

Spittalfield & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 7.00 p.m. 17th September 2014 Meikleour

- Present: Roddy McInnes, Sheena McPherson, Jean Rae, Anton Edwards, Barbara Vaughan, David Lindsay, Sam Mercer Nairne; Apologies: Alison Vance, Alf Megson, Grant Laing.
- Minutes of meeting of 11th June 2014 were taken as read and adopted (SMcP, JR)
- PC Peter Duncan, local community liaison officer, gave the police report: stable block robbery in Meikleour; Isla Bridge office break in; broken window at Murthly; minor break-ins around outside buildings; damage to combine harvester and a shed on Meikleour estate was also reported.
- All residents were reminded to:

- **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:

The A984 is closed for safety reasons at Stenton, awaiting analysis of an unstable rock face on the north side of the road. Concerns were expressed about the clarity of the temporary road signage.

- Matters arising from minutes:

The Stewart Tower road upgrade is planned for 2017. SDCC Comments were submitted on a planning application at Forneth; the application has now been granted.

- A donation of £40 to the Unpaid Work Team for noticeboards at Spittalfield & Caputh was agreed.
- Update on Dulater Hill wind farm: several community councils have objected; SEPA has objected because of the insufficient information given by the applicants about peat, Lunan lochs, groundwater and private water supplies. SNH comments are still awaited. The application was reported as being open for consultation again. A donation of £200 to Lunan Valley Protection Group to help cover leaflet costs was proposed (RMcl, SMcP) and agreed, on the basis that SDCC has consulted widely and publicly on a general issue of concern to the whole community.
- Area reports: Murthly – control of weeds at the station goods yard is underway with more improvements planned; the signal box is due for painting. Caputh – A984 is closed as above; new noticeboard has been installed; a complaint about overgrown roses by the graveyard has been dealt with by pruning them hard; members commented how attractive they usually are. Meikleour – a notice now asks dog-walkers to use the bags and dog bins. Spittalfield – the noticeboard is installed.
- Councillors' reports: The proposal to build a new secondary school at Bertha Park will not affect this area directly.
- Membership: We have 3 co-opted members, more than allowed by the constitution. More than one person has expressed an interest in representing Meikleour, so we need a by-election. Alf Megson resigned from SDCC today so a new member is sought for Spittalfield. **AE** will ask PKC to arrange a by-election in November to cover all vacancies and co-opted representatives.
- Cordial thanks were given to Alf Megson for his work in SDCC, particularly for his website efforts.
- Correspondence was summarised.
- There was no other business and the meeting closed at 2015.
- The next meeting will be at Clunie Village Hall, 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday November 12th 2014