

Spittalfield & District Community Council

SDCC Spittalfield Hall 20th February 2013: 7.00 pm

Present: Roddy McInnes, Grant Laing, Barbara Vaughan, Alf Megson, Graham Juggins, Anton Edwards, Police PC G Ogilvie, Jean Rae, Tayside Fire Service (William McDonald), and two members of the public. Apologies were received from James McIntosh, Sheena McPherson and Margaret Edwards).

- The secretary apologised for the late agenda.
- Minutes of meeting of 14th November 2012 were taken as read and adopted (GJ, AM).
- Tay Side Fire Service: there has been a local increase in chimney fires. Residents are encouraged to clear and clean and to keep a record of maintenance for insurance purposes. Substantial internal reorganisation of the fire service is in hand. Work on the SETAC coordinating group was described.
- Police report: local crime remains at low level. However, residents encouraged to pay attention to small local icy or hazardous road black spots. Diesel theft is on the rise; diesel should be locked (even the tank breather pipes, without blocking them). Residents should watch out for bogus workmen - if in

doubt, inform the police on **0300 111 2222**. Metal theft is rife. An effort is being made to catch speeding motorists in small local streets.

- No Public matters of concern were raised.
- Matters arising from minutes: Action on Clunie Loch vandalism was carried forward; a reply was received from the roads Department about unsafe A984 repairs; a visit from the Payback orders project officer was carried forwards. The BT hole has been repaired in Kinclaven Road in Murthly.
- Councillors' reports: GL has pursued poor A984 repairs west of Meikleour – they will be redone. BV reported that PKC has a 7-year capital programme that includes widening the Stewart Tower Road and bringing it up to standard in 2017. Bankfoot recycling skip will stay open.
- Area reports: Meikleour – road grit and filth need to be removed. Mercat Cross – it was proposed (RMcl, AE) and accepted that SDCC apply for a grant to Historic Scotland to survey the cross subject to landowner's approval. GJ will deal with the matter. There is no news on the beech hedge pruning.
- Caputh – various local road holes need reporting (action **AE**) and junctions need sweeping. A recent accident on the south side of the Victoria bridge involved a council vehicle. The graveyard improvement grant was approved but work has not yet been completed. A site meeting arranged by Suzanne Bowman at the A984 east end of the village has proposed non-skid surface and new road centre markings. Suzanne was thanked for her efforts. The A984 to the west is having major repairs. Recent powercuts owed to fallen trees despite regular statutory inspection of the cable routes.
- Clunie – potholes recur near Forneth House because of field runoff and have been patched. Speeding is still a problem. The new bottle bank is popular.

- Everyone is encouraged to report road faults on the usual number: **01738 475 000**
- Correspondence was summarized as below.
- A public exhibition will be held soon to show Luncarty – Birnam A9 improvements
- Any Other Business: it was reiterated that all reasonable expenses for SDCC meetings should be claimed if desired.

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Meikleour & Vice Chair:	Graham Juggins
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Correspondence Summary (Most of this has been circulated to members as it arrived)

- AGM Financial guidance (accounts to be closed March 31st for audit and AGM approval)
- Climate Change Fund Grants (circulated)
- Communities Consultation summary report and invitation to attend meeting
- CPKCC minutes
- Historic Churchyard evaluation questionnaire
- Call for Scottish Civic Trust My Place nomination
- Holyrood party nomination
- Litter bins installed at Caputh and Murthly
- Wind power at Forneth/Laighwood. No specific proposals are yet ready from Airtricity.
- Historic Scotland (to Graham Juggins) – survey and advice has been sought.
- Acknowledgement of road repair/deep holes letter from PKC.
- Report of another accident at east end of Caputh A984 – our support given to site meeting request.
- Acknowledgement of donations made to RasaC
- Note received of Local Fire and Police Plans

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