## Spittalfield & District Community Council

## **Public Meeting 11th April 2012 Caputh Hall**

- Present: Roddy McInnes (RMcI), Graham Juggins (GJ), Anton Edwards (AE), James McIntosh (JMcI), Jean Rae (JR), Sheena McPherson (MMcP), Barbara Vaughan (BV), Alasdair Wylie (AW) and 7 members of the public. There were no apologies
- Erin Scott, Waste Coordinator, made a presentation. The Government Zero Waste Plan contains regulations and sets new targets that have to be met by councils. Fines are not used for enforcement in Scotland. PKC has a good record and now recycles almost 50%. Erin outlined collection arrangements and the recycling processes. There is little income from this activity but the council has long term contracts to shield us from market variations. Waste costs 4p per lb (10p per kilo) or more when sent to landfill. At some time in future it will be illegal to put biodegradable waste to landfill. There will also be a move to a carbon metric for waste monitoring. Processing of Residual Waste is under review. Concern was expressed about fly tipping. The presentation was very warmly received and **AE** will write to thank Erin.
- Minutes of meeting of 22nd February 2012 were taken as read and were adopted (JMcI, GJ)
- Police report: PC Louise Turner (LT) reported: on farm theft; residents are asked to be suspicious of of white transit vans & also to watch for red transits. Parking at Glendelvine school will be discussed with the school; Although some A984 Blinkbonnie accidents on A984 are reported, not all appear on record and not all are reported by drivers although at least one local resident makes complaints about all incidents that he knows of. **LT** will liaise with Daryl McKeown at PKC about accident reporting and to consider improvement options including signage; Spittalfield speeding has also been a concern and will be included in this discussion.

PKC housing department, police and fire service would like to do an Environment Visual Audit in Caputh and LT will liaise with the secretary about the details

The matter of vandalism at Clunie Loch and litter at Clunie Church was raised and LT reported that surveillance would be increased. Residents are asked to note details and report any adverse activity.

- There were no public matters of concern and no matters arising from the minutes that not covered elsewhere.
- Councillors' reports: AW reported on the home insulation scheme progress.
- Area reports: The notice board from Caputh is not fit for purpose at Spittalfield; JMcI will look into a new one. AE will look into a new one for Caputh. At Meikleour low lying water and ponding may be reduced by new field drains installed by Meikleour Estates as part of their Small Industrial unit development; a mistake (non-existent post office) in the development plan has been pointed out; the Mercat Cross needs repair and GJ has written to Historic Scotland on our behalf. At Clunie and Caputh, graveyard improvements are proposed by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) in collaboration with PKC and SDCC. RMcI has contacted PKHT about the main affected stone.
- Web site: GJ has reviewed other CC activity and proposed a site to include history, some pictures, people and other information. The initial site would be free of charge except for the purchase of the domain name. It was agreed that this should be pursued by GJ.
- Correspondence was outlined.
- There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 21.00.

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Roads Contact: 01738 475 000 for road faults