the first instance be reported to Tayside Police who will liaise with Central Scotland Police if necessary.

## **11. Response to Scoping Report for Forthbank wind turbines**

SD reported that a scoping report has been published for a proposal to erect 4 wind turbines, each 125 metres in height, at Forthbank, Alloa. It was agreed not to respond to the report.

## **12. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed to the Community Council prior to the meeting. The following Report was accepted.

<b>BALANCE AT LAST MEETING</b>	<b>£1658.07</b>
Expenditure:	
Secretary's expenses period 09/10	£60.00
Income:	
Annual funding from Council	£300.00
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>£1898.0</b>

## **13. Correspondence**

Details of correspondence received were distributed prior to the meeting.

1. Emails (various) from Julia Lawrie, OLP Landscape Partnership Development Officer relating to the proposed management structure for the OLP and in particular inviting MCC to nominate a representative on the Learning and Participation Task Group
2. Letters and emails from local landowners and Woodland Trust Scotland acknowledging receipt of the MAP Questionnaire results and thanking MCC for sending the document.
3. Letter, dated 10 May 2010 from Garry Dallas, Director Services to Communities responding to the formal complaint to the CEO Clackmannanshire Council about the lack of consultation over the decision to remove the No. 65 bus service to Muckhart.
4. A similar response to the above letter received following the submission of a Councillor Enquiry by Cllr Irene Hamilton
5. Series of emails received relating to the provision of a Demand Response Transport (DRT) service to the new hospital in Larbert.
6. Email, dated 10 May 2010 from RPS Planning and Development requesting a response to the scoping report on the proposed 4 wind farm development at Forthbank near Alloa.

#### **14. AOCB**

There was no other business.

#### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.