

**Minutes of Muckhart Community Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016
in the Coronation Hall**

In Attendance:

Jon Jordan	(JJ)	Chair
Stuart Dean	(SD)	Secretary
John Anderson	(JA)	Treasurer
Danny Conroy	(DC)	
Colin Mann	(CM)	
Margot McKerrell	(MM)	
Niall Simpson	(NS)	
Mireille Pouget	(MP)	
Mike Wilson	(MRW)	
Douglas Fisher	(DF)	Minutes Secretary

6 members of the public were in attendance.

Item 1. Apologies for Absence/ Introductions

Apologies for absence were received from Marlene White (MW), Matthew Pease (MEP), Cllr Campbell and Cllr Hamilton.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest.

None

Item 3. Minutes of Meeting of 27th January 2016

Cllr Campbell has asked that the comment that Clackmannanshire Council had ‘the poorest performance record [for schools] of all the Scottish Local Authorities’ changed to ‘one of the poorest records....’.

The Minutes were then approved as an accurate record. .

Proposer: JA

Seconder: CM

Item 4. Matters Arising

None

Item 5. Police Report

PCs Barry Reiter and Reggie Ryles attended the meeting.

Apart from the issuing of one speeding ticket, there was nothing else to report. They are still investigating the theft the theft of a quad bike from Westerhall Farm and the break-in in Kirkhill.

Item 6. Muckhart Community Plan - update

JA updated the meeting. We now have the basis for the plan. A questionnaire is being drawn up which will be circulated to members for comment. Thereafter it will be given to all members of the community for their views and input. Open meetings are to be held later in the year and members are asked to make themselves available to help with questions from the public.

Item 7. Community Council Elections 2016

All members of the Community Council will be required to stand down. The timescale for the election of the new Community Council is as follows;

Notice of impending election and request for nominations:	24 th August
Last date for the return of nominations	15 th September
Declaration of outcome of nominations process	16 th September

If election goes to ballot:

Notice of Poll	5 th October
Issue of ballot papers	6 th October
Period for return of Ballot Papers	Up to 5 pm 20 th Oct
Count & Declaration of Results	21 st October

There will only be one Community Council meeting before the start of the election process. It was agreed that SD would ask existing members if they intend standing again in order that we can plan ahead and encourage nominations from the Muckhart community to ensure a full council and, if possible, a ballot. A leaflet outlining the role and responsibilities of the Council is to be put out with the Community Plan questionnaire. It will also be posted on our website and on Facebook. An open evening will be held in June when current Council members can explain their duties and workload to the community.

ACTION ALL

Item 8. Inaugural meeting of EPIC (Environmental Projects in Clackmannanshire)

JJ gave an update on the progress of EPIC which is the successor to the Ochils Landscape Partnership (OLP). The OLP was funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) monies and Windfarm monies. Three projects in and around Muckhart were funded:

Muckhart Nature Park

Kirkyard Project

Upgrading and maintenance of the Hillfoots Way

Currently EPIC has funds from Clackmannanshire Council and Windfarm money to support the maintenance of the 22 OLP projects for 10 years. EPIC is hoping for more funding to support small projects and continue to help projects through the deployment of volunteers.

DC and MP will be attending the next meeting in April and report back.

ACTION DC, MP

Item 9. Report on Health/Social Care meetings

A paper prepared by Marilyn Smith, detailing the issues raised at a meeting of the Public Partnership Forum (PPF) on 24th February, was distributed prior to the community council meeting. Two matters were dealt with by the PPF – the role of Community Health Partnership after 10 years and an update on Health and Social Care Integration. The content of the paper was noted.

Item 10. Roads Issues - update

MRW has asked Clacks Council to include School Road in their winter maintenance programme. If not, Clacks Council will supply salt containers and spreaders. It is hoped that work on the Gateway signs, speed limit signs and footpaths will be started in April. MRW will continue to put pressure on the Council to complete the agreed works.

ACTION MRW

Item 11. Reports from the MCC sub groups – planning and publicity

Planning:

16/00058/FULL Demolition of Existing House and Erection of New House and Double Garage, Drumburn Farm, Drumburn Road, Muckhart – **no comment**.

16/00010/FULL Erection of 1 No House and detached Land Adjacent to Gairlaw, Yetts O' Muckhart – **no comment**.

It was noted however that the decision on 16/00010/FULL raises issues relating to Council and Scottish Government policy on development in the countryside and it was agreed that SD and JA would hold discussions with Council officers on this matter.

ACTION SD, JA

Publicity: Nothing to Report

Item 12. Housing Development on site H49 - update

The agents for the developer plan a public consultation event on 27th/28th May.

A briefing note detailing the consultation was sent on 23rd March to MCC and members are asked to study it and pass on their views to SD so he can reply to the developers agents before the public meeting.

ACTION ALL

Item 13. JCCF Report and Reports on Conferences

1. The police have re-examined their strategic plan and there is no change. Their priorities remain matters such as domestic violence, drug abuse and anti-social behaviour. They also wish to put more emphasis on tackling speeding.
2. Clacks Council has, as yet, not moved on plans for devolving budgets and expanding local democracy.

Item 14. Treasurer's Report

JA gave out copies of the latest report. It included a grant of £2,000 for new windows for the Coronation Hall.

Item 15. Correspondence

Details of correspondence received was circulated to members. Copies were available for scrutiny.

Item 16. ACOB

There was no AOCB

Item 17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st June 2016 in the Coronation Hall, starting at 7.30pm