

Spittalfield & District Community Council

Minutes of SDCC meeting 23rd November 2016 Clunie Village Hall

- Present: Roddy McInnes, Danny McGee, Anton Edwards, Margaret Wilson, Jean Rae, Sam Mercer-Nairne, Barbara Vaughan. Apologies: Grant Laing, Carol Downie. 11 Public, Munro Gauld.
- **Minutes of meeting of 14 September 2016** were adopted (minutes taken as read: JR, MW) Meikleour traffic assessment starts in December; the junction has been retextured. Two road traffic accidents have been reported nearby. Caputh road petition is going to community consultation in PKC (GL is dealing with this). Pittensorn Road and Murthly pavement are being improved. A Spittalfield planning application has been rejected and is going to appeal. BT has “resolved” internet problems and service has been improved; thanks were extended to Danny McGee for this effort.
- **Police report.** The Public was encouraged to give secretary their emails to receive police reports.
- **Stanley Development Trust.** Munro Gauld gave an inspiring presentation on the setting up, membership, aims and work of the trust and the development of social activities in the village. A simple questionnaire had had a 50% response. Schools, businesses, landowners, police, planners had all been contacted. A brochure was produced to summarise responses: issues included vandalism, halls, sports club building, sports fields, cycle ways, traffic calming, Stanley in bloom, core paths, and volunteer labour. Administrative organisation and legal structure had been essential. Links in the village had been created: *Care and Wellbeing* in liaison with council services; the *Timebank* system (of one hour credits) for mutual help; *exercise classes* in the Hall; *daily visiting* of infirm people; *Lunch Club* is self-financing; the *Community Directory*; the *Buggy Walks*; a website. Money saved by social services goes to support Trust administration. Munro stressed the need for policy, procedures and training to ensure compliance with regulations. *Community Partnerships* are a legally supported scheme. The trust is pressing the developers of future housing to contribute. A main aim is for Stanley to be a *Welcoming Community*. See www.stanleydevelopmenttrust.org for more details.
- **Public matters of concern.** Speeding will be dealt with by the traffic survey (above). Clunie graveyard: Snaigow estate and PKC discussions in January involved the community council (CC) and the church. A proposal was agreed by CC and church on 5 May 2016. Subsequent delays mean that we may expect a response soon. Concerns remain about vandalism and SNH passivity regarding historic monument. Provision for disabled access is not easy to arrange although some improvements have been made. Signage is proposed. Snaigow is happy to provide the land. More negotiation is needed because of a regulatory criterion that any lair should lie more than 50 m from a watercourse. GL will ask Edward Cadogan about the issue and BV will investigate internally within PKC.
- Area reports. Caputh: the traffic petition and Danny McGee’s A984 litter pick were noted. Spittalfield: a defibrillator training course was held and installation will be arranged; a car has crashed into Glendelvine School fence. Murthly: BV will deal with Kinclaven Road issues, and a suspect wall will be inspected by engineers. The Millhole Burn was poisoned by spill of some sort - SEPA electro-fishing will investigate. Meikleour: Concern expressed about several power outages. Forneth/Clunie: RMcl attended a *Forward Coupar Angus* meeting to promote cycling, electric charging for cars and transport apps. SDCC will participate in a Dulatur meeting on Monday 28 Nov to determine timescale of procedure. It was agreed that our SDCC position (opposing the application) has not changed.
- Councillors' reports (BV). The Tay link road now has a route: see <http://www.perthtransportfutures.co.uk/cross-tay-link-road/>. *Perth City of Culture* is also about Perthshire. Scottish Government will insist on rates in bands E, F, G & H rising, some of it to support other areas such as education.

Correspondence: BT had notified removal of some phone boxes

Date of next meeting: 22nd February 2017 Spittalfield 7:00 pm