

Muckhart Community Plan: Update – 4th December 2019

Infrastructure: I-1/2 Lead MRW

MRW reported that he had been in contact with the Council, on several occasions, regarding the proposed audit of the zebra crossing, to the west of the village, but had yet to receive any definite information on progress made.

Further to notes and emails from the school Parent Council (PC), following the previous MCC meeting, MRW noted that, on behalf of the PC, he had also contacted the Council regarding the use of “Pop-up Policemen”, as a ‘quick fix’ traffic management measure, asking if the Council would be prepared to fund and/or supply them.

Prior to a follow-up meeting with PC members, arranged for 6th December, MRW asked members that should the Council not agree to funding, would they be prepared to co-fund the supply of Pop-up figures, together with the PC, in support of this initiative. He noted that the cost was £225+VAT, per figure, direct from the manufacturer. After some discussion, members agreed to split the funding of one Pop-up figure, with the PC, and, subsequently, to determine if its deployment positively affected traffic speeds.

JJ asked that his view be put on record, regarding the stupidity of having to resort to such measures due to the underfunding of public services which has resulted in insufficient numbers of real police being available to control traffic speeds.

MRW also noted a meeting was arranged, on 6th December, with a resident to discuss the location of deer warning signs along Golf Course Road.

Image of Village: I-1 Lead PW

PW noted that he had now sent a second application for funding to upgrade the school path.

Sustainability: S-1 Lead PL

PL noted that he had made contact with the greenkeepers organisation regarding the control of Himalayan Balsam. PW remarked that there some biological controls appeared to be available now.

7b Muckhart Housing Development Policy

A final draft of the Housing Development Policy had been circulated for review by members. JJ noted that he wished to suggest a slight re-wording of the policy section on Sustainability and would forward his suggestions to SD.

The Policy document was approved unanimously, subject to the proposed amendments being accepted. SD will distribute the final copy to MCC members when it is complete.

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6a Development Trust Working Group: Final Report and Recommendations

JA presented the findings of the Development Trust Working Group (distributed previously to members), noting that there were four options on how to proceed establishing a development trust, some of which permitted membership of the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) and some of which would have the ability to apply for charitable status. The recommendation from the Working Group is: first, to identify a potential project, where planning is sufficiently advanced, which would require substantial external funding and which would be suitable for being managed by a development trust; subsequently, to set up a Company limited by guarantee (CLG), to apply for, and manage, funding, as well as the project itself; and, finally, to apply for provisional membership of DTAS, as appropriate, moving forward.

JA thanked all the members of the Group that had worked to produce the Report.

The recommendation was discussed briefly, JJ noting that when selecting a suitable project, care would need to be taken not to tread on the toes of other community organisations.

Members gave their support to the recommendations contained within the Report, proposed by JB, seconded by DC.

6b Housing Development Working Group: Draft Proposals for future policy

SD gave an overview of the background to revising the Housing Development policies for the Muckhart Community Plan and drew attention to the Draft Proposals (distributed previously to members). He noted that the draft did not need to be finalised at this meeting and that further comments from members are still welcome.

As the Council's Main Issues Report (MIR), for the next Local Development Plan (LDP), is due for release in January, this leaves time for the document to be formally reviewed and approved, at the next MCC meeting, in December.

6c Promoting the MCC Website

JA noted that thanks to JB and MW we now have a good web site and online resources but that they needed to be promoted further. He proposed a Sub-group be established to do this and this was agreed. JB, MW, MRW and JA agreed to be members.

Infrastructure: I-1/2 Lead MRW

MRW reported that he and JB, representing the Working Group, had met with Council Road Officers to further discuss MCC proposals relating to path improvement and development and to improved road safety and traffic management measures, including the outstanding works on the village gateway that have yet to be completed. Alan Murray confirmed that a temporary Officer had been put in place to replace Carlyn Fraser and agreed that the Council would

progress these works.

