

# MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held in the Coronation Hall, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 8:50pm

<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)	
	Jon Jordan (JJ)	
	Matthew Pease (MP)	
	Marlene White (MW)	
	Val Whyte (VW)	
	Peter Wyatt (PW)	

**Status:**        **Approved**

### **1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Introductions**

JA welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Kathleen Martin, Bill Mason and Graham Lindsay; Moira Benny (for Luke Graham, MP); and Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without amendment, proposed by PT, seconded by JB.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

JA presented his report for the year, outlining the Council's achievements over 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 are outlined in the Chair's Report for 2018 - 19 (this is appended below, for information).

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 Mike Wilson for all of his dedication to the MCC, over the year, as Secretary; likewise, he thanked all of the Officers and Convenors for their hard work over the last year.

Lastly, he thanked our local Councillors, Lesley Baillie, from Clackmannanshire Council, and our auditor, Alastair Cowen, for all their support over the last twelve months.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The audited MCC Accounts, for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, were presented to members. These showed the balance brought forward, from 2018, at £1417. During the year, there had been expenditure of £801, plus income during the year, leaving a balance carried forward of £1952 (which includes a few cheques still to be cashed).

The Accounts were accepted, proposed by JB and passed unanimously.

JA thanked Alastair Cowan for auditing the accounts.

## 6. Election of Office Bearers and Convenors

JA confirmed with the current Officers 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:

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

It was noted that during the forthcoming year, MCC would need to consider succession planning for Officers and Convenors, with new member recruitment to start in spring 2020, in time for the next election.

## **7. MCC Meeting Dates for 2020**

The following dates were proposed by MRW and accepted:

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 (*Note: Meeting to be followed by the AGM*)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

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

MRW will book the Coronation Hall and inform members if any amendments to the list of proposed dates are needed.

## **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 9.15pm

**(The Chairman's Report 2018 - 19 is appended below, for information)**

## Chair's Report 2018 - 19

It is my privilege to give the Chair's report for Muckhart Community Council for the last 12 months,

### **1. Responding to planning Applications**

One of the main functions of the community council is to respond to Planning Applications.

This past year the community council has responded to 15 x Planning applications submitted to Clackmannanshire Council from the Muckhart Community Council area Those were scrutinised by our planning sub group led by Stuart.

However this year the community council has been dealing with the largest planning application ever to come in our direction, that is the housing development behind the bowling green south of the A91 (known as h49 where;

- we actively engaged with our community, we listened to our community
- we hosted the pre application notification meeting in April
- we responded on behalf of the community last month, (as did 47 members of the community)

**Thank you to Stuart and the planning sub group for all the work involved in putting our response together, a lot of work carried out with diligence, expertise and care  
Thanks also to the community for making your views known**

### **2. Community plan**

We are also kept busy with The Muckhart Community Plan which we launched 2 years ago

- it effectively provides us with direction
- prioritising our thinking and our actions.
- We are also actively supported by members of the community for which we are very grateful

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.

### **3. Image of the village - Scotland in Bloom**

Peter Wyatt has been leading a community working group to eventually progress to a village entry to Scotland in Bloom

A significant number of the community have already indicated their support and the immediate priority is to move forward with two following two initiatives to stimulate and generate active interest within the village

- A Keep village tidy day to improve the appearance of the village
- Nature Trail on the school path, and the priority is to obtain appropriate funding, to kick start this initiative.

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/](http://www.muckhart.org.uk/contact/)

### **Image of the village – attractive visitor area in vicinity to the church**

Matthew Pease (Architect) is presently drawing up some ideas for consideration

To move forward and to assess the viability of this project

- a Working Group will be formed of interested persons from within the community
- permission from the land owners (The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland) will be sought

### **3. Community Development Fund/Trust (H2)**

Our thanks go to the working group, which included several members of the community who brought significant experience into the discussion,

they have now completed their deliberations on what they consider to be the most suitable arrangement for our community

A discussion paper with conclusions and a recommendation for the way forward is being finalised and will be presented to the Muckhart Community Council in the autumn for their consideration.

