

# **MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Jon Jordan, Chair (JJ)  
Marlene White, Vice-chair (MW)  
Stuart Dean, Secretary (SD)  
Terry Hollis, Treasurer (TH)  
John Anderson (JA)  
Douglas Fisher (DF)  
Margot McKerrell (MM)  
Colin Mann (CM)  
Matthew Pease (MEP)  
Mireille Pouget (MP)  
Niall Simpson (NS)

In attendance: Cllr Alastair Campbell; Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser for Clackmannanshire Council; PC Louise Harding, Community Constable; PC Euan Mitchell, Police Engagement Officer for the 2014 Ryder Cup; and 11 members of the community.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Kathleen Martin.

### **2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Stuart Dean, as Chair of the Friends of the Ochils, declared an interest in relation to the Outh Muir windfarm application.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were accepted as an accurate record.  
Proposer: John Anderson. Seconder: Mireille Pouget

### **4. Matters Arising**

The following notes on Matters Arising from the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were distributed prior to the meeting:

**Item 4. Matters Arising. (Item 11 in Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013). Burnfoot Wind Farm planning applications – update.** Clackmannanshire Council Planning Committee refused the revised Rhodders Wind Farm application for 6 turbines on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**Item 7. Conservation Area Appraisal -update.** A final set of comments from the Muckhart Conservation Area Group was forwarded to Clackmannanshire Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013. The finalised version of the CAA is now being prepared by Council Officers and should go to full Council in October prior to public consultation, along with the new Local Development Plan.

## **5. Police Report**

PC Harding gave a verbal Police Report. A number of matters were raised and discussed. She outlined a growing problem, particularly in Fife and Tayside, of eggs being thrown at individuals, buildings and other cars. Any such incidents should be reported to the police.

She also raised the problem of speeding in the village. This resulted in representations from residents who wished the speeding matter to be discussed further. After it was pointed out by the Chair that the matter was not on the agenda and that it has been discussed many times in previous meetings, discussion did take place on a number of issues. These included the excessive speed of vehicles entering the village at the east end; the apparent increase in traffic on Golf Course Road when the 20 mph limit was in force; the perception that overall speeds were slower when the 20 mph limit was in force notwithstanding the evidence from Council traffic surveys that cars were exiting the west end of the village at speeds higher than when the limit was 30 mph; the reasons for the 20 mph limit being changed back to 30 mph by Clackmannanshire Council; the need for more enforcement in the village and along in the 40 mph stretch of the A91 between Pool and Yetts of Muckhart; the availability of police resources to deal with enforcement; the need for and the possible design of traffic calming measures; exemplars of traffic calming elsewhere such as in Balgedie, near Kinnesswood, and Scotlandwell; the use of Community Constables to help monitor speeds; and the effectiveness of speed signs that show the speed of vehicles.

Residents were advised that an item on speeding could be placed on the agendas of future MCC meetings if a written request was given to the Secretary at least eight days before a community council meeting at which they wished the issue to be considered.

Finally it was agreed that the speeding issue should be raised further with Clackmannanshire Council with a view to a resolution of outstanding problems. It would also be placed on a future MCC Agenda when it could be discussed further with a Council representative.

**ACTION SD**

There then followed a presentation by PC Euan Mitchell on the transport arrangements for the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles, in particular the Park and Ride arrangements. There will be a P & R service from Balado to Gleneagles via the A91 and the A823,

through Yetts of Muckhart. A number of issues were raised. These included the hours during which busses would be running, including the peak times; the number of bus trips on the A91/A823; whether there will be interim stops en route; the availability of resident passes as with T in the Park; and any possible travel restrictions on local roads, particularly the A823 through Glen Devon

A community briefing on transport arrangements will be held at 7.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Loch Leven Community Campus. **ACTION MP**

## **6. Draft Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan – housing proposals for Muckhart.**

SD outlined the latest developments. It is anticipated that the finalised draft will go before Clackmannanshire Council on 24<sup>th</sup> October, with full public consultation taking place over the following 6 - 8 weeks.