The improvement and development of new footpaths discussed included: paths to Dollar and Perth and Kinross; the path along the A91, from the school / Upper Hillfoots Road junction towards Muckhart; and a new path from the end of Naemoor / Caplaw road, along the A823, to the bus stop at Yetts. The introduction of new safe pedestrian crossings at the east of Muckhart and at the Yetts junction were also discussed together with the proposals put forward by Roads to improve traffic management relating to the H49 application. Resident concerns were raised and discussed regarding speeding traffic approaching Yetts from Rumbling Bridge; worn road markings at the Yetts junction; and the introduction of deer warning signs along Golf Course Road, together with measures to address these concerns. The Council agreed to look further into all of the proposals and issues raised.

JJ commented that there is a need for a low-level cycling path between Muckhart and Dollar, rather than the Upper Hillfoots Road which is physically demanding. The question was raised whether there could be a route to the village via Muckhart Mill and Rumbling Bridge.

PL noted that there was some work being conducted at the CTSi to establish an Active Travel hub in Alloa.

Image of Village: I-1 Lead PW

PW noted that he now had a number of contacts that may be able to help fund the nature trail.

Sustainability: S-1 Lead PL

PL reported that he had attended the inaugural meeting of the Kinross-shire Community Transport Group, hosted by Perth & Kinross Councillor Barnacle. The attendance by only seven people was a little disappointing but he will continue to follow on this initiative. Interestingly the issues raised were much the same as those in Clackmannanshire. There had also been a meeting of the Clacks Community Transport Association which had mainly discussed the proposed Active Travel hub in Alloa. Another meeting is expected to be arranged before the end of the year. From these meetings, it emerged that there is now only one company offering DRT services out of Kinross.

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JA thanked all of the Community Plan Leaders for their various updates to the Muckhart Community Plan which had now been updated and copies circulated. The 2019 Annual Progress Report has also been produced and is available to the community and can be accessed via the following link: http://176.32.230.19/muckhart.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MCP-Annual-Progress-Report_2019.pdf

Sustainability: S-2 Lead JJ

JJ noted that he had been in contact with Kevin McKeown, the Home Energy Officer at the Council, regarding energy saving initiatives and to agree a meeting to be held in Muckhart on September 18th (6:30pm to 8:30pm) to cover this subject. He had also been in contact with the Fire Services who would like to demonstrate, to the community, the use a defibrillator and to discuss fire safety issues. These two events could possibly be combined. JJ would confirm the meeting, by Friday of this week. In response to a query, he noted that the free energy saving assessments, provided via the Council, were advisory and did not have any legal force but that there were many, commercially available, assessments which did have legal force.

Sustainability: P1 Lead PL

PL noted that the CCTA was still active and that a further meeting had been arranged for 27th September which he planned to attend. He noted that the timing of this meeting may be quite fortunate, as he was aware of an initiative from Perth and Kinross Councillor Barnacle to establish a Kinross Community Transport Association. He would follow up on this and determine if the two initiatives could be connected.

Muckhart Community Plan: Update – 29th May 2019

A: Community Trust Report

PT noted that the latest Working Group meeting had been held just a few days earlier and the final Report was, therefore, not yet complete. He will report back at the Annual MCP Review meeting.

B: Muckhart Community Plan: Update

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

Image of the Village, I-1 Lead PW

PW gave an update on the application for £2,500 funding from the Calor Rural Community Fund to turn the path to the primary school into a nature trail. More votes are needed to be successful. Members and the community are urged to cast their votes via the Calor web-site (details of which had been previously issued, by MRW, to members and the community mailing lists via email).

JA reported that plans to improve the area around the Church Glebe has been progressed by MP who has prepared an outline design for discussion and consideration, which will be discussed by the Church Kirk Session at their next meeting.

It is envisaged that a consultation working group, made up of interested persons and neighbours, will be set up in the autumn to consider the best arrangement and, once agreed, the proposal will come to MCC for agreement.

Permission has been sought from the General Trustees (who own the land) to progress with the initiative. The following members of the community Council volunteered to be part of the consultation group: John Anderson, Peter Wyatt and Danny Conroy

JJ noted that EPIC may be able to help with this project.

Infrastructure: I-1/2, Lead MRW

Drumburn Road: MRW provided more detail on the plan to remove felled trees by the Golf Club which will be removed from MGC land without disturbance to the path. As a result, Mr. Tim Allan, the owner of Drumburn Road, had confirmed that he would arrange for the path to be cleared and improved using Type 1 path construction material. JA, with the support of all of the members, expressed his appreciation and thanks to Tim, on behalf of the whole community.