### **4. Development and planning**

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

This year the group have;

- submitted a response, to the consultation from the Scottish parliament, on planning legislation in connection with development planning and management.

- Drawing up policies for dealing with planning applications, the draft is now ready to be presented to MCC in autumn for their consideration

## 5. Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficiency (S2)

Last autumn our sustainability group organised a successful public event through the Energy Savings Trust here in the Coronation Hall, where Tesla demonstrated electric cars and various forms of renewable initiatives, applicable to the domestic homes.

A further community event is taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> September to promote home energy household initiatives (along with Fire safety)

*A date for your diary:*

**Community Sustainability Event  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm**

*This event is receiving strong support from organisations and partner agencies and 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!*

*For further information go to the Muckhart Community Council web site:*

[www.muckhart.org.uk](http://www.muckhart.org.uk)

## 6. Education

And a few thoughts about the Muckhart Primary School

We all 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 Parent Council are pro-actively leading on all those issues covered within the Muckhart Community Plan, and through Val Whyte the MCC will fully support them in their actions,

For example this includes working closely with the MCC Infrastructure Working Group to develop and maintain Safer Routes to School,

This year The “Walk to school group” now involves a panel of school children, organising activities associated with ‘wellness’, for example “Cycle to school”.

Muckhart Primary School are leading on an outdoor learning initiative, and plans are now coming together for an outdoor learning nursery , possibly for 2020

## 7. **MCC Web site**

Thanks to Jonathan Excellent progress continues to be made in developing the Community Council Web platform which now includes;

- A Yellow Pages” section for businesses to promote their trade or services
- 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 road works

This is a great asset for the community however it is not being used as much as we would hope for, a lot of work by Jonathan has gone into this and we need to raise awareness of it and promote it we need to get businesses to register in the yellow pages section

Please view the updated web site by the following link [www.Muckhart.org.uk](http://www.Muckhart.org.uk)

## 8 **Infrastructure**

The Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) comprising of community council members and other interested persons from the community have been busy over the last 12 months driving and making progress on the following initiatives;

### **Community Safety/Road Safety**

The Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) has made significant progress in developing a set of Road Safety improvement plans which they are progressing with the local authority and other agencies.

### **New and Improved Footpaths & Cycle paths**

Significant progress has also been made in developing plans for new and improved foot and cycle paths and integrating these with the existing local and Clacks-wide path network.

### **Drumburn Road (Drumburn Farm to the Golf Club)**

For example Drumburn road track after significant discussion with the various stakeholders, and with the agreement of the landowner the Council installed bollards and either end of the track, complete with all of the necessary agreed signage,

Mr Tim Allan, the owner of Drumburn Road path, has confirmed that he would arrange for the path to be cleared and improved using Type 1 path construction material. This will improve the condition of the track and enable walkers and golfers to walk with ease between Drumburn farm and the Golf Club

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Tim Allan, for their support and commitment to those improvements

### **Electric vehicle charging infrastructure**

After Contact with the Council's Transport Officer it has been agreed that the Council owned parking area, opposite the Coronation Hall, would be proposed as the preferred site for an initial charging point for the village with future consideration given to the proposed visitor area at the Church.

### **The infrastructure working group have been involved in a number of other initiatives**

- Improving the walking and cycling friendly route from the new Japanese Garden entrance on the Hillfoot back road to the A91
- Fossoway Bridge Encouraging Perth and Kinross council to do something about the number of accidents which has resulted illuminate a bend warning sign and a "Slow Down" message to drivers approaching the bridge
- **20MPH Bill:** A response to the Government consultation on the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill was prepared, agreed and submitted, on behalf of MCC.
- A response was prepared, for **Government survey on the value of local roads** on behalf of MCC.

## **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.

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*

*Our auditor, Alastair Cowan*

*and thanks to Lesley Baillie of Clackmannanshire council*

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!