

# MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held in the Coronation Hall, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 7:30pm

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| <b>Present:</b> | John Anderson (JA)    | Chair            |
|                 | Patrick Thompson (PT) | Vice-Chair       |
|                 | Mike Wilson (MRW)     | Secretary        |
|                 | Danny Conroy (DC)     | Treasurer        |
|                 | Philip Lord (PL)      | Minute Secretary |
|                 | Jonathan Bacon (JB)   |                  |
|                 | Stuart Dean (SD)      |                  |
|                 | Matthew Pease (MP)    |                  |
|                 | Marlene White (MW)    |                  |
|                 | Val Whyte (VW)        |                  |
|                 | Councillor Bill Mason |                  |

**Status:**           **Approved**

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kathleen Martin and Graham Lindsay, PC Barry Ritchie and Marilyn Smith (re CTSi update). Apologies were also received from MCC members Peter Wyatt (PW) and Jon Jordan (JJ).

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 3. Minutes of Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment, proposed by VW, seconded by SD.

### 4. Matters Arising

- Re item 4 (Fossway Bridge repairs): MRW reported that an email from P&KC stating it is proposing to replace and upgrade the existing vehicle activated sign on the A91, approaching Fossway bridge, from Carnbo. This will illuminate a bend warning sign and a "Slow Down" message to drivers approaching the bridge. This should lead to a reduction in speed from any drivers. Further to the suggestions submitted by MCC, PK&C will also investigate the effectiveness of rumble strip and dragons teeth.
- Re Scottish Water works on the A823 in Glendevon: MRW reported that the proposed date for work to begin is Thursday 7th February, with the work on the A823 expected to continue until around the end of the month. Some further work on the access road to

the Water Treatment Works is expected to continue into early March, but access for local residents will be maintained and this should not affect the main road.

- Re Item 11 (Correspondence: 20MPH Bill): A response to the consultation on Safer Streets 20MPH Bill had been written, agreed and submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> January. JA thanked SD and MRW for the response prepared.
- Re Item 11 (Correspondence: DRT Service): Statistics had now been received for 2017/18 from the Council and will be examined by PL and MRW. MCC has been advised that the current DRT service will not be affected by Clackmannanshire's current cost cutting measures but the P&KC position is awaited.

## **5. Police Report**

In PC Ritchie's absence the Police report provided was noted which stated that no crimes had been reported in the area since the last MCC meeting. JB noted that there had been an attempted break-in at the Yetts which had been reported to the Police but which was not recorded in the report and suggested that this should have been mentioned. **ACTION: MRW**

## **6. Muckhart Community Plan: Update**

### **A: Development Trust Working Group Update**

PT noted that the report being prepared by Alison MacDonald, outlining the pros and cons of the various types of trust, had yet to be received. A Working Group meeting will be arranged on receipt of the report and a recommendation on how best to proceed will be presented to MCC, possibly, at an agreed Special Meeting. **ACTION: PT**

### **B: Review of Action Plans**

A few updates to specific items in the MCP were reported:

#### ***Image of the Village, I1 Lead PW***

MP reported that some progress had been made with the drawing of the proposed development at the Church.

In PW's absence, MRW reported that the leaflet, asking for volunteers to support an entry into the Beautiful Scotland competition, will be printed by the Council. A source of potential funding for the competition has been forwarded to PW. **ACTION: PW / MRW**

#### ***Infrastructure: I-1/2, Lead MRW***

MRW reported that a Working Group (WG) meeting had taken place on 14<sup>th</sup> January to discuss progress with Drumburn Road and path improvements; progress with new paths; and the agreed proposed new road safety measures. A replacement for Carlyn Fraser has yet to be appointed, consequently, the WG agreed to request a meeting with Alan Murray, Head of Roads at the Council. **ACTION: MRW**

**Drumburn Road:** MRW reported that proposals put forward by the Council had been approved by Muckhart Golf Club (MGC). “No Through Road” and “No Unauthorised Vehicles” signage has now been installed at both ends of the road and bollards are on order by the Council (keys will be issued to the landowner and MGC). Discussions on how to improve the road surface will now take place, however, this work will have to be undertaken without Council funding.

***Business Development: B-1 Lead MRW; B-2 Lead JB***

MRW reported that during a WG meeting, on 17<sup>th</sup> January, he had been advised that the broadband issues, previously being experienced by Muckhart Golf Club (MGC), had now been resolved. Consequently, MGC stated that there was no requirement to follow-up with potential broadband / mobile technology pilots, however, it remains keen to stay engaged with the WG should future developments benefit the wider community.

***Active Community: A-1 & A-2 Lead JB; A-3 Lead JA***

JB reported a form to be used by local volunteers and businesses to register the services was now available on the MCC web-site. The site continues to be updated.

***Public Services: P-1 Lead PL***

PL reported that the next meeting of the Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association (CCTA) had been postponed, as the Group awaited a decision on Council funding for bus services. The next CCTA is now scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. PL to attend. **ACTION: PL**

## **7. Planning Sub-Group**

- **H49**

SD reported that, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, he and MRW had met with representatives of Springfield Properties Plc (Neil Martin (NM), Land and Planning Manager and Mark Hamilton (MH), Architectural Director). The information gathered at that meeting had since been summarised and circulated to members, by email, on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. SD and MRW discussed a list of relevant Council LDP and MCC policies during the meeting and had been advised about the proposed community consultation process. An outline timescale for the proposed development had also been presented.

Springfield will be holding a formal Pre-Application Consultation drop-in event in Muckhart, on 6<sup>th</sup> March, between 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Springfield’s proposals will be presented at this event. Springfield is preparing leaflets for the event and will distribute them in the Pool.

Springfield offered to present its outline proposals to members and an MCC Special Meeting has been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> February, at the Coronation Hall, at 7:30pm, during which Springfield will make a presentation and answer questions.

It was noted that Springfield has also been in contact with the Amenity Society.

For the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February, it was decided to prepare an agenda and advise the wider community that this meeting was taking place. It was also decided to inform our Councillors, and other elected representatives, and that minutes be taken at the meeting. Members volunteered to deliver meeting leaflets, across the Muckhart area, and notices would be displayed on the MCC notice board, web-site and Facebook page.

**ACTION: JA / MRW / SD**

For the Springfield event, on 6<sup>th</sup> March, it was agreed that the CC should capture feedback from the community at the event, either by issuing a feedback sheet and/or by conducting an 'exit poll'. Volunteers would be required for this to be undertaken. It also needs to be determined whether MCC should arrange a follow-up open meeting, to be held soon after the drop-in event, to capture the views of the community.

It was agreed that Springfield should be invited to attend the next MCC meeting, on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

- **Upper Hillfoots Road and Japanese Garden Access**

SD reported that further to the meeting MCC had held with Cowden area residents, MRW had sent an email to Grant Baxter, at the Council's Planning Department, outlining resident concerns regarding the new passing places. It had also been requested that a Metrocount system be deployed before, and after, the opening of the Gardens to measure traffic volumes and speeds.

**ACTION: SD**

- It was noted that an invite to participate in a Spatial Planning consultation had been received. SD to determine whether MCC should respond. **ACTION: SD**

## **8. Publicity: Update**

MRW for PW noted there was nothing to report.

## **9. Muckhart Primary School: Update**

VW reported that school show will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The school is still looking for people to volunteer to read with the children, on a Tuesday morning, from 10am to 11am.

## **10. Budget Consultation - Update**

MRW reported that a sub-group of MCC members had met on 15<sup>th</sup> January which prepared and agreed a response to the Council's budget consultation. MCC commented on the proposed cuts to services which would impact our community and the proposal to cease funding Community Councils (CCs). MCC expressed concerns about the likely negative impact that cuts would have on children's educational attainment and future job prospects, resulting from the proposal to reduce school hours, etc.; the negative impact on the health and well-being, of both the young and older members of the wider community, should funding cease for the only Council supported swimming pool within Clacks; and the likely negative knock-on effects to communities and the environment should the Council cease to supply food waste bags.

Re the proposal to cease all funding to CCs, MRW reported that he had also contacted all of our local elected representatives, as well as the Scottish Community Council Association. To date, supportive feedback has been received from Keith Brown, MSP, and Luke Graham, MP, regarding this issue. MCC has also been advised that both Labour and SNP Councillors will be talking to their peers on this subject, in support of MCC's position. MRW has also contacted Ewart McAuslane (EM), JCCF Chair, to request a single submission on behalf of all the local CCs. MRW has arranged to meet EM and Luke Graham, MP on 26<sup>th</sup> January to discuss these cuts, in more detail.

MCC members and the community, as a whole, were encouraged to send in individual responses to the consultation, before the close date of 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Cllr Mason noted that the date of the meeting to set the Council budget was not yet fixed, as there was currently a Council by-election due and the Scottish government has yet to agree a budget. He also noted the meeting must be held in time to determine new Council Tax levels.

### **11. Treasurer's Report**

DC presented the Treasurer's Report, for the period to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. The balance of the account stood unchanged at £1987.17. The Report was accepted by members.

### **12. Correspondence**

MRW had circulated a list of correspondence received, in a summary format. One item was noted and discussed, namely:

- Clackmannanshire Access Forum – AGM: MRW and SD agreed to attend the AGM to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February. **ACTION: MRW / SD**

### **13. JCCF**

DC will attend the next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**ACTION: DC**

MCC Officers will meet on 11<sup>th</sup> February to discuss and agree customisation of the MCC Standing Orders. The MCC Constitution and Code of Conduct have been completed.

**ACTION: Officers**

### **14. AOCB**

- Cllr Mason reported briefly on the County Council's budget drop in meetings and noted that one was to take place on the next day at Alloa Town Hall.

### **15. Date of Next Meetings**

There will be an MCC Special Meeting with Springfield Properties, the developers of site H49, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7:30pm, in the Coronation Hall.

The next regular MCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7:30pm, in the Coronation Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.