

# Spittalfield & District Community Council

## SDCC 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 Murthly Village Hall: Draft Minutes

- **Present:** Roddy McInnes, Jean Rae, Grant Laing, Anton Edwards, Danny McGee, Sam Mercer-Nairne, Carol Downie and 3 members of the public. Apologies: Barbara Vaughan, Margaret Edwards
- The secretary apologised it had not been possible to put out public notices of the meeting in time.
- **Minutes of meeting of 13th April 2016** were adopted (DMcG, SM-N).
- **Matters arising:** our police contact is now Sergeant Karen Harrison; Barbara Vaughan had arranged for a representative of Stanley Development Trust to speak to us and Munro Gauld has agreed to attend in September if possible.
- **Police report** – none received
- **Public matters of concern.** In Murthly, a retaining wall south of Broompark entrance in Murthly is deteriorating, potholes were reported in Broompark Crescent, and a verge needs cutting; **GL** will pursue these issues. **AE** will report that there have been speeding vehicles in Murthly.
- **Area reports:** Progress is awaited on Glendelvine School parking. Dog mess on a core path at Spittalfield and elsewhere was discussed: **GL** was asked to raise this in Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) with a view to giving **AE** and **DMcG** some standard material to use in making local posters. Noisy peacocks at Spittalfield were reported but are wild birds so no specific action is possible. At Caputh, verges have been cut, some road patching has been done, and rabbits are on the increase. The recent lethal car accident at Meikleour was discussed and much regretted; **GL** will ask if the retexturing machine might be used to clean road surfaces. **GL** outlined road safety guidance on sightlines for verge cutting near junctions. **GL** will seek repairs to a crash barrier at Pittensorn. At Clunie, it has been arranged that the community payback team will be painting the hall.
- Residents are asked to report (use 01738 745 000) any junctions with poor sightlines.
- It was agreed (JR, AE) that Margaret Wilson, being willing to serve, will be co-opted to the community council. **AE** will send necessary forms to Margaret.
- **Councillors' reports:** Murthly Hall car park has been done improved by PKC. Barbara Vaughan is pursuing a 30 mph limit for Murthly; the pavement opposite Castle Drive is expected to be made up this financial year. At Perth Grammar School, a large refurbishment is planned. Blairgowrie recreation centre will be substantially renewed and improved, starting from this year. PKC has allocated money to improve the Stewart Towers road after the local A9 dualling is complete.
- **Correspondence:** Attention was drawn to our insurance cover; any special events need to be notified and approved with PKC and the insurers beforehand.
- **Any Other Business**

**GL** will attend an empowerment meeting at Birnam Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> June and report to us later.

DMcG summarised the complexity of issues (liability, insurance etc) surrounding resilience planning and community involvement.

Concern was expressed about the SDCC website. The secretary undertook to revise it in the light of any comments.

Clunie: Roddy McInnes (Chair)  
Meikleour: Sam Mercer-Nairne (Treasurer)  
Spittalfield: Carol Downie & Daniel McGee  
Murthly: Jean Rae & Margaret Wilson (once co-opted)  
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