MRW, together with JB, met with the Council's Head of Roads, Alan Murray (AM), on 4th April, on behalf of the Working Group. Together, they reviewed the results and outcome of the community survey; the Muckhart Community Plan and its Aims and Objectives; the proposals, agreed at the last Annual MCP Review, to improve road safety and to improve and develop the path infrastructure, across the wider Muckhart area; and issues relating to the development of site H49.

The MCP proposals were discussed, in some detail, and AM agreed to investigate those elements which he believed the Council might be able to support. A follow-up meeting will be arranged with the Council.

Re site H49, AM agreed that the Council would be prepared to discuss any proposals or issues raised by MCC, regarding site access, traffic management, parking, etc., relating to the proposed housing development at site H49, following the submission of a Planning Application by Springfield Properties.

An update meeting will be arranged with the Working Group to discuss the above, in detail, and to prepare for the Annual MCP Review meeting.

Sustainability: S-2 Lead JJ

JJ drew attention to the Government's recent declaration of a climate emergency, noting that the Climate Change Committee had stated that unless action was taken the UK would not reach the target of zero net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050. He also noted the commitment to prohibit burning fossil fuel in new homes by 2025. The latter may conceivably affect the proposed Springfield development and any similar proposals which may arise. JJ asked members how MCC might help our community to meet climate change obligations, e.g. by encouraging the uptake of home energy efficiency surveys.

JJ also noted that an Officer with environmental responsibilities had been appointed by the Council. Discussions are currently underway to arrange a community event to showcase the services available under the Home Energy Efficiency programme, to be arranged on either a Wednesday evening or on a Saturday. It was decided that JJ would prepare a proposal and, subsequently, email members with the details. A Wednesday evening, after the summer break, was preferred but this would be confirmed in the light of possibly using this event to hold other presentations, e.g. a Fire Service / British Heart Foundation session on resuscitation, together with advice on fire safety or home fire safety visits.

JJ went on to suggest other actions could be undertaken, e.g. encouraging the installation of a community wind turbine or a solar panel array. He noted that the Climate Change Report suggested the planting of some 1 billion trees in the UK and that perhaps MCC should talk to the Woodland Trust.

Muckhart Community Plan: Update – 20th March 2019

A: Development Trust Working Group Update

PT noted that a meeting would be arranged to take this further.

B: Review of Action Plans

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

Image of the Village, I-1 Lead PW

PW reported that 16 potential volunteers had responded to the request for help in entering Scotland's Village in Bloom competition. A meeting was planned to discuss the way forwards.

MRW reported that a consultation on the management of the Glendevon Woodlands had been identified and that he had made a submission on behalf of MCC. He thanked JA and VW for their contribution to the response.

Infrastructure: I-1/2, Lead MRW

Drumburn Road: MRW reported that, with the agreement of the landowner, the Council had now installed the bollards, together with all of the agreed signage. Arrangements are to be agreed to clear and improve the footpath.

MRW, on behalf of the Working Group, has agreed a date to meet with the Council's Head of Roads, Alan Murray, as a replacement for Carlyn Fraser, the previous Traffic and Road Safety Manager, has yet to be appointed. It was agreed that flashing, speed warning signs will be on the agenda.

Public Services: P-1 Lead PL

PL reported that there had been a meeting of the Clackmannanshire Community Transport

Association (CCTA) and progress had been made in redefining its role. These discussions will continue at the next meeting. Meanwhile, there appears to be a proposal from Cllr Barnacle, from P&KC, to establish a Kinross Community Transport Association, with a scheme to establish a figure of eight route taking in Muckhart and Dollar. This is to be followed up.

Sustainability & Environment: S-1/3 Lead PL

A Working Group has now been established to collect information regarding the living environment, as it relates to H49 development, which it will feed into the Planning Sub-Group. This work will continue and feed into fulfilling the Objectives set out in the MCP.

JJ confirmed that he was working with the Council and Home Energy Scotland to arrange a community event, targeted for April or May.

Muckhart Community Plan: Update – 30th January 2019

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.

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.

Infrastructure: I-1/2, Lead MRW

MRW reported that a Working Group (WG) meeting had taken place on 14th 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.

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 17th 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 19th. PL to attend.