

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting September 26th 2016

Attending were: D. Dykes, B. Paterson, H Mackinnon, D. McKerracher, M. Rhodes, C. Price, Councillor L. Simpson and 11 members of the public.

- 1. Welcome** from Vice Chair D. Dykes
- 2. Apologies for absence:** V. Shand, J. Belch.
- 3. Police Report** – None available.

Police Scotland will no longer issue reports to Community Councils but a Commander's Bulletin is issued and should contain all information about incidents in the local area.

4. Adoption of the August minutes Minutes & Matters Arising.

The minutes were proposed by D. McKerracher, seconded by M. Rhodes and duly signed.

Matters arising. 1) Complaint about overgrown hedges making pavement progress difficult has resulted in one such hedge being cut back.

A request was made for a draft copy of the previous meeting's minutes to be uploaded to the website several weeks prior to next month's meeting, in order to allow informed discussion at the meeting, when the minutes would be formally adopted. This was agreed and will start this month.

Each month the adopted minutes are emailed to PKC, displayed in the village library and uploaded to the website.

5. Correspondence.

1/09	Foi request for info regarding completion Of stage 2 report in accordance with the DMRB	12/09 timing by December 2016
1/09	Pkc housing development survey responses to Study group questions by 22/09	Responses given by 13/09
16/09	Pkc timetable for publication of ldp2	After summer recess 2017
22/09	PKC requesting retraction of term committed project until requirements of PKC definition are complied with.	
23/09	PKC request for info on latest Barrel Drain survey	
22/09	PKC Nick Brian, J.Swinney, Bea Nichol, Ian Miller	

	re responses to questionnaire results	
26/09	PKC proposed development at Perth Airport, re terms “CTRL committed project” if so houses would not now be subject to embargo of 10 in number.	
26/09	Ian Cantwell (not a member of CC) FOI to PKC regarding previously submitted FOIs regarding status of the CTRL	

6. Treasurer's report:

Funds are currently £728.80. Membership of the association for the Protection of Rural Scotland has been paid.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there have been only 1 minor application for extensions/alterations and 1 approval granted. I would note however that the approval given is for the alterations to the Scone Arms.

Proposed Housing Developments outwith Scone

The second public event in respect of the Proposed Development at Perth Airfield by Morris Leslie, was held on Thursday 22nd September 2016 Scone Airfield.

The information provided was minimal and we intend to respond to that effect shortly.

We were however informed at the event that PKC staff are issuing correspondence referring to the “*CTRL as being a Committed Project*” which will be discussed later in the meeting.

The proposed public event in respect of the Proposed Residential Development of 100 Houses at Balbeggie, by Morris Leslie will not be held within the near future.

At present Morris Leslie is in negotiations with the landowner, but we shall be informed when a revised date is proposed.

Revisions to the Local Development Plan

We have been informed that the next consultation on the Proposed Plan, which was supposed to take place in September 2016, will not now take place until after the summer recess 2017.

The delay apparently is that “*the LDP must be consistent with Tayplan, which is currently being reviewed by the DPEA (Reporters) unit and they are under resourced*”.

Scone North Housing

Traders in the city have been informed that when the CTRL is in place, redevelopment of the centre will take place. Cllr Simpson stated that the City of Culture bid is prominent in the administration of PKC.

Question: can we organise a face to face meeting with J. Swinney?

It was agreed to wait until the response to the letter regarding the definition of a “committed project” and then proceed with direct meetings with directors of Planning and Environment, possibly PKC Chief Exec and possibly John Swinney.

A request for an extension to the consultation period will be made after a submitted planning application.

Communications. Difficulties with keeping the website up to date, Word Press is not an easy tool to use but C.Price agreed to address concerns.

PACC: information was requested concerning the new housing proposals. No reply to this.

Next meeting in October

Community Open Space: Discussion took place concerning proposed refurbishment of Stormont Way playground facilities. No reply to the letter for consultation as to how the proposed funding might be transferred to other relevant play areas within the village. Suggestion was made to explore whether funding may be available for an outdoor gym to be constructed in the park.

8. Councillor's report: Scone Park and Ride is still not served by no 7 buses, just less frequent no 57.

Main reasons include: Not big enough for a proper P&R, just car park with a bus stop size, on the wrong road and not busy enough for a dedicated bus. Usage up to Balgarvie roundabout is good. Gates are not locked leading to occasional use by travelling people. On street parking throughout the village on all local roads is a congestion problem. Cllr Simpson will attend another meeting with Stagecoach. The Balgarvie roundabout is in a bad state of repair due to usage and bad construction and will be tackled shortly.

Gill Motion who is the Community Education Officer with PKC will attend the next CC meeting to discuss community planning.

A new P&R at Walnut Grove is shown on the City development plan but access is proving difficult.

The refurbished council building at 2 High Street is almost finished, on schedule, the road will be open in 2 weeks time. Leases on smaller buildings will be given up, improved access to the relocated and enlarged ground floor council chambers will encourage more of the general public to attend meetings and discover how PKC operates. The Tayplan will not be available until after the Council elections.

