

Spittalfield & District Community Council

15th April 2015 Caputh Church Session Room

7.00 p.m. Public AGM

- Present: Roddy McInnes, Sheena McPherson, Jean Rae, Barbara Vaughan, Grant Laing, Anton Edwards, Sam Mercer-Nairne, Victoria Mann & 2 public. Apologies: James McIntosh
- Minutes of the AGM of 16th April 2014 were adopted (SMcP/JR)
- There were no matters arising
- The annual accounts 2014-2015 were read and adopted (SM-N, VM)
- The auditors, Campbell Dallas, were re-elected (SMcP/JR) and were cordially thanked; AE will write with our thanks.
- The chairman's annual report was received (See below).
- BV took the chair for the election of officers, who were elected: RMcl chair (SMcP/SM-N); SMcP Vice-Chair (JR/ RMcl); AE secretary (RMcl/JR); VM Treasurer (RMcl/JR). **AE** will send these details, together with our thanks for being treasurer hitherto, to James McIntosh.
- It was noted that the community council will be up for election (*Nominations close Thursday 24 September 2015*).
- The meeting ended at 19.20.

7.30 p.m. Public Meeting

- Present: RMcl, SMcP, JR, BV, GL, AE, SMN, VM & 3 public. Apologies: James McIntosh, Neil Wilson, Carol Downie.
- Minutes of meeting of 18th February 2015 adopted (Vicky, Sam)
- Adoption of minutes
- Matters arising: The hedge at Dunvaorist in Station Road at Murhly has been trimmed but not cut to the boundary wall. AE will write to PKC Environmental Health about this obstruction. **AE** will refer to our website on the bottom of minutes. The layby at Lethendy has been cleared (temporarily). Thanks were given to Danny McGie and all helpers for the very successful litter pick at Spittalfield.
- Police report: PC Duncan + 1 attended and gave the police report. Concern was expressed about camping at Clunie Loch and associated poor behaviour; police check when possible.
- Public matters of concern. Concern was expressed about speeding at Spittalfield: **AE** will mention this in our feedback to the police. Caputh playpark: PKC staff will be asked to shut the gate after grass cutting; **BV** will liaise with PKC about this.
- Area reports. Spittalfield: **GL** will investigate the condition of football nets on the green. The road from Clunie to Dunkeld past the golf club is to be re-surfaced. Dulater wind farm: all supplementary work by the applicant will have to be re-advertised and re-consulted. The PKC landscape consultant is assessing the landscape and visual impact of the proposal but may not complete work until the additional work by the applicants is submitted to the Government.
- Correspondence was summarised. It was decided not to support a Community Councils' Facebook proposal. Members' attention was drawn to <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/10403/Perth-Crematorium-FAQs>, a webpage that summarises the new road proposals in Perth.
- Any Other Business: David Howie will attend our next meeting. **AE** will send compliments to PKC about the winter maintenance programme. **AE** will send an account of anything interesting in our business the Perthshire Advertiser via its website.
- Dates of next meetings: 17 June Murthly; 9 Sep Meikleour; 11 Nov Clunie; 17 Feb Spittalfield; 13 April Caputh.

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SDCC Chairman's Report 2014-15

- Meetings held: 2014 – Caputh 16 April & AGM, Murthly 11 June, Meikleour 17 September, Clunie 12 November; 2015 – Spittalfield 18 February and Caputh 15 April & AGM.
- The current Community Councillors since the election of 3 November 2011 (four year term) and by-election held 11 December 2014 are: Clunie - Roddy McInnes (Chairman, elected AGM 2014); Murthly - Sheena McPherson (Vice-Chairman, elected AGM 2014), Jean Rae; Caputh - Anton Edwards (Secretary, elected AGM 2014); Spittalfield - James McIntosh (Treasurer, elected AGM 2014); Vicky Mann (replacing Alf Megson who stood down at the Meikleour meeting on 17 September); Meikleour – Sam Mercer-Nairne (co-opted at Spittalfield meeting on 18 February)
- The issues dealt with by the Community Council during the last year include:
 - Proposed Dulater Hill Wind Farm
 - Improvements to the old railway yard and signal box at Murthly
 - Various planning applications.
 - Road signage at various locations
 - Murthly village traffic speed survey
 - Road improvements at Stewart Towers Road Murthly
 - Replacement notice boards
 - Road surface conditions due to potholes
 - Waste bins around Clunie Loch
 - Clarity of road closure signage, in particular the Stenton road closure
 - Overgrown rose bushes at Caputh graveyard
 - Dog fouling signage at Meikleour
 - Horse riding on pavement and consequent mess at Murthly
 - Hedge overhanging pavement at Station Road Murthly
 - Road safety issues near Caputh Hostel
 - Roadside litter at Spittalfield and layby at Lethendy.

- Presentations:

Arek Nowrotek, Coordinator of the PKC Unpaid Work Team, summarised the service provided by the team; John McMillan reported on community led schemes for broadband improvements in the Butterstone and surrounding area. Jeremy Scuse, Lunan Valley Protection Group, reported the group's work in opposing the proposed Dulater Hill Wind Farm.

- Public Meetings on proposed Dulater Hill Wind Farm: In collaboration with Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council public meetings were held during 2014 at: Birnam Hotel 28 March, with a presentation by John Swinney MSP; Clunie Hall 29 May, along with a questionnaire; Birnam Arts Centre 30 June, with a presentation by Ecotricity followed by a question and answer session.
- Finally, as Chairman I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the general public for attending and supporting our meetings, to our various guest speakers, Police Scotland for their attendance and input, to our three Regional Councillors along with the Community Council team at 2 High Street Perth for their continued support and guidance. To the office bearers and members of the Community Council for their support and contribution to the community and for their attendance at presentations and meetings on our behalf. In particular to James our treasurer for managing our finances and Anton our secretary for all he does on the administration side which I have no doubt will be quite time consuming, and not forgetting the contribution made by Alf Megson who stood down last year as the Community Councillor for Spittalfield and also maintained and updated our website, a task now taken on by Anton.
- Lastly, I look forward to the continued support and working together with the aforementioned as we strive to improve our community.

Roddy McInnes