

SCONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 25TH 2017

Attending were: V. Shand (VS), D. Dykes (DD), H. Mackinnon (HM), M. Rhodes(MR), D. McKerracher (DM), Councillors L. Simpson (LS) and C. Stewart (CS), F. Sarwar (FS) 5 members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from chair, V. Shand. An announcement was made that B. Paterson has left the Committee due to other commitments and he was thanked in his absence for all his excellent work with the committee over many years with Open Spaces and Data Protection. One more co-opted member can be elected and a request was made to the company for volunteers.

2. Apologies for absence: J. Belch, G Clark.

3. Police Report. None available.

4. Adoption of the August minutes & Matters Arising.

The minutes were proposed by (MR) seconded by (DM) 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. This will be dealt with under 2 headings : 1) General Community correspondence. Comment: with regard to the Catmoor Den parcel of land offered to the CC, a decision to reply has been postponed. 2) Scone North. See separate sheet.

6. Treasurer's report: Funds are currently SDCC £477.52. Payment is still required for tonight's meeting and last month. SMF: £5018.38. (CS) is looking into methods to invest this cash sum. With an increase in the annual fee to be a member of APRS (Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland) it has been decided to withdraw from this as a benefit could not be ascertained. (DD) to action.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning: (DM) During the period since the last meeting there have been 5 minor application and 4 approvals for minor extensions/alterations. Discuss North Scone as separate item.

Communications: No report

PACC: (DD) Concern has been expressed about lowflying aircraft circling over certain areas of the village and emissions of toxic compounds with health repercussions. When taking off from a certain runway and in a direction over housing, CAA regulations state that aircraft should be at a height of 1300 feet, these are not, estimation being 300 feet. There are no operations carried out from a control tower, these were stopped in 2005 when new owners took over, the circuit fliers will be training pilots with AST and UHI and not the flying club. Ways to escalate our concerns about noise and low flying aircraft above the airport must be explored.

One of the main concerns over the years has been the danger of Avgas. This is the fuel used for single engined aircraft used at Perth Airport. The particulations of this fuel over a long period of time, can cause severe medical conditions such as cancer, heart problems and a threat to newborn babies in the womb, in addition to other conditions. This fuel was due to be banned in 2002 by the European commission but due to the high cost of altering aircraft engines a strong aircraft lobby manage to halt the process. The noise caused by low flying aircraft is annoying as is the possibility of such an aircraft accident over the village, however the medical threats caused by avgas could be alleviated by aircraft turning away from the village at all times. The airport has set up a system for reporting problems with aircraft operations.

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A meeting will be held in October (DD) will raise these issues. Owing to concerns about lack of response from the operators, checks should be made for complaints to next tier of control (poss FAA)

Community Open Space: no report. New convenor required.

8. Councillors' reports: (LS) Bus news: No. 7 bus: back to being every 10 minutes, will go into the Scone Park and Ride and go up to the Broxden Park and Ride. This will hopefully improve the village street parking problem. The 57 will not go into the P&R. The No. 3 will continue as before but, with increased monitoring of usage numbers, the public must make use of these buses, as seen in Guildtown with the regular service (No 58) being withdrawn and school buses being utilised.

Glebe School: The SFA have offered Scone Thistle storage units to be put beside the football pitches in the area, but the developers are not ready to agree on positioning.

Birch Avenue: work is commencing on 20 cottage flats by the building company CGC, lasting 40 weeks. Trees have been felled to deal with a previously unknown drain but will be replaced.

RDM school parking congestion: new pavement being reinstated, zig zag no parking lines and 20mph signs installed. This area is being monitored by the Police and Traffic wardens owing to the dangerous, selfish antics of some motorists at school opening and closing times.

Traffic survey will be carried out on the A94 in conjunction with the planning for the future CTRL.

PKC budget is stretched due to the increased numbers of young and elderly, the sections of the community requiring most services, further stretched with cuts by the Scottish and UK governments.

LDP 2 : there will be training given to councillors before decisions are taken.

The Local Review Body which is looking into refusal decision for the Airport 14 flat conversion will make a site visit. :

(DM) Where is the £75 million funding for the CTRL coming from within the PKC budget, does this include the Tay Cities deal funding? (LS) no decision yet.

CLLR Sarwar (FS) will attend a meeting of the **East Perthshire Action Group** on October 3rd. with the representatives of the **Community Action Plan**. Resurfacing work is to commence on Highfield Road Scone, 23rd October. Glass recycling services are to be increased.

CLLR Stewart (CS) ideas for the investment of the SMF will be sent to (DD). The **west pavement** along Perth Road is to be resurfaced. **LDP2** : small working groups are to be set up to look into policies and how they should be constructed. (DM) How are the working groups set up? (CS) made up of councillors and officers eg Lyle, Wilson, Stewart, Barnacle and 2 others plus for example, Peter Marshall. There is no input from the general public. Wider consultation will take place later. There is no firm date for the issue of LDP 2.

