

MUCKHART COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Muckhart Community Council, held via MS Teams, on Wednesday 2nd September 2020, at 8:45pm

Present:	John Anderson (JA)	Chair
	Mike Wilson (MRW)	Secretary
	Danny Conroy (DC)	Treasurer
	Philip Lord (PL)	Minute Secretary
	Jonathan Bacon (JB)	
	Stuart Dean (SD)	
	Jon Jordan (JJ)	
	Marlene White (MW)	
	Val Whyte (VW)	
	Peter Wyatt (PW)	

Councillor Graham Lindsay and Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser

Status: **Approved**

1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Introductions

JA welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Matthew Pease (MP) and Councillor Kathleen Martin.

2. Minutes of Meeting on September 4th 2019

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without amendment, proposed by PW, seconded by DC.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report – by John Anderson

JA presented his report for the year, outlining MCC's achievements over the last twelve months, noting that members were serving the community well, despite the difficulties imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic 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 2019-20 (this is appended below, for information).

Of particular note was the last six month's challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic

leading to the postponement of community council elections in August. MCC had risen to the challenge and JA thanked everyone for continuing in their roles until new elections could be held.

Also, of significance, was MCC's efforts in responding to the planning proposals for the H49 site and the long and intense efforts to challenge these. Thanks were due, in particular, to SD for leading on this.

JA thanked all members of MCC and the community who had continued to work on through the current crisis on the various action items in the Community Plan. In particular, he thanked MRW for all of his dedication to the MCC over the year both as Secretary and as IWG leader; 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, CPA and our auditor, Alastair Cowen, 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 2020, were presented to members. These showed the balance brought forward, from 2019, at £1,952. During the year, there had been expenditure of £1,166, plus income of £1,012, leaving a balance carried forward of £1,798. It was noted that the auditor had included only half of the expected refund for hire of the hall, the balance of which is still to be paid.

The Accounts were accepted, proposed by PL, seconded by MRW 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:

Chair:	John Anderson	Proposed by MRW, seconded by SD
Vice-Chair:	Patrick Thompson	Proposed by DC, seconded by JJ
Secretary:	Mike Wilson	Proposed by SD, seconded by PL
Treasurer:	Danny Conroy	Proposed by JJ, seconded by VW
Web-site Convenor:	Jonathan Bacon	Proposed by DC, seconded by VW
Facebook Convenor:	Marlene White	Proposed by JB, seconded by MRW
Publicity Convenor:	Peter Wyatt	Proposed by MRW, seconded by PL
Minute Secretary:	Philip Lord	Proposed by MRW, seconded by SD
Planning Convenor:	Stuart Dean	Proposed by JJ, seconded by DC
JCCF Representative:	Danny Conroy	Proposed by PL, seconded by VW

Regarding JCCF representation, DC noted that all members are welcome at JCCF meetings and that additional representation would be welcome. This will be added to future agendas for meetings.

Lesley Baillie noted that the MCC would need to consider succession planning for Officers and Convenors, together with new member recruitment, to start in time for the next elections, which are due now but which have been delayed because of the coronavirus outbreak.

7. MCC Meeting Dates for 2021

The following dates were proposed by MRW and accepted:

- Wednesday 27th January 2021
- Wednesday 24th March 2021
- Wednesday 26th May 2021
- Wednesday 8th September 2021 (*Note: Meeting to be followed by the AGM*)
- Wednesday 27th October 2021
- Wednesday 8th December 2021

All meetings will start at 7:30pm, via MS Teams, until further notice.

8. AOCB

Lesley Baillie asked if the MCC single-point-of-contact remained and this was confirmed as MRW. She noted, re item 6 above, that everyone was welcome at JCCF meetings and thanked everyone for all of their contributions during the year. These thanks were reciprocated by JA.

MRW proposed a vote of thanks, on behalf of members and all of our community, for JA for all of his work as Chair of MCC and for his work co-ordinating the Community Plan, over the last year, which was passed by acclaim.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

(The Chairman's Report 2019 - 20 is appended below, for information)

Muckhart Community Council

AGM on 4 September 2020

Chair's Report 2019-20

It is my privilege to give the Chair's Report for the Muckhart Community Council for the last 12 months, of which the last 6 months have been quite a challenge for us all as we try to cope with this new Covid-19 world, and each one of us, and our families will have different experiences in dealing with it.

An impact of Covid-19 for us as community councillors is that the elections for community councils has been postponed for up to a year, so the first thing I want to say this evening to you is Thank you!

Thank you for agreeing to stay on for up to a year as a Muckhart Community Councillor, that demonstrates incredible commitment to your community and it means that we can continue to function without any added difficulties of trying to find and co-opt new members in this difficult time.

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 several applications submitted to Clackmannanshire Council from the Muckhart Community Council area. Those have been scrutinised by our planning subgroup led by Stuart. However, over the last 2 years the community council has been dealing with the largest planning application ever to come in our direction, the H49 site.

This year a huge amount of effort and time has been in dealing with the developer's application for 50 homes, and raising our objections to that size of development. As we believe this is clearly contrary to the LDP and the wishes of this community which was to limit the number of homes to 35 homes. The site itself can hardly accommodate 50 homes unless they are crushed together, quite out of keeping with the existing village.

A big thank you to the councillors who supported our view at the council meeting in January, It is now in the hands of the Reporter.

Thank you to Stuart and Mike, all those involved in putting our response(s) together, a lot of work carried out with diligence, expertise and care.

Thanks also to the community for making their views known.

We await the decision of the reporter and see what happens.

If the Reporter upholds the appeal, we will be very disappointed, but we should not regret the time and effort put into this battle, it was the right thing to do, after all we invested an enormous amount of effort and time in contributing to the original MIR and LDP

2. Community Plan

We are also kept busy with The Muckhart Community Plan which we launched 3 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 and we approved it earlier this evening and an electronic copy will be available on the web site shortly.

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.

- Developed and agreed MCC policies for housing development
- New pavement on A91 to west of village
- Improvements to Drumburn road track to golf club and other paths
- Identified a way forward for a development trust if a suitable project arises
- Energy efficiency events appear to have had a positive impact in the Community
- Working positively with the school and parent council and some positive gains achieved
- Great developments in our Community web platform and Facebook
- Successful outcomes of a new bus service the X53 (to replace no 23)

3. Acknowledgements

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

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, who does an excellent and diligent job
Treasurer;	Danny Conroy, who always delivers the accounts on time!
Planning Convener;	Stuart Dean, who undertakes the planning task for the MCC with expertise and total commitment to that role

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

I also want to thank our Councillors for their support throughout the year:

Graham Lindsay, Kathleen Martin

And our MSP:

Keith Brown

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

4. Now our Expectations for the Future?

Those are detailed in the Muckhart Plan!

But one challenge for us is **succession planning**.

Current office bearers have been in post for 4 years, heading for 5, we need to think about new people taking on those roles where they can be mentored by the people who are currently in those positions, especially if some of the current office bearers do not stand for the community council in the next elections

If you would like to take on another position, please speak to me or another office bearer

John Anderson

Chair

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