

# MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held in the Coronation Hall, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, at 9:10 pm

**Present:** John Anderson (JA) Chair  
Patrick Thompson (PT) Vice-Chair  
Danny Conroy (DC) Treasurer  
Philip Lord (PL) Minute Secretary  
Jonathan Bacon (JB)  
Stuart Dean (SD)  
Jon Jordan (JJ)  
Val Whyte (VW)  
Peter Wyatt (PW)

Councillor Graham Lindsay  
Councillor Bill Mason

**Status:** **Approved Draft: to be accepted at next MCC AGM Meeting**

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kathleen Martin and MCC members Mike Wilson (MRW - due to bereavement), Marlene White (MW) and Matthew Pease (MP).

### 2. Minutes of Meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without dissent, proposed by DC, seconded by SD.

### 3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 4. Chairman's Report – by John Anderson

JA reported as follows:

It is my privilege to give the Chair's report for Muckhart Community Council (MCC), for the last 12 months, covering the most important elements of MCC business.

I will do this by simply reminding ourselves of MCC's achievements during the last 12 months and note expectations for the next 12 months. The MCC achievements may be listed as follows:

**1. Formation of a new Community Council**

Our community is to be credited with putting forward more candidates, than positions available, resulting in the requirement to conduct a ballot to elect our members - the only one held in Clackmannanshire! This demonstrates to me that there is an active and vibrant community here in Muckhart and thank you to all those members of our community who allowed their names to go forward for the ballot. We managed, after a few attempts, to fill all of the Office Bearer positions and our thanks goes to all those who have taken these on and for your hard work, over last 12 months.

I would also like to record my thanks here to Marilyn Smith – our community link with the Health Service - thank you.

**2. Roads Safety Improvements**

Over the last 12 months, MCC, under the leadership of Mike (working with others), has tenaciously campaigned to improve road safety throughout the Muckhart area which has resulted in: new LED street lighting; a new and safer pavement, from the Pool up to the Yetts; extended 30MPH speed limits; a new village gateway sign, incorporating clearer speed limit signage; simple and unobtrusive traffic calming measures; and road re-surfacing. All of these are significant and visible road safety improvements within our community.

**3. Contributing to Community Development Planning and Related Matters**

Our Planning Sub-Group, under the leadership of Stuart, has scrutinised many planning issues and made effective community representation in many planning matters where the views of MCC have most certainly been taken into consideration, involving:

- a. Approximately 10 routine Planning Applications
- b. Dealing with sensitive planning matters throughout the community, some brought to our attention by members of the community, which we have taken up with the local authority Planning Department
- c. Keeping a watching brief over the possible development of the H49 site
- d. Providing formal responses to the consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System; consultation on Changes to Flight Paths in and out of Edinburgh airport; consultation on proposed 20MPH Speed Limits in built up areas; and consultation on Improvements to Parking

Thank you to the Planning Sub-Group and to all members of MCC for their objective consideration on these sensitive matters.

#### **4. *Web-site Platform***

This year there have been huge improvements to the MCC Web-site and Facebook presence. Under the leadership of Jonathan, there is a long term plan for improvement now being implemented, resulting in our Web-site being much more user friendly, more accessible and more up-to-date (e.g., copies of all MCC minutes can now be easily accessed on-line). The use of Facebook for up to-date community information, and links to other organisations, has improved. This is only the start of a long term strategy, so, well done, Jonathan, for the excellent progress.

I know Jonathan would be happy for other community organisations to contact him regarding the introduction of new web pages or to provide updates to existing pages.

#### **5. *Transport***

We have been actively involved in forums intended to improve Public Transport, including the Demand Responsive Transport initiative, and Philip has represented MCC at the Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association meetings.

#### **6. *Responding to Community Needs***

We have been actively involved in responding to community needs. For example:

- Supporting the Coronation Hall in response to the huge increase in rates
- Pushing improvements to the broadband service
- Responding to the Kinross school bus issue and being actively involved in delivering a community transport initiative
- Running the very effective Community Matters event, in January 2017

At this point, I would like to thank our Clackmannanshire Councillors for their interest in our community and for all of their valuable support – namely Cllr. Bill Mason, Cllr. Graham Lindsay and Cllr. Kathleen Martin. Thanks are also due to Alastair Campbell who retired from Clackmannanshire Council, in May, this year.

#### **7. *Muckhart Community Plan 2017***

The Muckhart Community Plan (MCP) has now been completed after significant community consultation and is being launched next week, on 12th September. Thanks to the MCP Working Group (past and present), Mike, Philip, Jon, Mireille and Margot. Thanks to you, the members of MCC, for all your deliberations, consideration and input. Thanks to members of the community for your valuable contributions.

It is clear that Muckhart Community Council has had a very busy and successful year. Thanks to all for your hard work. Now our expectations for the future are detailed in the Muckhart Community Plan.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The audited MCC Accounts, for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, were presented to members. This showed a balance brought forward and other income totalling £5277.16. During the year, there had been expenditure of £3139.84. This leaves a balance carried forward of £2137.32. The Accounts were accepted with no comments. Ken Bibby was thanked for auditing the Accounts.

## 6. Election of Office Bearers and Convenors

JA noted that happily all current Office Bearers and Convenors had indicated a willingness to stand again for their respective posts. Alternative nominations were requested for each post but, as none were forthcoming, all were re-elected, unopposed. The election proceeded as follows:

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>John Anderson</b>	Proposed by DC, seconded by SD
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	<b>Patrick Thompson</b>	Proposed by PW, seconded by DC
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Danny Conroy</b>	Proposed by JJ, seconded by PW
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Mike Wilson</b>	Proposed by VW, seconded by JB
<b>Minute Secretary:</b>	<b>Philip Lord</b>	Proposed by SD, seconded by DC
<b>Planning Convenor:</b>	<b>Stuart Dean</b>	Proposed by JJ, seconded by PT
<b>JCCF Representative:</b>	<b>Danny Conroy</b>	Proposed by PW, seconded by SD
<b>Publicity Convenor:</b>	<b>Peter Wyatt</b>	Proposed by DC, seconded by JB
<b>Web-site Convenor:</b>	<b>Jonathan Bacon</b>	Proposed by DC, seconded by JJ

## 7. MCC Meeting Dates for 2018

The following dates were proposed and accepted:

- Wednesday 31st January 2018
- Wednesday 28th March 2018
- Wednesday 30th May 2018
- Wednesday 5th September 2018 (Note: Meeting to be followed by the AGM)
- Wednesday 31st October 2018
- Wednesday 5th December 2018

All meetings will start at 7:30pm, in the Coronation Hall

## 8. AOCB

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm