

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 31st August 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr Jon Jordan, Chair
Mr Stuart Dean, Secretary
Mr Paul Boyce
Mr Colin Mann
Mrs Meriel Cairns
Mrs Lesley Seath

In attendance: Councillor Alastair Campbell and 8 members of the community.

1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions

Apologies were received from Mr John Anderson, Mr Terry Hollis, Mr Colin Nisbet, Mr Matthew Pease, Ms Sandy Winterbottom, Cllr Irene Hamilton, PC Jade Coles, PC Shirley Coyle and Mrs Jean Hunter.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 1st June 2011 were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposer: Colin Mann. Seconder: Jon Jordan.

3. Matters Arising

SD spoke to the previously distributed notes on the following 'Matters Arising':

Item 5. Burnfoot Hill Windfarm Extension. The submission of planning applications has been delayed and is now unlikely that they will be submitted before the end of October. It is anticipated that applications for a total of 18 additional turbines will be submitted to both Clackmannanshire and Perth and Kinross Councils. Further consultation on the applications is planned by Wind Prospect.

Item 6. Traffic Regulation Orders for Muckhart. Letters and emails from MCC supporting the proposals for the Muckhart area were submitted to Clackmannanshire Council, along with additional proposals for further extending the 40 mph limit along the A91 to the west of Muckhart and along the A823 near to Rumbling Bridge. Following consultation on both the 20 mph and 40 mph speed limits, the Council has made orders for both speed limits. (Details are available on Clacksweb).

4. Police Report

Neither PC Coles nor PC Coyle was able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. SD provided a police update as per an email from PC Coyle dated 31st August. The report detailed the following:

Since the June meeting there has only been one crime of note in the Muckhart area. A Garden shed was broken into and a motor bike was stolen. The crime has not been detected as yet but the reporting officer is still dealing with it. The police ask that residents continue to be vigilant with their homes and outhouses and make sure that anything of value is locked and secure. The police can be contacted on 01786 456000 or via the community feedback page on the Central Scotland Police website.

5. Planning application 11/00157/FULL (Kirkwood) – vehicle access on School Path

SD outlined the history of this planning application.

Following the submission of planning applications in 2010 for an extension to the property and for the change of use of land purchased from Muckhart Golf Club to garden use, construction commenced on a wall around the garden. This was contrary to one of the conditions imposed when the 'change of use' application was approved.

Work was halted on the wall whilst a retrospective planning application for a wall (Ref 11/00157/FULL) was submitted to Clackmannanshire Council. This was subsequently approved and work recommenced on the wall.

However the use of School Path by vehicles gaining access to the rear of the property caused concerns. Following discussions with various parties, including the owner of the land along School Path, it has been agreed that vehicle access can continue until the wall is completed. On completion the Council has agreed to erect bollards at the entrance to the path to stop any further vehicle access. Meanwhile those using the path for vehicle access have been instructed by the Health and Safety Adviser at Clackmannanshire Council to adhere to safety control measures in order to minimise risks to path users.

6. Muckhart Conservation Area Appraisal - update.

A local community group, convened to discuss the latest draft of the Conservation Area Appraisal, published in February 2011, met in June and their comments and observations were forwarded to the Council. Subsequently, a very positive verbal response has been received from the Council to the points raised by the community group. It is anticipated that further work will be undertaken by the Council in conjunction with the Muckhart community before a full public consultation takes place early in 2012, along with the finalised draft of the Local Development Plan.

7. Local Plan Alteration – status of RES1a.

JJ and SD outlined the background to RES1a and pointed out that the Reporter, in her considerations of objections to the Local Plan Alteration, comprehensively criticised RES1a and recommended that the policy be deleted from the Plan. At the Council meeting on 18th August 2011 that recommendation was endorsed by the full Council.

However SD outlined the concerns that officers of MCC have about the future status of RES1a in the new Development Plan. These concerns are based on the wording of a press release in June 2011; the wording of the paper on the Alteration presented to the Council meeting on 18th August; and the response to a question asked on the issue by Councillor Campbell at that meeting. A draft of a letter to the Director of Development and Environmental Services on the future of RES1a was considered by the Community Council and it was agreed that it would be sent to the Director. **ACTION SD**

8. Ochils Landscape Partnership/Muckhart Nature Park - update

JJ outlined recent OLP developments. The Partnership was formally constituted on 6th June 2011 and Sheena Stone was subsequently appointed as project coordinator. These are important milestones for the OLP and they will help to move the organisation forward. However two additional fulltime OLP appointments have still to be made. The two task groups continue to meet and the Executive Committee is getting to grips with key issues.

The Muckhart Nature Park has been identified as a priority OLP project but awaits the further flow of HLF funds to the various OLP projects.

9. Jubilee celebrations 2012 – fire beacon on Fire Hill.

SD outlined the proposals for a fire beacon in the Dollar/Muckhart area on 4th June 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It would be one of 2012 such beacons across the United Kingdom. The organisation in Clackmannanshire is being coordinated by the Lord Lieutenant of the County and initial discussions have taken place with both Muckhart and Dollar Community Councils. It would appear that the choice is between Fire Hill and Law Hill and it has been agreed informally with Dollar Community Council that the selection of the site in the area should be based on appropriate criteria – visibility, accessibility etc.

10. Co-option of new member on to MCC.

Following the resignation of Sandy Winterbottom from the Community Council, to take effect from the 2011 AGM, members were asked to put forward names of residents who might be willing to be co-opted on to MCC.

Meanwhile Jon Jordan thanked Sandy for all her hard work as a member of the Community Council, in particular her work in establishing the community website. He

also recognised her work for both the Brownies and the Guides.

ACTION ALL

11. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed to the Community Council at the meeting. In the absence of the Treasurer, SD presented the following report which was accepted.

BALANCE AT LAST MEETING	£1551.58
Expenditure:	
Hall rentals	65.00
Renewal of Website for MCC	<u>40.88</u>
Total	£105.88
Income:	
Annual funding from Clackmannanshire Council	£400.00
CURRENT BALANCE	£1845.70

12. Correspondence

Details of the following correspondence were distributed at the meeting:

Letter dated 4 July 2011 from the Department for Planning and Environmental Appeals, informing MCC that the examination into unresolved issues raised in representations to the proposed Clackmannanshire Local Plan Alteration had finished and a report had been submitted to Clackmannanshire Council

Copy of letter dated 16th August 2011 from Clackmannanshire Council Health and Safety Adviser to the builders involved with work at Kirkwood, School Road, Muckhart, detailing the safety measures to be employed when vehicles are using School Path to access the rear of the property.

Letter dated 3rd August 2011 from Community & Regulatory Services at Clackmannanshire Council detailing the decision to approve planning application 11/00157/FULL involving the erection of a boundary wall, access gates and protective netting (deletion of condition 1 of planning permission 10/00188/FULL) at Kirkwood, School Road, Muckhart.

Emails from Julie Hamilton of Clackmannanshire Council on the timing of comments by the Muckhart community on the Conservation Area Appraisal.

Email from NHS Forth Valley on the changes to the delivery of Emergency and Minor Injuries Services across the Forth Valley area.

Various emails from Lesley Bailie on JCCF matters, Local Plan press release etc.

13. AOCB

SD indicated that Grant Baxter of Clackmannanshire Council has been asked to speak on the Scottish Government's 'Designing Streets' policy at the AGM on Wednesday 26th October 2011.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.