

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Muckhart Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 in the Coronation Hall

In Attendance:

Jon Jordan	(JJ)	Chair
Stuart Dean	(SD)	Secretary
John Anderson	(JA)	Treasurer
Douglas Fisher	(DF)	Minutes Secretary
Margot McKerrell	(MM)	
Niall Simpson	(NS)	
Matthew Pease	(MEP)	
Mireille Pouget	(MP)	
Mike Wilson	(MRW)	

Cllr Alastair Campbell and 8 members of the public were in attendance.

Item 1. Apologies for Absence/ Introductions

Apologies were received from Marlene White, Colin Mann, Cllr. Irene Hamilton and Cllr. Kathleen Martin.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest

JJ declared an interest as a trustee of EPIC in relation to Item 10
SD declared an interest as Chair of the Friends of the Ochils in relation to the Burnfoot Hill Windfarm Extension discussed under Item 16.

Item 3. Minutes of Meeting of 23rd March 2016.

The Minutes were approved.

Proposer: JA Seconder: MRW

Item 4. Matters Arising

None

Item 5. Police Report

PC Barry Reiter and PC Reg Ryles were in attendance and spoke to their written report.

Enquiries into the theft of a red Honda quadbike from a barn at a property at Upper Yetts are continuing. A car battery was also stolen from the barn but recovered nearby.

No anti-social behaviour, vandalism or violent incidents were reported, nor were any road traffic offences recorded. Speed detection patrols on the A91 at either end of the village have continued, utilising both the radar device and speed board. No persons were issued with a fixed penalty but a number of drivers were spoken to and warned.

Item 6. MCC Response to H49 Housing Development Exhibition and Workshop.

An exhibition and workshop was held by the agents of John Izat and Partners on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May in the Coronation Hall and on site. There was a wide ranging discussion on this event and the reaction of MCC and the wider community to it. Concern was expressed that whilst the boundary submitted by the developer in the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) only related to the area of land owned by John Izat and Partners, the master planning exercise at the workshops related to the whole site. It was felt that whilst the event was a genuine attempt to produce a Masterplan for site H49, the reasoning behind the developer's approach to the development of the site was not clear to MCC nor the wider public.

It was also felt that there was a lack of transparency over the number of houses that might be applied for in any subsequent planning application for housing with the PAN boundary. The Local Development Plan clearly indicates 35 houses for the whole of site H49 and it was quite apparent that MCC and the general public did not wish to see this figure exceeded.

It was agreed that Clackmannanshire Council should be kept informed about our concerns relating to the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) and that feedback should be obtained on the outcome of the PAC from the developers' agents. It was also felt that a meeting with the landowners might help to clarify some of the concerns expressed at the meeting.

ACTION JJ, JA & SD

Item 7. MCC Open Evening

Elections for Clackmannanshire Community Councils take place this year. An Open Evening for those members of the community who might be interested in joining the community council is to be held on Monday 15th August in the Coronation Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Current MCC members were asked to be on hand to participate in the event and contribute to discussions on the work of community councils to help interested parties decide as to whether or not they wished to stand for election. A flier detailing the event will be delivered to all households in the community.

Nominations for election to MCC commence 24th August and close on 15th September 2016.

ACTION ALL

Item 8. Muckhart Community Plan - update.

JA updated the meeting on the Muckhart Community Plan (MCP) which is in preparation.

A questionnaire has been sent to all members of the community. JA agreed that he would speak about the MCP at the Open Evening on 15th August.
The Chair extended his thanks to the MCP sub-group for all their hard work on the plan.

ACTION JA

Item 9. Zebra Crossing problems

There had been two complaints about drivers not stopping at the crossing.
JJ said he would write to Clackmannanshire Council and to the police.

ACTION JJ

Item 10. Inaugural meeting of EPIC (Environmental Projects in Clackmannanshire)

JJ attended this meeting and the outcome was very positive. The aim is to use windfarm money over the next 10 years to develop and maintain appropriate environmental projects in Clackmannanshire. The initial plan is expected within the next 2/3 months.

Item 11. Roads Issues – update

MRW gave an update on roads issues.

1. The speed limit signs on Golf Course Road have been moved to the agreed position.
2. It is hoped that work on the Gateway Signs will start soon with the footpath between Pool and Yetts to follow. Apparently the delay has been caused by the Planning Application Notice for H49.

Item 12. Reports from MCC sub-groups – Planning and Publicity

Planning.

An application for new windows for the Coronation Hall has been submitted. MCC objected to the use of uPVC as the building is in the Conservation Area.

Publicity

Ongoing

Item 13. JCCF Report.

MP attended the JCCF meeting on 21st April 2016. Matters discussed included Participatory Budgeting and EPIC, the Scottish Youth Parliament and Clackmannanshire Youth Council, Community Council Elections 2016 and CC insurance for 2017-18.

Item 14. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Report were distributed to members. The Report was noted.

Item 15. Correspondence

Details of correspondence received were circulated to members.

Item 16. AOCB

1. The Certificate of Liability Insurance for MCC for 2016-17 has now been received
2. SD received a communication from Wind Prospect (WP) sent to him both in his capacity as Chair of Friends of the Ochils and Secretary of MCC. WP have agreed to send such communications to JA when they involve MCC.
3. A local resident wishes to hear from those interested in becoming trustees of Home Start. Anyone interested should get in touch with SD who will forward their name to that resident.
4. Superfast Broadband. JJ outlined the current situation which is far from satisfactory. There is an indication that the upgrading of Exchange Only lines for Muckhart will take place in September. JJ has agreed to write Keith Brown MSP expressing our concerns. **ACTION JJ**

Item 17. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7th September in the Coronation Hall starting at 7.30pm. It will be followed by the MCC AGM.