

# Spittalfield & District Community Council

## Minutes of meeting 14th September 2016 Meikleour Village Hall (Draft)

**Present:** Jean Rae, Danny McGee, Sam Mercer-Nairne, Grant Laing, Margaret Wilson (co-opted) and 12 members of the public. Apologies had been received from Barbara Vaughan, Anton Edwards, Carol Downie, Margaret Edwards, Dorothy Amos & Roddy McInnes.

Danny McGee apologised that there were so many absent Councillors and added that those present were carrying out their duties for the first time and not privy to all up to date correspondence, therefore carrying out the task in a limited capacity.

**Sympathies:** were expressed to Barbara Vaughan on her recent loss.

**Minutes of the previous meeting of 22nd June 2016:** were adopted (DMcG, SM-N).

**Co-option:** Margaret Wilson, being a valid nominee, was co-opted on to the Committee as the second member for Murthly

**Police report:** None received.

### **Matters arising:**

GL reported that the wall in Murthly had been inspected and was deemed structurally sound but in need of pointing and the members of public who raised the concern had been informed of this.

GL reported that a traffic assessment around Meikleour is planned in light of a recent fatal accident.

DMcG and AE have manufactured "No dog fouling / bag it and bin it" signs; they have been distributed and erected in various locations around the parish after gaining permission to do so by the relevant landowners.

DMcG has been in contact with Environmental Services to see if they have or can produce a short and concise informative article that could be posted on various Community Councils' websites highlighting the Himalayan Balsam plant so that citizens can keep an eye out for the plant appearing in previously unaffected areas.

### **Public matters of concern:**

A member of public brought up a planning issue in Meikleour. At this point SM-N left the room as it involved himself. A brief discussion ensued and the room felt it appropriate that SM-N be allowed back in to respond to the issue which related to tree planting to screen buildings being erected on his land. The matter appeared to involve a breakdown in communication with correspondence during the planning application and that the issue will be addressed in the near future.

A member of the public has started a petition that hopes to address the speed limit and road safety concerns on Manse Road in Caputh. The petition has gained a great deal of support and whilst interacting with local residents to collect names it highlighted that they would also like to have measures implemented to encourage the traffic to adhere to the speed limit on

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Murthly: Jean Rae & Margaret Wilson

Caputh: Anton Edwards (Secretary), Duguid's Wark, Caputh, PH1 4JH, Phone 01738 710 774

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the main roads in and out of the village. For example: measures such as painting speed limits on the road would help so drivers are more aware that they are entering a village.

## **Area reports:**

**Clunie:** None received.

**Meikleour:** Concerns about road safety and speeding traffic through the village were brought up. This matter will hopefully be included in the traffic assessment that is to take place in light of the traffic accident mentioned in the matters arising. A member of the public highlighted that the Market Cross (stonework) in Meikleour is in a poor state. It was noted that it has apparently previously been deemed of low importance by Historic Scotland.

**Murthly:** There appears to be an abandoned horsebox/lorry in the layby next to the level crossing which is meant to be kept clear for large vehicles to wait in whilst the driver phones to ask permission to traverse the crossing. GL will follow this up. The road sign for Kinclaven Road is to be checked if appropriate due to many people not being able to find addresses. The retaining wall in front of "Skiag" residence is to be inspected to see if structurally sound. Cars parking at Gellyburn junction at the start of Pittensorn road are making it difficult for lorries to make the turn.

**Caputh:** DMcG completed a litter pick of the layby and bank one mile west of Caputh where rubbish has been discarded.

**Spittalfield:** There is soon to be a defibrillator located in Spittalfield. Local residents have put in the effort to make this happen and there will also be a course on how it should be used. The course will be held in Spittalfield Village Hall on 18th October 2016 at 7 pm. Numbers attending the course are limited so anybody wishing to attend please contact Danny McGee (contact phone number available on SDCC website) who will confirm with course organiser if there are still places available.

A planning application for two new residences on land at the east of village has been submitted. There were no concerns or objections raised at the meeting. New lamp posts have been installed along the main road through the village and cost rather than continuity along with the village's "conservation area" status dictate the two different styles used.

**Correspondence:** The Secretary was absent but no correspondence of significant importance was brought to attention prior to meeting.

**Any other business:** Many residents in the parish have been having ongoing issues with noisy phone lines and internet service dropping out. The problem has been ongoing for almost a year and BT has failed to resolve the issue. DMcG has been chasing this up because it has effected so many local people that it if it was brought up as larger community wide issue it may have more chance of being addressed.

**Next meeting:** 23rd November at Clunie Hall 7 pm. Munro Gauld as a representative of the Stanley Development Trust will attend the meeting to give a talk.

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