

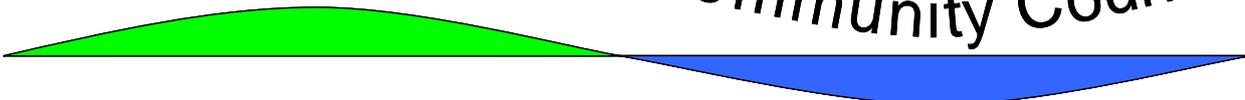
# Spittalfield & District Community Council

## Draft Minutes: Spittalfield Hall Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

- Present: Roddy McInnes, Graham Juggins, Sheena McPherson, Jean Rae, Alf Megson, James McIntosh, Anton Edwards, Barbara Vaughan, Grant Laing and four members of the Public Apologies: Margaret Edwards
  - John Handling (PKC) and Cordelia Menmuir (SEPA) made a presentation on local resilience plans and emergency planning for local risks: power cuts, flooding and severe weather. It was recommended to have local support; for example a phone network. The SEPA flood map has been revised (<http://map.sepa.org.uk/floodmap/map.htm>) and the agency now offers a direct warning texting service to subscribers ([http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/sepas\\_floodline\\_service.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding/sepas_floodline_service.aspx)) as well as the SEPA Floodline on **0845 988 1188**. The national flood risk assessment has been completed. Ditch cleaning and minor stream diversions are more permissible than in the past so long as no damage is done to natural watercourses. If in doubt, people should consult their local SEPA office. Local vulnerability was discussed and anyone willing to help is asked to send links and “willingness to help” details to the secretary. **AE** will arrange confidential exchange of those details with relevant agencies. It was noted that the Data Protection Act allows such details to be shared in times of emergency.
- Minutes of meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were taken as read and were adopted (GJ, JMcl). The meeting at Clunie in November had been abandoned as unavoidably non-quorate. A police report was received: local crime has been low; all residents are advised to beware of bogus workmen.  
**Beware bogus callers, distracting doorstep thieves and false doorstep calls for help. Call 101 if in doubt and for all police matters not needing emergency services.**
- Matters arising: a reply to an earlier letter had been received from Fiona Mann at SNH.
- Public matters of concern: some concern was expressed about fracking but it was advised that there are no such applications in hand within PKC, nor are any likely in areas such as ours whose geology does not include carboniferous or oil-bearing strata. Some blocked Spittalfield road drains have been cleaned and in case of any such concerns it was recommended to: phone **01738 475000**
- Wind farm matters: RMcl and AE had met Ecotricity about Dullatur Hill. We have asked Ecotricity for a public SDCC meeting to discuss the matter once any planning application has been received. Other meetings have been held by others and an application is expected later this year. There will be a general meeting of anyone concerned at Birnam Hotel 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014. An application for a wind farm at Creag A'Bhaird has been received and individual (not CC) comments are invited.
- Councillors' reports: Stewart Tower Road has been re-verged and will be upgraded around the time of the A9 improvements.
- Area reports: Meikleour potholes have been reported and repaired. A tree fell down in Caputh graveyard and the damaged wall has been efficiently repaired. Meikleour Arms planning application has been turned down in its present form. Murthly - a hedge needs cutting in Station

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Road and the railway station goods yard has been cleared. Concern was expressed that a deserted caravan on Glendelvine ground west of Caputh, north of the A984, may attract undesirable attention; **AE** will write to Glendelvine Estate.

- The public was reminded that the Community Council can provide laminations for notices that are for community benefit. New noticeboards at Spittalfield and Caputh are still to be arranged (**JMcl & AE**).
- New mileage rates for community council business for 2013-2014 were unanimously adopted in line with PKC allowances @ 45p per mile (**AE/JMcl**)
- Secretary's exceptional (to cover the last 7 years) computer expenses of keyboard and mouse were approved (**RMcl/JMcl**)
- Correspondence was summarised. **AE** will ask for a community payback presentation at a forthcoming meeting. **AE** will send a scan of our insurance cover to GJ for our website.
- Any other business: Alf Megson was invited, and agreed, to become the council's new webmaster from the next Annual General Meeting.
- Date of Next Meeting: The AGM and next meeting will be held at Caputh Village Hall, 7.00 p.m. 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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