

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 30th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr J. Jordan, Chair
Mr D. Conroy, Vice Chair
Mr P. Boyce
Mrs M. Cairns
Mrs L. Seath
Ms S. Winterbottom
Mr C Nisbet

In attendance: Mr Graeme Finlay, Principal Planner, Clackmannanshire Council; Carlyn Fraser, Traffic Manager, Clackmannanshire Council; PC Shirley Coyle, Community Constable; and members of the community.

1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions

Apologies were received from Mr S. Dean, Mr T. Hollis, Mr J. Anderson and Cllr Alastair Campbell. Carlyn Fraser was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2011 were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposer: Meriel Cairns; Seconder Paul Boyce

3. Matters Arising

JJ raised the following matters:

Item 1. Clackmannanshire Council Main Issues Report response sent on Thursday 24th March 2011. The draft was circulated to MCC members and comments noted and incorporated. Copies can be emailed by Jon Jordan on request.

Item 2. Glenquey Quarry Application Campaign supported by Clackmannanshire Council. The Council's comments to Perth and Kinross Council are available on www.muckhart.org.uk

4. Police Report

PC Coyle reported that no crimes had been reported during the period between January and 29th March 2011.

Further concerns raised over HGV Lorries speeding through village between 5.10 and 7.00 am and intermittently until 3.00 pm (Worse on Market Days)

5. Traffic Management in and Around Muckhart

Carlyn Fraser tendered apologies from Alan Murray who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She then gave a talk on the Traffic Management in and around Muckhart . She apologised for the closure of the A823 road to Rumbling Bridge and explained that, due to the level of repairs required, an Emergency Road Closure was the best way to deal with the repairs.

Maps on the proposed speed limits were handed out.

A check had been carried out to ascertain the speed and accident rates of vehicles in the area and examine the relationship between them.

Speed checks showed a small number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Scottish Government Guidelines issued on traffic control.

It was proposed that a 20 mph speed limit for traffic through the village be introduced.

The 40 mph limit on the A823 is to be extended and a 40 MPH limit placed on Golf Course Road.

A discussion then took place on new signs and rumble strips. Jon Jordan finished off by thanking Carlyn for her very detailed report.

6. Conservation Area Appraisal - update

The draft was discussed and Jon Jordan explained that each time a draft was issued and commented on a completely new draft was then issued, ignoring the previous draft.

The Main Issues Report indicated that the Muckhart Conservation Area Appraisal was to be the model for other CAAs within Clackmannanshire.

Julie Hamilton and Gordon Rogers to meet with MCC representatives on 12th April.

Comments on the draft to be returned to J Jordan or S Dean before this date.

A detailed community response to the draft CAA to be submitted to the Council by Aug/Sept 2011.

ACTION JJ/SD

7. Drumburn Wetlands

Colin Nisbet gave a talk on forming a wetland to attract wildfowl and other species on the Community Woodland area, owned by Tim Allen. Tim Allen had been approached and was generally in favour of the proposal.

Audrey Morrison of The Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust had suggested an application for funding be made to the Trust.

Colin proposed that the Muckhart Community Council be used as a constituted body in order to facilitate this. This was agreed. CN to progress.

ACTION CN

It was also suggested that this be included in the Muckhart Area Plan.

8. Guidelines on Community Council engagement with Clackmannanshire Council – consultation

Jon Jordan to circulate the guidelines when available.

ACTION JJ

9. Planning application to Clackmannanshire Council Development at Balliliesk House

Lesley Seath declared an interest in this agenda item and left the meeting.

There was general support amongst the Community Councillors for this application provided :-

- The funds from the houses will be used to “fund and facilitate renovation of the existing listed building.”
- Concerns about the vehicular access to the larger house were satisfied. It was felt that the comments of Clackmannanshire’s Roads Department would be important in this respect.
- Tree felling around the smaller house was kept to a minimum considering its close proximity to the Conservation Area.
- Concerns over the limited capacity of the Muckhart Wastewater Treatment Works were met. These concerns were shared by Scottish Water and there needed to be a solution found to the problem that would satisfy Scottish Water.

It was agreed that Jon Jordan would write to Grant Baxter at Clackmannanshire Council. The letter would express general support for the application provided the concerns expressed above were met.

ACTION: JJ

10. 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 **£1646.58**

Expenditure:

Nil

Income:

Nil

CURRENT BALANCE **£1646.58**

11. Correspondence

No correspondence was detailed at the meeting.

12. AOCB

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st June 2011 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.