

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council held in the Coronation Hall on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr Jon Jordan, Chair
Mr Danny Conroy, Vice-Chair
Mr Stuart Dean, Secretary
Mr Terry Hollis, Treasurer
Mr Paul Boyce
Mr Colin Mann
Mrs Margot McKerrell
Mr Matthew Pease

In attendance: Cllr Alastair Campbell, PC Alison Egan, Sheena Stone and 20 members of the community.

1. Apologies for Absence/Introductions

Apologies were received from Lesley Seath, John Anderson and Meriel Cairns from the Community Council, and from Dorothy Walker, Public Transport Officer and Carlyn Fraser, Traffic Management and Road Safety Officer, Clackmannanshire Council. Sheena Stone and PC Alison Egan were welcomed to the meeting. It was explained that both Carlyn Fraser and Dorothy Walker who were due to speak to Agenda Items 5 and 6 respectively were unable to attend due to illness.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 18th January, 2012 were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposer: Terry Hollis. Seconder: Danny Conroy.

3. Matters Arising

Item 9. Rhodders, Frandy Hill and Burnfoot Hill Extension Wind Farm applications. TH reported that representations on the above three windfarm developments had been submitted to PKC and Clackmannanshire Council as appropriate.

Item 12. Diamond Jubilee Arrangements – update. CM indicated that MCC would make grant applications to both Clackmannanshire Council and the Cooperative Community Fund. CM is working with Alastair Cowan of the Muckhart and Glendevon Amenity Society on the grant applications and requested the approval of MCC to proceed. This was given.

ACTION CM

Item 13. Treasurer's Report. TH explained that although the correct Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting of 23rd November 2011, the Minutes recorded the report for the previous meeting of 31st August 2011. It was agreed that the Minutes would be corrected accordingly and a note included to that effect.

Item 14. AOCB. SD proposed that given the closeness of community council elections it was not sensible to co-opt a new member in place of Colin Nisbet. This was accepted by members.

4. Police Report

PC Alison Egan, who has recently been appointed community constable for Muckhart, indicated that there has been no reported crime in the Muckhart area since the last meeting. One injury occurred in a reported car accident on 1st February. The community wardens have been contacted about the use of the Play Park by people exercising dogs within the park.

5. Speed Limit between Muckhart and Dollar.

In the absence of Carlyn Fraser from Clackmannanshire Council, JJ and SD outlined the latest position regarding speed limits in the Muckhart area including the decision not to proceed with the reduction of the speed limit between Muckhart and Dollar to 50 mph from the national limit of 60 mph. The proposed new limit of 30 mph through Rumbling Bridge, to be introduced by PKC, was also detailed.

Various issues relating to speed limits were discussed and comments were made by numerous members of the public attending the meeting. They included the potential for increased vehicle traffic on Golf Course Road following the decision to reduce the limit in Muckhart to 20 mph; the need for appropriate enforcement of the new limits; the problem of the speed of vehicles entering Muckhart, particularly at the east end of the village; the visual 20 mph display at the west end of the village being blocked by the bus-stop sign and vegetation; and the position of the 40 mph limits at the east end of the village which it is felt should be further to the east beyond the entrance to Balliliesk. However a resident who attended the meeting commented that they felt that already the 20 mph limit in Muckhart had made a significant difference to the speed of traffic in the village.

It was agreed that a number of issues should be raised with Clackmannanshire Council, including:

- The introduction of the 50 mph limit on the A91 between Muckhart and Dollar
- The use of Golf Course Road as a 'rat run' and the need for effective speed restrictions
- Position of 40 mph signs at east end of Muckhart village
- Concerns about the positioning of the proposed 30 mph limit signs on the A823 north of Rumbling Bridge (Primarily a PKC issue)

- The national speed limit which will now operate on the A823 between the Yetts and Rumbling Bridge. **ACTION SD**

PC Egan said that she would look into enforcement issues in relation to local speed restrictions.

6. Review of Supported Bus Services in Clackmannanshire.

In the absence of Dorothy Walker, SD explained that the Public Transport Coordination Unit is carrying out a review of subsidised bus services with Clackmannanshire and it is necessary for the community council to respond to that review by the end of May. It was agreed that a meeting would be requested with the Public Transport Officers in order that MCC could ascertain how best to respond. **ACTION SD**

7. Presentation on the Ochils Landscape Partnership

Sheena Stone gave an illustrated presentation on the Ochils Landscape Partnership in which she outlined the key aspects of the OLP. She detailed the aims and objectives of the partnership, the personnel involved, the governance structure and the 22 projects which comprise the OLP.

Questions were asked on a number of issues. These included the future of the projects after the 3 year period of funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund comes to an end; links with local schools and the Duke of Edinburgh Award; and on the possible hydro-electric scheme in Alva Glen. Discussion also took place on the additional funding secured for the OLP, in particular that provided by EDF from the Community Fund generated by the existing Burnfoot Hill Windfarm.

Sheena was thanked for her presentation and congratulated by the Chair for the excellent work she is doing for the OLP.

8. Changes to Clackmannanshire Community Councils – timeline to November 2012

SD outlined the key dates and actions for MCC in 2012 leading up to the community council elections in 2012 and the establishment of newly elected community councils. Decisions and actions are required on a number of issues:

- The creation of a new MCC Constitution and Standing Orders based on the model documents drawn up by the JCCF
- Agreement on dates for MCC meetings, including the AGM, for 2012.
- Agreement on provisional dates for the new MCC formed after the election results in October 2012.

It was agreed that:

- The MCC officers would draft a new Constitution and Standing Orders for consideration at the next MCC meeting on 30th May 2012. The finalised drafts are required to be submitted to Clackmannanshire Council in August for approval.
ACTION JJ, DC, SD, TH
- The MCC meeting scheduled for 5th September 2012 would be combined with the 2012 AGM of the existing community council.
ACTION ALL
- The meeting on 24th October 2012, originally for the 2012 MCC AGM, would be provisionally scheduled for the first meeting of the new MCC, called primarily for the election of office bearers.
- The MCC meeting planned for 28th November 2012 would be provisionally scheduled for the first full meeting of the new MCC.

9. PKC DCC decision on the proposed quarry in Glenquey

JJ outlined the decision by the PKC Development Control Committee (DCC) on 7th March 2012 to defer a decision on the planning applications relating to the quarry in Glenquey and associated haul road. Further information is requested by the DCC in relation to:

- Roads, traffic and road safety
- Environmental impact issues, both inside and outside the site
- The planning history of the site
- The implications for tourism and recreational activities, including information on the cumulative impact with wind turbines in the area.

10. New Local Development Plan – update

SD gave an update on the new Local Development Plan for Clackmannanshire. The Council is unlikely to publish the finalised draft before the local council elections in May 2012. It will therefore go before the new Council after the elections and it is anticipated that it will not be published before August or September 2012.

11. Enforcement case for the wall at Kirkwood, and vehicle access along School Path

SD outlined the present position in relation to the enforcement case pertaining to the wall being built around the garden of Kirkwood, Muckhart (application ref: 11/00157/FULL). Clackmannanshire Council has requested additional information from the developers and if this is not forthcoming an enforcement notice may be taken out. (Case ref: 11/00052/BREPP). The Community Council will monitor developments.

ACTION SD

Meanwhile the community council is in discussion with the landowner of School Path (Sir Robert Stewart) and with Clackmannanshire Council over the continued use of School Path by vehicles accessing the rear of the property. MCC and others continue to have concerns about the use of School Path by vehicles and would wish to see a bollard erected at the entrance to the path as soon as possible. SD will continue to liaise with the Council and Sir Robert on this matter. **ACTION SD**

12. Resubmission of application for wind turbines at Blackdevon Landfill Site, Alloa (Ref; 10/00288/FULL)

SD indicated that the number of proposed turbines on the site has been reduced to two, and the proposed height reduced from 125 metres to 106 metres. It was agreed that no further representation would be made over and above that made for the original application in 2010.

13. Dogs in Play Park

JJ indicated that various residents have spoken to the owners of the dogs that continue to be exercised in the Play Park. SD has also spoken to Council officers about the problem and the wording of the various Play Park notices in particular. It was agreed that a request would be made to the Council for the wording of the notices to be changed, instructing for example, that dogs are kept on a leash and not allowed on the playing area of the football pitch or the area around the play equipment. TH asked that members of the public alert MCC members if dogs continue to be exercised in the Play Park.

ACTION SD

14. Treasurer's Report

The following report was distributed prior to the meeting:

BALANCE AT LAST MEETING	£1488.40
Expenditure:	
DPA Registration	£35.00
Income:	
	Nil
CURRENT BALANCE	£1453.40

15. Correspondence

Details of the following correspondence were distributed prior to the meeting:-

Letter from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) requesting the renewal of MCC registration under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998

Letter undated from the Clackmannanshire Third sector Interface giving details of a CTSi Forum on 27th February 2012.

Letter dated 10th February 2012 from PKC acknowledging receipt of MCC representations on the Frandy Hill and Burnfoot Hill Extension Wind Farms.

Letter from Clackmannanshire Council dated 13th February 2012 acknowledging receipt of MCC representations on the Rhodders Wind Farm.

Email dated 17th February 2012 from Lesley Baillie attaching a new guide for community councils giving details of the Scheme for Establishment, a Model Constitution, Model Standing Orders and a Protocol which defines the working relationship between Clackmannanshire Council and Community Councils in its area.

Email dated 18th February 2012, from Helen Lewis, SNP candidate in the Council elections, requesting a meeting with MCC.

Letter dated 21st February 2012 from Keith Brown MSP offering support with any local issues with which MCC is dealing.

Email dated 24th February 2012 from Lesley Baillie giving details of a development day on 22nd March, focussing on the work of community councils and their relationship with the Clackmannanshire Alliance.

Email dated 9th March 2012 from Lesley Baillie providing details of the Clackmannanshire PACT (Police and Communities Together) Priorities March/April 2012.

Email dated 9th March 2012 from Lesley Baillie giving details of the new arrangements whereby Dollar CC will administer the indemnity insurance for Clackmannanshire community councils.

Letter dated 12th March 2012 from Clackmannanshire Council requesting that information about the forthcoming Local Government Elections be displayed in a public place. (Notices posted on the MCC Notice Board)

Letter dated 13th March 2012 from the ICO confirming the renewal of the MCC registration under the DPA 1998.

Letter dated 14th March 2012 from Clackmannanshire Council providing details of the revised planning application for wind turbines at the former Black Devon Landfill Site, Alloa (Ref: 10/00288/FULL)

Email dated 15th March 2012 from Lillian Watson, Community Development Worker for Older Adults in Clackmannanshire, requesting an opportunity to speak at a MCC meeting on a new Scottish Government strategy entitled 'Reshaping Care for Older People'

Letter dated 22nd March 2012 from Keith Brown MSP giving details of a conference in Edinburgh on Saturday 21st April called 'Planning: The Peoples Perspective'

Letter dated 23rd March 2012 from local resident enclosing copy of letter sent to Clackmannanshire Council Traffic Management on speeding issues in the 20 mph zone in Pool of Muckhart

15. AOCB

SD informed the community council that the public liability insurance for Clackmannanshire community councils has been renewed and is valid from 1st April 2012.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th May 2012 in the Coronation Hall at 7.30 pm.