

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting January 30th. 2017

Attending were: V.Shand, D.Dykes, B. Paterson, H Mackinnon, D. McKerracher, M. Rhodes, J Belch, G. Clark, Councillor L. Simpson and 18 members of the public.

- 1. Welcome** from chair V. Shand. The committee formally welcomed Mr. P. Meikle as a co-opted member, the quota for members is now full. Retired committee member, C. Price, was formally thanked for his hard work and personal support of the community council but he will continue to administer the CC website until other arrangements can be made.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** none
- 3. Police Report** no police presence, no reported crimes in our area. 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 November minutes Minutes & Matters Arising.**

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

The minutes are available to the assembled company 10 minutes before the opening of the meeting for comment and discussion. Each month the adopted minutes are emailed to PKC, displayed in the village library and uploaded to the website.

5. Correspondence. See separate sheet. Comments: 1) no reply from the provost re email sent 12/01/17 questioning discrepancies in PKC planning practices, resent email 24/01/17, 2) no consistency of response to queries raised by the CC, 3) errors in the LDP process based on misleading information, 4) no consultation on the cost of the CTRLR project.

6. Treasurer's report: Funds are currently £506.67, £428.00 after current costs. The Gofundme campaign initiated by the Study Group has raised over £3000, this will be used for various projects, ie printing information leaflets, signposts etc

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning: During the period since the last meeting there have been 8 minor applications and 2 approvals for minor extensions/alterations.

There has been no further information forthcoming in respect of the proposal for the proposed development in Birch Avenue nor in respect of the proposed development of 50 houses at Gannochy.

In respect of the Planning Application 16/01935/IPM, which is for a mixed development at Perth Airport, we have written to the planning department to object to this application as it is clearly embargoed by the LDP and cannot be granted.

In addition we have stressed the potential impact any such development will have on traffic congestion and air pollution.

Communications. All correspondence will be posted on the website.

PACC: No report since the meetings are biannually. A request to have the proposed planning site H29 surveyed using ariel means might be pursued.

Community Open Space: Scone Park has had new sand put down around the facilities, the Hiphop piece of equipment has been removed for maintenance, standing water has been gathering under the cable way and the cradle swing, leading to a suspicion of blocked drains. Ponding has also been noticed at the Balgarvie play area.

D. Sutherland of the SVA stated that the artificial surface of the ball court is brushed monthly and it has a life term of 8 to 9 years. Goshen park has been inspected and found to be in good condition.

8. Councillor's report. The proposed work to demolish Birch Avenue is due to start and rebuilding of 24 flats will commence shortly. Road repairs will be carried out in better weather. Lock ups are being refurbished and some are being demolished. Meetings are still continuing to reinstate the no 7 bus to its original routine. Next meeting of the full PKC council will be on 22/02/17. Cllr Simpson thanked the Study Group for all its hard work in publicising the housing situation, fundraising and coordinating the information desk in the main street. He also thanked those who helped with the 2 very well attended public meetings.

9. Scone Village Association.

The Festive Lights on the Main Road were taken down and removed to storage this year on 5th January and all reports received regarding the lights have been positive.

Due to the success of the Christmas Lights Coffee Morning that raised a substantial sum to defray the cost of the Festive Lights and a successful social event on the Village calendar, we have decided to make it an annual event, to be held on the **third Saturday in November** each year. **Saturday 18th November this year** so make a note in your diary.

We have been approached to establish a Chess Club in the village, if you wish to take part in this activity please make yourself known to one of our committee. The Singing for Fun Group continues on Tuesday evenings and the Table Tennis continues on Wednesday evenings. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the duties of running the ball court in the Recreation Park, if you can spare one hour per day for one week every three months please make yourself known.

The February issue of Destiny will be on sale at the usual outlets from week commencing 6th February 2017. Future dates are Friday 24th March; Friday 19th May; Friday 21st July; Friday 22nd September; Friday 10th November.

10. Barrel Drain. PKC now conduct a biannual survey, the most recent one showing less than 50% can be accessed and it has deteriorated within the boundaries of 6 properties. In line with their agreement, PKC have carried out further survey works in December using different equipment in areas of restricted access.

They have issued a report, which does not indicate any increase in coverage of the survey, but as yet we have not had time to assess or comment on the survey contents.

11. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North planning convener D. McKerracher

Planning application 16/02127/IPM was lodged by Stephens on 12th December and amounted to a submission of over 1300 pages. Members of the CC and the study group have to be thanked for their efforts in trying to understand the large application by taking ownership of sections of the application.

The individual reports from these members, detailing a substantial number of failures in the application, has allowed me to pull it together into a 39 page comprehensive set of comments/objections.

We have held 2 public meeting about the application, which were well attended and hopefully assisted more residents to submit individual objection responses to PKC.

Thanks to the efforts of the study group and also the online fundraising we were able to employ Ironside Farrer as consultants to assess the overall EIA submitted by Stephens.

I am pleased to say that their report provided professional back up to the findings of our own members and it is our intention to submit a copy of their report along with our own comment/objection document.

It is our intention to place a copy of both our comments and Ironside Farrer's report onto the website.

One unfortunate matter to point out at this time is that this application and all the objections submitted are still being related to the Adopted LDP.

As a CC we have tried and are continuing to try, to get meetings via a number of local MSP's with PKC. It our contention that the LDP consultation was improperly carried out and as such should not have been adopted. We are also pursuing a meeting in respect of clarifying the CTRL and other planning matters.

There is however one positive matter to report in this respect. At a meeting of the full PKC Council on 14/12/16 a definition of the statement **"The CTRL is a committed project"** was finally given which is –

"It is the view of the Council that the CTRL becomes a committed project when all funding, land required for the scheme, statutory approvals, trunk road orders and consents are in place, a contractor appointed and construction on site has commenced."

I would just like to finish my report by again thanking everyone who took part in providing a response to this application and we await the next step in the process.

Questions from the floor: How will the site be accessed by the building delivery site traffic? To avoid further deterioration of the surface of Stormont Road, congestion with the school parking, years of surface mud and the narrow and steep Old Scone Brae, the site will be accessed using the track from Balboughty farm and the A93.

MSP Murdo Fraser has offered to chair a meeting with PKC planners and the CC. PKC have already offered a mediation type of meeting which the CC are not accepting as an appropriate form of dealing with the misinformation aspect of the planning decisions, we are pursuing a minuted meeting whereby we will present an agenda of questions which we wish answered and we will provide an independent chair.

12. AOCB: 1) Woollcombe Square Residents Association have asked the CC for a support letter in order to apply to the Land Registry Association for the right to buy the parcel of land in front of their houses. Originally MOD land, this has been refused planning permission for housing on appeal and consequently sold and resold and has become a neglected eyesore. There are 2 oak trees with Tree Preservation Orders on the land and a mature fir tree. The latest owner has erected a fence and is not maintaining the grass, if the bid to buy the land was successful, the residents would introduce amenity seating, encourage wildlife habitat areas and open the space for the good of everyone.

2) Royal Garden Party 2 names have been suggested by the community.

3) NHS practice boundary changes. The Victoria practice in Glover Street will reduce the catchment boundary for new patients as shown on a map provided.

4) the next Study Group coffee morning will be held in the RDMI on the 18th February.

13. The meeting finished at 8 55 pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at 7.30pm at the RDMI.