The Tay Cities Deal is to be discussed this week. (DM) what funds are available to P&K? (CS) : whole deal is applied for the entire Tay boundary area, ie Dundee, Angus, P&K, and North East Fife. Projects within each area are looked at individually. Total 1.8 billion (DM) What portion to P&K? (CS) funding is for projects that provide wider benefits in the Community are considered and funded accordingly.

9. Scone Village Association:

The Ball court urgently needs more volunteers to open and close, it is a planning condition that it is closed at night to prevent disturbance in the park.

Negotiations are going well at present with Festive Light suppliers and we intend installing lights in the Cherry Tree at Burnside / Cross Street junction opposite the Scone Arms. This along with last year's 17 festive motifs on the lighting columns should bring some additional cheer to the village.

The Christmas Lights Coffee Morning will be held this year on Saturday 18th November in the Institute and we ask for any donations for raffle, tombola and baking and/ or waitressing on the morning. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the village festive lights. Once again it is our intention to deliver a free copy of Destiny in December to homes in the PH2 6** postal area delivered by the Royal Mail. In order to meet printing and delivery deadlines we need all contributions to be with our editor by Friday 10th November 2017 at the latest, to be included in the December issue.

We are also hoping to include a short returnable questionnaire to assist with research for the Community Plan for the area. Our newsletter is only as good as the contributions it receives and your contribution will greatly assist. Destiny submission dates are as follows: Friday 10th November 2017: 19 Jan; 23 Mar; 25 May; 20 July; 21 Sep and 9th Nov 2018.

10. The Community Plan: Dorothy Guthrie had a meeting with SVA and a community officer to discuss the format for the survey, points for concern are : lack of information about village activities and club facilities, lack of volunteers for existing clubs ie brownies etc. closure of the private bowling club. The survey will be delivered with the December issue of the Destiny magazine.

11. The Barrel Drain & Flooding Issues We have written to PKC as a follow up from the flooding in June emanating from the P&R Roundabout area. We have pointed out to PKC that their earlier CCTV surveys have indicated a blockage of the Barrel Drain at this location. PKC have previously accepted Riparian ownership of the Barrel Drain in this area and we have asked them to rectify a poorly constructed gully connection at this location which will remove the obstruction. In addition we have asked them to clean and survey this drain to ensure that all blockages are removed. This may have contributed to the flooding from the field further along the path.

At the last meeting we raised the matter of possible assistance from Councillor Stewart, in his capacity as Infrastructure chairman, to look into the Barrel Drain matters, flooding and drainage in general. (CS) is gathering information in order to contact the appropriate department.

12. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North: planning convener (DM).

The application was granted approval, subject to conditions. on 24/5/17 To date the award decision notice has not appeared on PKC website, presumably waiting for the Developer and PKC agree and sign Section 75 Agreements. This deals with financial contributions to infrastructure and facilities ie schools, roads, leisure areas. Monitor the P&K website to keep up to date with information regarding timescale and conditions.

These agreements are supposed to be finalised within 4 months of "award" (i.e. 24/9/17) but this presumably has not yet occurred but a time extension can be agreed between PKC & AJS (CS) will investigate this.

We are continuing to seek a review into PKC planning by the Scottish Government, but have met with a singular lack of success. We are still awaiting a response from John Swinney in this matter.

We reported last month that we had again written to both Barbara Renton and also Russell Stewart to query the preparation of the drainage report for H29. It may come as no surprise that, despite the letters being hand delivered to PKC, they appear to have NOT been received.

On chasing these responses and again issuing copies of our original letters we have been informed that they will reply by 29/9/17. On Page 142 of the LDP it is stated that a comprehensive flooding assessment must be undertaken, (this has not been done,) just a desktop study from the Geological Society with no ground hydrology assessment carried out. No adequate study has been done for the entire site, Phases 1 and 2 looked at separately from phases 3 and 4, this is unsatisfactory and of great concern re the flooding risk to the village.

(LS) stated that the surrounding fields are quagmires at the moment and the proposed access road for construction vehicles is a mess.

In respect of the confusion regarding the density of houses in H29, despite receiving a further response from Nick Brian, we have still not received a categorical assurance regarding the total units envisaged and the situation is as woolly as ever.

In respect of further detailed applications to PKC for H29, we shall require to wait until these are submitted as there is no requirement for a pre-application public consultation.

13. AOCB: 1) The new headteacher at RDM school, Lynn Lambert, has asked for a meeting with the SDCC to discuss more involvement with the community and vice versa. (HM) to action.

2) Despite the request for consultation, the changes within NHS Tayside in this area have already taken place due to staffing issues, with mental health Learning Disability provision moving to Murray Royal and General Adult facilities to Dundee. 3) The consultation period for comments on a licensing application for a new outlet in the village was somewhat unclear, as a statutory consultee on planning and licensing applications, the SDCC feel this consultation was wrongly handled. More information will be sought from PKC. (HM) to action

14. The meeting finished at 8.50pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th at 7.30pm.