

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr Jon Jordan, Chair
Mr Danny Conroy, Vice Chair
Mr Stuart Dean, Secretary
Mr Terry Hollis, Treasurer
Mr Colin Mann
Mr Matthew Pease
Ms Sandy Winterbottom

In attendance: Councillor Alastair Campbell; Ms Sarah Dooley, Senior Development Manager and Karen Thorburn, Senior Development Office of Wind Prospect Developments Ltd; PC Jade Coles, Community Constable; and 9 members of the community.

1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions

Apologies were received from Mr John Anderson, Mr Paul Boyce, Mrs Meriel Cairns, Mr Colin Nisbet and Mrs Lesley Seath. Sarah Dooley and Karen Thorburn were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30th March 2011 were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposer: Jon Jordan. Seconder: Danny Conroy.

3. Matters Arising

The following matters were raised:

Item 3. SD reported that a summary of the representations to the Main Issues Report consultation is now available on Clacksweb.

Item 9. The planning application (Ref. No. 11/00057/FULL) for two houses at Balliliesk has been withdrawn.

4. Police Report

PC Coles gave a verbal police report as follows:

- On 3rd April 2011 100 litres of diesel was stolen from Muckhart Golf Club. The theft of such fuels is on the increase, including red diesel. Advice was given to secure fuel tanks.
- A complaint was received about parking in School Road outside the Coronation Hall but on investigation the road was still passable. However those using the Hall are encouraged to park responsibly in the area.
- In response to complaints about HGV vehicles speeding through the village, the police have informed the managers of the companies involved that they are aware of the problem.
- PC Coles reported that a radar activated speed board was set up in the village outside Mona's to monitor vehicle speeds over a 30 minute period. Of the 76 vehicles recorded 21 were doing over 30 mph with a maximum speed of 39 mph. Discussion followed and SD made the point that many vehicles have begun to reduce speed by the time they reach the centre of the village and higher speeds would almost certainly be recorded at the eastern end of Muckhart. TH also commented that many vehicles speed up considerably prior to exiting the 30 mph limit at the western end of the village outside the Play Park.
- Irresponsible 'wild' camping in Dunning Glen alongside the River Devon was also discussed and PC Coles reported on a recent meeting on the issue convened by Tayside police which was also attended by SD. Solutions are being considered but meantime it was stressed that residents should always report unacceptable activity to the police so that a log of incidents can be recorded. These statistics are crucial to support the allocation of resources to tackle the problem.

PC Coles was thanked for her report.

5. Presentation by Sarah Dooley, Senior Development Manager, Wind Prospect Developments Ltd on the proposed extension to the Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm.

Sarah Dooley outlined the proposal for an extension to the Burnfoot Wind Farm which could see the number of turbines increase by 22 from the existing 13. Maps were displayed showing the possible positions of the 22 turbines as well as the Zone of Theoretical Visibility. Details were also given of the Trust Fund which would be established if the application was successful. The possible timescale for the development was outlined. The submission of an application is anticipated in the summer of 2011; construction, if the application is approved, might start in 2013 and commissioning of the turbines would then take place in 2014. The consultation exercise being carried out by Wind Prospect was also outlined.

A discussion followed and a number of points were raised. They included the lack of strategic planning for onshore wind farms compared with offshore; the reasons for

limiting the proposed extension to 22 turbines; the possibility of the wind farm being further extended in the future and the control that Wind Prospect might have over that process; the lack of local jobs created by the construction; the timing of the launch of the present Trust Fund linked to the communities of Alva, Tillicoultry, Dollar and Blackford; the need for both Clackmannanshire Council and PKC to deal with the application as a single extension rather than a number of separate extensions; the validity of the consultation process being undertaken by Wind Prospect; the type of turbines being proposed; and the reasons for not going for a larger number of turbines in the first phase of development.

Sarah Dooley was thanked for her presentation and answering the questions on the proposal.

6. Traffic Regulation Orders – Consultation on the new 40 mph speed limits in the Muckhart area.

SD outlined the proposals for both 40 and 20 mph speed limits in the Muckhart area. Consultation is taking place over the coming weeks and objections require to be submitted by 24th June for the 40 mph proposals and 1st July for the 20 mph proposals. The Community Council was supportive of both TROs although it was proposed that the 40 mph limit be extended westwards along the A91 to the start of the Cowden bends and that Clackmannanshire Council should cooperate with PKC over a 40 mph limit on the A823 starting north of the junction with Golf Course Road and continuing through Rumbling Bridge to the A977. SD to put both proposals to Clackmannanshire Council, and to contact Fossoway CC to gain their support for a 40 mph limit on the A823 through Rumbling Bridge.

ACTION SD

7. Conservation Area Appraisal – update

JJ outlined the background to the publication of the latest draft of the CAA. SD and JJ met with Council officers on 12th April to discuss the draft and a way forward. It was agreed that the latest document was a big improvement over previous drafts and that it could form the basis of a CAA for Muckhart. It has been agreed that a local group should be established to provide further comment on the draft before it is finalised and prepared for formal consultation in late 2011 or early 2012 along with the Local Development Plan. MP, JJ and SD to form the group, along with a representative from the Muckhart and Glendevon Amenity Society. SD to convene the group, with the aim of providing a response to the Council by the end of June, 2011.

ACTION SD

8. Local Plan Alteration – update on Policy RES1a

Clackmannanshire Council submitted the Finalised Local Plan Alteration to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) in February 2011 for examination and this included the representations on Policy RES1a from MCC. The Reporter requested additional information from the Council on RES1a on 12th May 2011

and the Council responded on the 26th May. SD felt that the information provided by the Council on the significance of SPP15 and PAN 43 in developing RES1a to be overstated and it was agreed (following advice from the DPEA) that a letter should be sent to Clackmannanshire Council expressing those concerns.

ACTION SD

9. Ochils Landscape Partnership and Muckhart Nature Park - update.

JJ gave feedback on the successful tree planting day and Tim Turner, Chair of MNP outlined the next steps with the development of the Maze, Forum and Pond. The OLP has agreed that funding for trees would be made available to the MNP.

The Ochils Landscape Partnership is to meet on 6th June 2011 to formally constitute the partnership and sign the constitution. Election of community representatives to the Executive Committee and the election of the Chair and Vice-chair of that committee will take place. The Management Agreement will also be approved. It is also expect that the appointment of the OLP Scheme Coordinator will be announced shortly.

10. Planning applications: Ref 11/00124/FULL for erection of 1 No. House at the Coach House, Mosspark, and Ref: 11/00096/FULL for demolition of existing house and erection of replacement house at Rowberrow, Drumburn Road.

It was agreed that the Community Council would support the application for the erection of a house close to the Coach House at Moss Park provided a way could be found by the Council to ensure that the new property was ancillary to the Coach House and that it cannot, at some future date be sold separately from the Coach House.

It was decided that no comment would be made on the application ref: 11/00096/FULL

11. Treasurer's Report

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

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| BALANCE AT LAST MEETING | £1646.58 |
| Expenditure: | |
| Secretary's expenses 10/11 | 60.00 |
| Renewal of Data Protection Registration | <u>35.00</u> |
| Total | 95.00 |
| Income: | |
| Nil | |
| CURRENT BALANCE | £1551.58 |

2010/11 Accounts submitted to Clacks Council to enable our 2011/12 annual funding

12. Correspondence

Details of the following correspondence were distributed at the meeting.

Letters variously dated from Clackmannanshire Council Governance Services regarding the Scottish Parliament Election and UK Referendum on 6th May 2001 and in particular the display of public notices on the Election.

Letter dated 27th April 2011 from Clackmannanshire Council providing information on the Clackmannanshire Volunteer Festival

Letter dated 11th May 2011 confirming the renewal of the notification of Muckhart Community Council under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Letter dated 26th May 2011 from Julie Hamilton of Clackmannanshire Council giving the Councils response to SD's email of 16th May 2011 regarding the Conservation Area Appraisal draft.

Various emails from Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Officer, on matters such as the induction programme for new community councillors; request for help to communities wishing to establish a community council; request for MCC to help other community councils in Clackmannanshire with a survey similar to that carried out for the Muckhart Area Plan.

Various emails from Clackmannanshire Council on the Traffic Regulation Orders for Clackmannanshire detailing proposals for both 40 mph and 20 mph speed limits.

13. AOCB

There was no AOCB

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 31st August 2011 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.