

Spittalfield & District Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting 7.00 p.m. 11th June 2014 Murthly Hall

- Present: Roddy McInnes, Alf Megson, Anton Edwards, Barbara Vaughan, Sheena McPherson, Grant Laing, Jean Rae, James McIntosh & 3 members of the public. Apologies: Margaret Edwards
- Minutes of meeting of 16th April 2014 were taken as read and accepted (SMcP, JR).
- PC Turner provided a police report. Residents are reminded to lock cars, not to leave valuables in cars, never to leave keys in cars, and to use garages if possible. Heavy plant machinery such as tractors, forklift trucks and trailers has been stolen from farms and it is highly likely that large transporters are being used to move the vehicles so if you see such vehicles parked in suspicious circumstances, please contact the police immediately. Fraud letters in respect of winning large sums of money in various lotteries may ask for bank details to allow the “winnings” to be put in your account. Do not divulge details unless you are sure any such requests are genuine. There are charity collectors canvassing in the area – the majority of the time, they will be genuine, however please make sure you know all the facts before committing to giving out bank details or handing over money.

- **Beware bogus callers, distractive doorstep thieves and false doorstep calls for help.**
- **Call 101 if in doubt and for all police matters not needing emergency services.**
- **Make PKC Enquiries to 01738 475000 or email enquiries@pkc.gov.uk**

• Public matters of concern: RMcl reported on a wind farm meeting held at Clunie Hall (29 May). More than 60 folk attended, with almost all responding to the SDCC questionnaire by recording their objection to Ecotricity’s Dulater Hill proposal. There is a protest web site (www.lunanvalley.org.uk). The Dulater Hill proposal is expected to go to the Scottish Government on 26 June. All at the meeting will be notified of progress. The local liaison representative of Ecotricity has proposed improved community benefits to his managers. There will be a drop in session at Birnam Institute on June 30th afternoon to display Ecotricity’s proposals, followed by an evening presentation with question and answer session, to be chaired by RMcl.

There was considerable discussion of the various issues related to wind farm development, including the distribution of relevant material to residents.

- Councillors’ reports: following residents’ concern, a speed survey is imminent in Murthly; derelict land at the station is to be weed-sprayed; the signal box is to be renovated; a puddle at the village hall was reported and substantial floral beautifying work by residents at Murthly was noted. The Airntully road has been improved with made-up verges and new passing places.
- Area reports: Caputh and Spittalfield noticeboards are in hand with the unpaid work team. At Murthly a survey of residents has revealed concern about speeding; the PKC Road Safety team is dealing with this. **GL** will check on Broompark potholes. A planning application at Forneth was discussed. The proposed access is to a field for a general purpose agricultural building. After some discussion it was felt that the **secretary** would comment to the effect that SDCC does not object to the proposed agricultural (only) use. Planning applications will be put on our website. **GL** will ask PKC for a bin Clunie Loch to be put on a regular pickup schedule.
- Correspondence was summarised.
- There was no other business.
- The next meeting is at Meikleour 17 September.