Councillor Simpson was asked to look into the strategy behind the resurfacing of a very minor road, with a 5 ton weight limit, serving 2 houses and 1 farm (in the Burrelton Area) when other busier roads serving rural communities ie Stormontfield and Scone Palace Events and Racecourse, were in a very poor and dangerous state.

Residents advised to report pothole problems on 476476.

9. Scone Village Association. Important diary dates

27th September 2016 (Tuesday) -- 7.30pm will be the re-start of the 'Singing for Fun Group' in Scone Old Church Hall.

This also is sponsored by the Village Association and is intended as a fun, not serious singing evening without audition.

All welcome to join in. **19th November 2016** (Saturday) - The Village Christmas Festive Coffee Morning in the Institute to raise money for the village Christmas lights.

The Destiny: Copy dates 2016 Friday

11th November is the earlier date for the December issue as it is delivered to all houses in the PH2 6 postcode area by the Royal Mail.

2017: Friday 20th January; Friday 24th March; Friday

19th May; Friday 21st July; Friday 22nd September; Friday 10th November.

10. Scone North Housing Proposals :

Study Group

M Rhodes gave a report on the activities of the group.

Letters have been written

to Ruth Davidson MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Mark Russell Green MSP, and Angela Constance, MSP Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities. Funding an independently commissioned drainage hydrology report would cost £1200-£1400 and the possibility of a petition was being explored.

Remit clarification: some work has still to be done on the final wording of this. It was agreed that 3 representatives from the SG and similar from the SDCC will meet to agree a way forward.

Several points were made from the floor following the presentation and concerning the remit of the group.

1) The SG should not only be a group investigating the North Scone development but look into the master plans of the whole urbanization of the local area. How does this affect 1) quality of life 2) respect for the environment 3) work availability 4) traffic: quantity (ie jammed roads), poisonous pollution, heavy traffic surface destruction.

The possibility of producing our own Community Development plan is to be explored, other community plans will be investigated ie Crieff. Questions to be considered: What should Scone development be like? what types of houses are required? How many? Has PKC not already met its housing target? Why not another developer as AJS builds similar houses surrounding Scone which can cause a restriction of trade, price control and trickle release.

Concern was expressed that the CTLR may never be built and Scone would have all the houses and no infrastructure.

Any challenge to the LDP content would require to be a challenge in law, but could be made to the LDP on grounds of pollution and/or drainage.

Proposed Housing Development at Scone North

There has been no further information forthcoming from the developers since the last meeting.

We have written to Perth & Kinross Council to ascertain the procedure for obtaining an extended period for consideration of any planning application due to the anticipated volume of the submission. They have confirmed that only when the application is submitted could they consider an extension to the consultation period.

We submitted a FOI request regarding the completion date of the DMBR Stage 2 process for the CTRL, which should provide detail relevant to the H29 Development. We have been informed that this information should be available by early December 2016, but have been offered the opportunity of meeting the Roads Dept, which we shall arrange shortly.

Following the handing over of the Questionnaire responses to PKC, we have received a response which raises a number of concerns. We are addressing a response to a number of these matters but of particular concern is the fact that the response contains a statement that **“The CTRL is a committed project”**.

The reason for this concern is that the embargo placed on a number of developments in the A93/A94 corridor was dependent upon the CTRL becoming a committed project. **Some 870 houses could be released by this “Commitment” being a fact!**

Fortunately by use of a Freedom of Information enquiry earlier in the year, we obtained a definition from Perth & Kinross Council, which states **“The CTRL will only become a committed project when the project is developed to an appropriate level of design and the required package of funding has been assembled. The project will also require to have the requisite planning consents and statutory Orders/requirements all in place and will ultimately require formal approval by the full Council”**.

We can be quite specific that the current position DOES NOT comply with this definition. As such we have written to the Head of Planning to request that action is taken to clarify and rectify the erroneous information.

Similar erroneous information was being provided to the Perth Airfield developer. In light of this problem of mis-information occurring from at least 2 PKC Departments, we will be writing to the Director responsible requesting a formal meeting.

Another avenue to be checked, in respect of CTRL funding, is the greatly lauded “Tay Cities Deal” which will probably be a large source of funding. In order to expedite information, rather than using FOI methods, was to enlist the assistance of Lewis Simpson. We requested details of whether an application had been submitted, if an award had been received and also how these were evaluated.

Owing to shortage of time the only response received to date is the NO APPLICATION HAS YET BEEN SUBMITTED. We anticipate receiving a fuller answer shortly.

Discussion regarding formally minuted face to face meetings with council officials ie Chief Executive, to clear up misuse of terms “committed project” etc. but Cllr Simpson agreed to make initial contact to try for a resolution

11. AOCB 1) Scone Remembers no update lottery funding application is being made. Wheel chair access and parking are being investigated. 2) Gordon Clark will be welcomed as a new member of the CC at the next meeting.

12. The meeting finished at 9 pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 31st at 7.30pm.