

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D. Conroy, Vice Chair
Mr S. Dean, Secretary
Mr P. Boyce
Mrs M. Cairns
Mr C. Nisbet
Mr M. Pease
Mrs L. Seath
Ms S. Winterbottom

In attendance: Cllr A. Campbell and 1 member of the community were present.

1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions

Apologies were received from Mr J. Jordan, Mr T. Hollis, Mr J. Anderson and PC Jade Coles. Lesley Seath was welcomed to her first meeting of the Community Council following the 2010 elections.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 1st September, 2010 were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposer: Meriel Cairns. Seconder: Matthew Pease.

3. Matters Arising

SD tabled the following matters arising from the previous meeting.

Item 3. Matters arising - Main Issues Report. The Report is due to go before the Council on 16th Dec 2010 prior to going out for public consultation. As a result it has been agreed that Graeme Finlay, Principal Planner, will attend the meeting of Muckhart Community Council on 26th January 2011 rather than 17th November 2010 as previously arranged.

Item 4. Police Report. A further meeting convened by Tayside police was held on 1st October 2010 and possible further actions to limit irresponsible 'wild camping' were discussed. Landowners also took part in the meeting. The attempts to remove similar

problems in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and elsewhere were discussed. Meanwhile PKC will continue to make weekly visits to the area to uplift any plastic bin liners left by the roadside. A further meeting will be held in Feb/March 2011.

4. Police Report

As she was unable to attend the meeting, PC Coles tabled the following report:

“There was an attempted break in to a shed at Golf View on early October, nothing was stolen. There were few lines of enquiry for this and this case has been archived.

I have been made aware again of the ongoing issues of speeding through Muckhart. I am going to liaise with the roads department in the council to see about the possibility of having the speed monitoring tubes placed out for a week or so to allow me to build up a picture of what times the speeding is worse.

Unfortunately due to the geography of the village hand held radar for detection purposes would not be applicable; however myself and PC Coyle will conduct periodic checks in the area and warn drivers regarding their speed. I will also pass this to the RPU making them aware of the problem.

Throughout the force there have been some isolated incidents in relation to bogus callers at residential properties, where persons have managed to gain access to a persons home. There is then a potential there for them to commit crimes of dishonesty. I would like to remind all Muckhart residents to be vigilant with callers, always ask for identification and never agree to work to be carried out if you are not completely happy with the person or company offering their services. If this is the case please contact Police.

Myself and PC Coyle will be working on a crime car operation for the next few weeks conducting plain clothed patrols in the areas overnight to deter and detect crimes such as house breakings and thefts from vehicles and building sites.

If anyone has any issues please feel free to contact myself or PC Coyle at Tillicoultry Police Office.”

It was agreed that SD would follow up on the comment regarding the inapplicability of hand held radar in the village. **ACTION SD**

5. Conservation Area Appraisal

SD outlined the lack of response by Clackmannanshire Council to the Conservation Area Appraisal for Muckhart. Numerous communications have gone unanswered and the concern remains that time is running out for the completion of the CAA before consultation on the Main Issues Report. It was agreed that a formal complaint would be made to the Chief Executive of the Council. **ACTION SD**

6. Development of Muckhart Website

Discussions have taken place between JJ, SD, SW and PB on how best to move forward the Muckhart website. PB has agreed to further develop the site after its establishment by SW. Further training has been organised. Discussion took place on possible content of the site and it was agreed that it would be useful to provide a link to the forthcoming consultation on the Main Issues Report.

ACTION PB, SW and SD

7. Bus Services to and from Muckhart

SD outlined the planned improvements to bus services to and from Muckhart, to take effect from January 2011. These changes follow complaints by the Muckhart Community Council and local residents to the Council and other bodies who expressed concerns about the removal of the No 65 service and the way that the decision was taken. It is now recognised that future decisions affecting the provision of subsidised bus services will only be made after appropriate consultation with community councils.

8. Ochils Landscape Partnership/Muckhart Nature Park – update

SD updated the Community Council on the OLP. HLF funding has now been secured but further work is required on the OLP governance documents. Final agreement is anticipated on the wording of the Management Agreement and the Constitution, and signing by partners is planned for 23rd November. Meanwhile two task groups have been established and MC represents MCC on the Learning and Participation Group. JJ is the JCCF representative on the Executive Committee. MNP is represented on the PD Task group. The funding of OLP projects should get underway in the new year.

9. Road Safety – update on speed surveys by Clackmannanshire Council

Clackmannanshire Council has nearly completed its survey of speed limits in the council area. It is planned to hold a public meeting in Muckhart in the new year on any proposed changes.

10. Drumburn Wood Wetland Proposal

CN outlined the proposal for an area of Drumburn Wood to be developed as a wetland which will attract various species of birds, particularly wildfowl, waders etc. A number of organisations have been approached such as the RSPB and the Scottish Wildlife Trust and they have expressed interest in the proposal. The landowner is also supportive. Discussions are taking place with the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust (CSET) on possible funding for the project.

Discussion took place on the proposal and various issues were raised such as a possible link with the development of the 'pool' (of Muckhart); the need to address the

management of the project; the involvement of SEPA; planning issues; and a possible synergy with the MNP project. CN to develop the proposal further and submit a further report to MCC. **ACTION CN**

11. Treasurer's Report

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

BALANCE AT LAST MEETING	£1873.07
Expenditure:	
Norton Antivirus (ring fenced IT monies)	£47.41
Hall Rentals	£70.00
Remembrance Day	£25.70
AGM expenses	£83.38
Total	£226.49
Income:	
Nil	
CURRENT BALANCE	£1646.58

12. Correspondence

Details of the following correspondence were distributed prior to the meeting.

1. Letter dated 8th October 2010 from Craig Holden, Fundraising Manager at NHS Forth Valley outlining 'Forth Valley Giving', the operating name of the NHS Forth Valley Endowment Fund. Its primary aim is to bring enhanced benefits to patients and staff in local hospitals and the community. Funds are raised by voluntary donations, and fundraising efforts and all donations are held separately from day to day NHS funds and are spent in accordance with donors' wishes.
2. Email dated 12 October 2010 from Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils Transport Co-ordination Centre with attachment detailing the proposed changes to subsidised bus services in Clackmannanshire for 2011, and services to and from Muckhart in particular.
3. Email dated 31 October 2010 from Tayside Police attaching minutes of the meeting on 'wild camping' in Dunning Glen held on 1st October 2010.

4. Letter dated 10 November 2010 from Clackmannanshire Council confirming the membership of Muckhart Community Council following the 2010 Community Council elections.
5. Letter dated September 2010 and email dated 15 November 2010, offering support from the Switchover Help Scheme which helps older and disabled people who may face barriers in switching to digital TV.
6. Email dated 15 November 2010 from Clackmannanshire Council indicating that nominations are now open for the Clackmannanshire Citizen of the Year Award.

13. AOCB

PB requested information on the present status of the telephone box in Muckhart. SD indicated that, as a listed building, it cannot be removed unless BT go through due process. Meanwhile the telephone service has been maintained.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th January 2011 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.