

Spittalfield & District Community Council

Minutes of meetings at Caputh Hall 20th April 2011

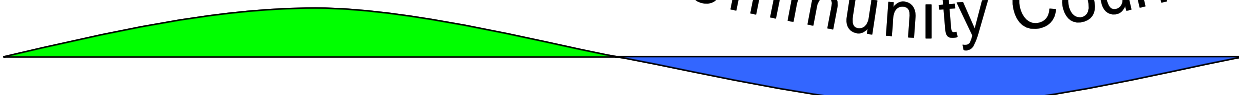
Annual General Meeting 7.00 pm

- Present: Hazel Robertson (Chair); Graham Reid; Jean Rae; Scott Tod; Chic Fleming; Roddy McInnes; Anton Edwards; 8 members of the public.
- Apologies were received from Alasdair Wylie & Barbara Vaughan.
- Minutes of the AGM of 28th April 2010 were agreed (proposed RMcl & seconded ST)
- Matters arising - none
- Scott Tod presented the annual accounts: £849.28 + £473.85 admin grant and back-grant + £0.85 interest. **AE** will ask Caputh Hall to invoice £25. The balance of £996.56 is available to be used for community benefit and ideas are welcomed.
- The accounts were adopted (proposed HR & seconded GR).
- Election of auditor – our auditors Campbell Dallas were thanked and adopted for the coming year.
- The chairwoman gave her annual report.
- There was no other business.

Meeting 7.30 pm

- Present and apologies: as above.
- Minutes of the meeting of 16-2-2011 were taken as read and adopted (prop. CF & second. RMcl)
- The matter of crows at Murthly was carried forward.
- Police report: no formal report was made but the police representative invited comments. The rather dangerous speed bump at Stanley was discussed and it was agreed that **AE** will write to Roads Department about it. The matter of the bright light on a bend on the A984 at Stenton was carried forward, pending Barbara Vaughan's report on her progress.
- A presentation on the proposed single wind generator for Stewart Farms was made by their agent.
- Area Reports: **Clunie**: a graveyard meeting with Fiona Fisher has agreed a further survey, with some work to be done by volunteers. **Meikleour**: the abandoned car has gone; a footpath and hedge need clearing and **CF** will draft a letter for **AE** to send to the roads department; road surfaces to Lethendy are bad and **HR** will phone the roads contact number regarding Lethendy and the A984. **Caputh**: the hedge at the east end of Manse Road has been cut, the signs have been restored at the west end; it is understood that grass areas in Bridge Road are being actively considered by PKC for tarmac; **Spittalfield**: nothing to report. **Murthly**: Ovidia Harmon has sent thanks for her flowers. At the proposed Murthly restaurant, according to the website record, a proper flooding survey was never done and SEPA was not consulted. Bird feeding is reported to be encouraging grey squirrels, which is not desirable: **AE** will circulate red squirrel literature to be received from Leslie Sibbald and **HR**. **AE** will write to the roads department about the beech hedge overhanging the pavement at the Kinclaven Road crossroads.
- Telephone kiosk adoption: recent BT correspondence has opened up a way for residents associations at Craigie and Spittalfield to adopt their boxes without direct involvement of the community council. It was agreed (proposed AE & seconded RMcl) that a grant be made to residents associations of £50 each so as to support the adoptions.
- Speed limit moves at Caputh: notwithstanding the latest summary of the timetable for this move from the roads department and Barbara Vaughan, strong public concern was expressed both at the unexpected delay and at the absence of councillors from the meeting to provide any more explanation. **AE** will write to councillors and the roads department, noting this publicly expressed frustration.
- It was generally regretted that no PKC councillors could attend these meetings and **AE** will ask them for a report on future occasions whenever they cannot attend.

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- The electronic distribution of minutes and factual information was discussed. Any member of the public who wishes to receive minutes and the occasional piece of factual information is asked to let the secretary know (at antonedwards@aol.com).
- Circulated and recent correspondence was summarized. **AE** will write to comment positively on roads department performance during the recent hard winter. As no members were able to attend the Tay Development Plan Briefing Events on May 16 Forfar and May 18 St Andrews it was agreed to nominate Lesley Sibbald and David Hayes to attend on our behalf.
- Any Other Business: several comments re-emphasized the dangers of the new speed hump at Stanley; it was reported that car occupants are being seriously jolted even when travelling at a legal speed; single-coupling tractor and trailer sets are at risk of disconnecting; there was concern that snow ploughing will be compromised; the expenditure of so much effort on such a thing when there are so many potholes and rough roads was criticized. **AE** will write to PKC pointing out the dangers of this structure. **AE** will let Gordon Seaton know that RMCl is willing to meet to discuss landownership around Clunie Loch.
- Date of next meeting: 15th June at Murthly