Following receipt of an early draft of the LDP which proposed a 13.10 ha's site for housing to the south and east of Pool of Muckhart, (site H54), MCC Officers met with senior Council officials on 16<sup>th</sup> July in the presence of the elected representatives for the Clackmannanshire East Ward. A strong case was made for a very significant reduction both in the size of the site and the indicative number of housing units. There has been no further communication with Council officers on this issue since the meeting. However Cllr Campbell indicated that the area for housing had been reduced in the draft LDP, with Maudies Loan marking the eastern boundary of the site. However at the time of the meeting no further information was available.

A discussion then took place on how to proceed, given that representatives of the landowner have already met with Cllr. Campbell and put forward ideas for a possible housing development based on the Polnoon project on the edge of the conservation village of Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire. The view was expressed that it is important to find out more about any proposals for Muckhart and it was proposed that contact should be made with the landowner's representatives with a view to arranging a meeting between themselves and representatives of MCC. The proposal was carried – eight in favour and two against. **ACTION SD**

## **7. Reports from the MCC sub-groups – Planning; Publicity; Travel and Transport.**

### **PLANNING GROUP:**

JA detailed four planning applications.

**Ref: 13/00151/FULL.** Removal of Oil Tank and Erection of Biomass Heating Cabin at Muckhart Golf Club.

It was agreed that no comment would be made by MCC.

**Ref: 13/00155/FULL.** Erection of Garage and Store, and Formation of New Driveway,

Blyth Cottage, Muckhart

No objection was made although a question was raised with the planners about the future position of the bus stop immediately outside the property.

**Ref: 13/00176/FULL.** Removal of Existing Conservatory, Alterations, Installation of Flue and Single Story Extension to Side, 7 Kirkhill, Muckhart.  
It was agreed that no comment would be made by MCC.

**Ref: 13/01898/EIA (Fife Council).** Erection of 5 wind turbines at Outh Muir near Knockhill (each up to 110 metres high to blade tip) and associated infrastructure etc. Following discussion a proposal to object was carried by 6 votes to 4. It was agreed that the objection should focus primarily on the cumulative impact of the turbines with other built and consented windfarm/wind turbine applications. **ACTION JA**

**PUBLICITY GROUP:** NS outlined the latest website developments. The new website was now live and individual groups within the community will be able to put content onto their section of the site. MW indicated that a training event for the person responsible for website content in each group will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT:** MP indicated that there was nothing to report.

### **8. Report on JCCF meeting**

Mireille Pouget reported on the JCCF meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The wording and implementation of the Community Council Protocol in relation to the Local Development Plan process was highlighted as a key issue as was a proposal that the JCCF should become constituted. Both issues will continue to be dealt with by the JCCF. MP also reported on the work of the Clackmannanshire Alliance and a visit that she made to the Hawkhill Community Centre in Alloa where valuable work is being undertaken, particularly with ex-offenders.

### **9. Demand Responsive Transport for Muckhart – update**

SD updated the Community Council on the bid to the Bus Investment Fund for a DRT service for Muckhart and West Kinross-shire. The wider DRT service would enable residents in the Muckhart Community Council area to access both Dollar and Kinross. PKC is leading on the bid and it is hoped that if successful the service will start later this year. Meanwhile the officer from PKC responsible for the BIF bid is in communication with Transport Scotland over whether an interim DRT service for Muckhart only, as originally envisaged, would jeopardise the bid.

### **10. Treasurer's Report**

The following report was distributed prior to the meeting:

**BALANCE AT LAST MEETING**

**£1932.26**

Expenditure:	
Hall rentals	£228.00
Income:	
Nil	

**CURRENT BALANCE** **£1704.26**

The Report was noted.

### **11. Correspondence**

Details of correspondence were distributed prior to the meeting and copies were available to view.

Following the receipt of a letter from Friends of the Earth, it was agreed that their Energy Campaigner, Paul Daly, should be invited to a future meeting to inform MCC about developments in relation to unconventional gas extraction techniques in Clackmannanshire and elsewhere.

**ACTION SD**

### **12. AOCB**

- Colin Mann indicated that there will be a response to Emergency Planning issues in due course.
- SD outlined an initiative taken by Glendevon residents aimed at improving broadband speeds in the glen.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next MCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall.