

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held in the Coronation Hall, on Wednesday 5th September 2018, at 8:45pm

Present:	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)	
	Marlene White (MW)	
	Peter Wyatt (PW)	
	Val Whyte (VW)	
	Councillor Bill Mason	

Status: **Approved**

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Kathleen Martin and Graham Lindsay. Apologies were also received from MCC members Stuart Dean (SD) and Matthew Pease (MP).

2. Minutes of Meeting on 6th September 2017

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without amendment, proposed by VW, seconded by JB.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report – by John Anderson

JA reported on the year, outlining the various achievements of the last twelve months, noting that MCC was serving the community well and that much progress had been made with the Muckhart Community Plan. JA went on to highlight specific areas of progress which is outlined in the Chair's Report for 2018, appended to these Minutes.

JA ended by thanking all members of MCC and the community who had worked on the various action items in the Community Plan. In particular, he thanked Alison MacDonald for agreeing to work on the Action Plan for Sustainability; Mike Wilson for “keeping the wheels on” MCC, over the year, as Secretary; and Danny Conroy for his diligence as Treasurer. Lastly, he thanked our local Councillors for all of their support over the last twelve months.

5. Treasurer’s Report

The audited MCC Accounts, for the year up to 31st March 2018, were presented to members. These showed a balance brought forward, plus income during the year, at £2993.32. During the year, there had been expenditure of £1575.75, leaving a balance carried forward of £1417.57 (which includes a few cheques still to be cashed). The Accounts were accepted with no comments. Ken Bibby was thanked for auditing the Accounts.

6. Election of Office Bearers and Convenors

JA confirmed with the current Office Bearers and Convenors that they were willing to stand again for their respective posts. Additional nominations were requested for each post, but as none were forthcoming, all were re-elected, unopposed. The nominations proceeded as follows:

Chairman:	John Anderson	Proposed by MW, seconded by MRW
Vice-Chairman:	Patrick Thompson	Proposed by PL, seconded by DC
Treasurer:	Danny Conroy	Proposed by MW, seconded by JB
Secretary:	Mike Wilson	Proposed by MW, seconded by JB

Minute Secretary:	Philip Lord	Proposed by MRW, seconded by DC
Planning Convenor:	Stuart Dean	Proposed by PW, seconded by MW
JCCF Representative:	Danny Conroy	Proposed by MW, seconded by JB
Publicity Convenor:	Peter Wyatt	Proposed by MRW, seconded by MW
Web-site Convenor:	Jonathan Bacon	Proposed by MW, seconded by MRW

Additionally, MW agreed to continue to manage the MCC Facebook page (Proposed by JB, seconded by MRW).

7. MCC Meeting Dates for 2018-19

The following dates were proposed and accepted:

- Wednesday 30th January 2019
- Wednesday 27th March 2019
- Wednesday 29th May 2019
- Wednesday 4th September 2019 (*Note: Meeting to be followed by the AGM*)
- Wednesday 30th October 2019
- Wednesday 4th December 2019

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

8. AOCB

MRW proposed a vote of thanks for John Anderson for his work as Chair for MCC over the last year, which was passed by acclaim.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

(The Chairman's Report 2018 is appended below, for information)

Muckhart Community Council

AGM on 5 September 2018

Chair's Report 2017-18

It is my privilege to give the Chair's report for the community council for the last 12 months.

1. Community Plan

Probably the most significant event in the last 12 months for Muckhart Community Council was the launch of the Muckhart Community Plan in September 2017 and this by and large is prioritising our thinking and our actions.

The aim of the community plan was to identify, promote and deliver the community's priorities throughout the following 5 years.

A Report detailing the progress we have made in the plan is now available this evening and an electronic copy will be available on the web site shortly.

Therefore I am not going to go through the progress report in detail this evening; I would just ask you to have a look at it. If you read the report I am sure you will agree that the Community plan is working for our community.

You will see significant progress has been made throughout the last 12 months towards delivering the agreed objectives, (of which there are 19, (and each of those is covered by an individual action plan led by a member of the community council). This evening I will just highlight some of the salient points.

2. Scotland's Village in Bloom

Peter Wyatt has been working with members of Amenity Society to move this initiative forward.

Key to a making a successful application will be active volunteers to assist and move the initiatives forward; therefore first priority is to generate interest and commitment from within the community.

A flyer will be sent out soon raising awareness and hopefully generating interest in improving the attractiveness of our village.

If you would like to support the initiative to improve the attractiveness of the village, (or know of anyone who would) then get involved - please contact Peter or the community council via the website; www.muckhart.org.uk/contact/

3. Community Development Fund/Trust (H2)

The background to this objective is to put in place a development fund where funds obtained for the benefit of the community (perhaps from planning gain), can be effectively managed on behalf of the community. We need a vehicle to do this. (MCC cannot manage funds on behalf of the community).

However we are also taking the opportunity of investigating the options and potential benefits of a "Development Trust", many of those have already been set up in communities throughout Scotland.

The working group led by Patrick are working to the terms of reference set out by the community council and working very hard to produce a report on available options, possibly with recommendations, later this year for the Community Council to consider, and if we think there is merit in taking the initiative further we will then ask the community for their opinion.

A further meeting will be held with Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) is scheduled for 26th September and representatives of community organisations will be invited to attend.

It is just not clear at present what benefit a Development Trust will bring to a community like ours, so we will see what the report tells us and take it from there.

4. Development and Planning

We have a Development and Planning Group looking after the community's interests in planning and development matters led by Stuart dean who are kept very busy.

A recent issue which the Community Council have been actively responding to issues re the Japanese Garden specifically in connection to access which was granted along the back road to Dollar.

We fully support this magnificent initiative, but we do have concerns regarding the number of vehicles (which will include buses) travelling along a narrow, safe walking and cycling route (part of the long distance walk the Millennium Way). It does not seem to make sense, however we will be sticking with it to try and assist in resolving the problem *(NB Japanese garden is fantastic – well worth a visit)*

5. Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficiency (S2)

On Wednesday 19th September at 7pm our sustainability group have organised a public event here in the Coronation Hall, where partner organisations will be demonstrating electric cars and various forms of renewable initiatives, applicable to the domestic homes.

The Energy Savings Trust are managing the event and sending out Flyers to every home in the community.

Community Sustainability Event

*- This event is receiving strong support from partner agencies,
- it promises to be interesting and raise awareness for future energy
efficiently initiatives.*

-Please come along and find out more about the opportunities for a sustainable future!

To book your place for a Tesla test drive;

- Go to the Community council web site, www.muckhart.org.uk

- click on driving energy event and book your place to drive a Tesla electric car

6. Education

And a few thoughts about the Muckhart Primary School

The Community Plan recognises the valuable contribution which Muckhart Primary School makes within our local community, and it is clear that the school values the links and strong support from local community organisations and members of the community, who volunteer to provide assistance every day in our school.

So well done to all those who provide that vital support for the school.

The Head Teacher and the Parent Council have given the community plan their full support. (Of course they also contributed to it!)

The Parent Council are pro-actively leading on all those issues covered within the Community Plan and MCC will fully support them in their actions.

Unfortunately the school pupil numbers have fallen this year and as a result from September the teaching staff will be reduced to 2 teachers (from 3).

Both the *Parent Council and the Community Council intervened* but regrettably we were unable to persuade the local authority to reverse the decision.

However we do recognise the tight financial constraints the local authority is operating in, but we will do everything we can to support the school.

7. MCC Web site

Have you looked at the MCC web site?

Excellent progress has been made in developing the Community Council Web site into a community web platform,

The Web Platform now includes;

- Links to other organisations
- Web pages for community organisations
- A community diary for local events
- The welcome pack for those new to the village
- *Latest community news and events*
- List of Latest road closures or roadworks
- A Yellow Pages" section for businesses to promote their trade or services

Please view the updated web site by the following link www.Muckhart.org.uk

Yellow pages are a Skills Register template for local trades persons, professionals, and organisations to be established on the Community Council web platform,

Those who wish to register, should log on to the web site in the "Yellow Pages" section and complete the appropriate template. Please pass this information to any businesses in the community

There is a direct link for registering it is in the 2018 Progress Report

8 Infrastructure

Infrastructure group have developed a strategy for improving road safety within our community and also a strategy to improve & develop foot and cycle paths for all
Read about it in the 2018 Community Plan Progress Report

9 Acknowledgements

It is clear that Muckhart Community Council has had a very busy and successful year. Involving a lot of hard work

Great progress has been made towards delivering the Muckhart Community Plan throughout the last 12 months, and thanks to the leaders of each of the actions plans for their commitment and diligence in moving forward the various initiatives.

In particular we would also like to thank all organisations and the many members of the community who have become involved in moving the Muckhart Community Plan forward, without their support very little progress could have been made.

This coming year Alison Macdonald is taking over the sustainability actions on biodiversity database and raising awareness, and I thank Alison for taking this work on.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the office bearers in the community council for their hard work over the year

Vice chairman;	Patrick Thomson
Secretary;	Mike Wilson,
Treasurer;	Danny Conroy
Planning Convener;	Stuart Dean

and those very Important convener positions

Web site convener: Jonathan Bacon (and also Marlene Whyte who looks after Facebook)

Publicity convener: Peter Wyatt

Minute secretary: Philip Lord

*Also want to thank our councillors for their support throughout the year
Bill Mason. Graham Lindsay Kathleen Martin*

And thanks to Lesley Baillie of Clackmannanshire council

Also record our thanks to Marilyn Smith – our Community link with the health service

Thanks to you, the members of the MCC for all your deliberations consideration and input

Thanks to members of the community for your valuable contributions at our MCC meeting

10. **Now our expectations for the future?**

Those are detailed in the Muckhart Plan!