

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting November 28th. 2016

Attending were: C.Price, B. Paterson, H Mackinnon, D. McKerracher, M. Rhodes, J Belch, G. Clark, Councillor L. Simpson and 9 members of the public.

1. **Welcome** from Deputy chair C. Price
2. **Apologies for absence:** V. Shand, D. Dykes
3. **Police Report** – 2 police personell attended. 1) report of a parcel being stolen from outside a shed in a back garden. 2) No suspects detained for reports of a broken window.
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 September minutes Minutes & Matters Arising.**

The minutes were proposed by B. Paterson, seconded by D. McKerracher 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.

DATE	CONTENT	REPLY
01/11	PKC fairness commission re pollution	Email response 04/11. Will consider letter at next meeting 10/11
03/11	Proposed housing development Birch Avenue PKC planning dept.	17/11 council has permitted development rights allowing certain types of development without the need for detailed planning permission, embargo not applying to brownfield sites.
09/11	Letter re mediation /public meeting with PKC planners developers landowners and CC to Nick Brian interim head of planning, recorded delivery	
09/11	Barrel Drain CCTV surveys Andrew Strang PKC Flooding and Structures	
10/11	Letters to cllrs miller, melloy, simpson and grant re suggesting dates for a face to face meeting to discuss CTRLR and ask our cllrs to lobby others.	
15/11	SEPA south east headquarters Edinburgh and SEPA Broxden Perth re Bridgend pollution	Reply
18/11	Scone Planning matters, Nick Brian response will be no later than 22/11?	Response to letter dated 28/09 ack by 19/10?
23/11	Email john swinney	
27/11	Letter to Murdo Fraser MSP regarding misleading responses from PKC about terminology around the CTRLR being committed and/or constructed and asking for his assistance in facilitating a meeting with senior Council officials in order to clarify incorrect and erroneous information.	

6. Treasurer's report: Funds are currently £593.70.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning: During the period since the last meeting there have been 2 minor applications and 1 approval for minor extensions/alterations.

Following the PKC Housing Department public event about their proposed development in Birch Avenue, we wrote to PKC to register a protest that this development could be a breach of the 10 house embargo contained in the LDP.

PKC have responded that the site is classed as a Brownfield Site and is thus exempt from the Embargo, furthermore under the Permitted Development (Scotland) Order they do not require to obtain detailed planning permission. This response puts us in a quandary as there would be a gain in much needed affordable housing. However quite how the planners deem this to be in accordance with the LDP and also ignore the potential pollution concerns is worthy of consideration and we may wish to respond.

During the month we were notified about a proposed development of 50 houses at Gannochy, being promoted by the Gannochy Trust. An exhibition was held on 22/11/16 and it would appear that they will be seeking planning consent for 1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses for rental.

Having visited the exhibition it would appear to be a reasonable development in itself, regarding affordable housing which the committee agreed was required in the area.

However it may have implications for pollution at Bridgend and we may wish to comment on it as it could have some effects on our concerns regarding Scone housing developments.

Today we received a notification the Planning Application 16/01935/IPM had been submitted for Perth Airport, despite us being notified in May 2016 that this site was embargoed. We should therefore write to PKC noting this and asking for clarification.

Communications. All correspondence will be posted on the website.

PACC: No report since the meetings are biannually.

Community Open Space: Members of the community are being asked to register interest via the Destiny magazine regarding the need for and design of Fresh Air Fitness equipment to be sited somewhere in the village. Contact the SDCC website, letter or phone call.

8. Councillor's report: The Remembrance Day parade was well attended. An area at the front of the monument is to be set aside for small personal crosses.

Road repairs: successful on Abbey Road and Sandy Road, still to be completed at the junction of Mapledene Road and Stormont Road with reinstatement by Scottish Water. Telephone PKC on 01738 476476 or email or picture if road defects are spotted.

PKC have very little in the way of road safety policy, reactive rather than proactive, speed watch could be run on community volunteer basis.

2 High Street : most of the refurbishment of the building is finished but some parts not yet fit be occupied.

Birch Avenue housing proposal is a good idea and will incur fewer traffic movements than previously with a lesser number of residents and no commercial traffic.

A £10 fee can be paid to the Council in order to find out what information the Council holds about you.

The cost of funding for wheelchair accessible paths around the village will be approximately £250 000.

9. Scone Village Association. The Christmas Coffee morning raised £1330 towards the Festive Lights display. Thanks to all concerned. Due to unforeseen circumstances the lights will now be installed on 28th November. The Christmas edition of the Destiny magazine will be distributed free to all households in the PH2 6** area.

10. Barrel Drain. Discussion took place concerning the latest survey by PKC of the BD. Some areas could not be accessed as easily as when the last survey was done 2 years ago because of continual damage. PKC issued 6 letters to riparian

owners under whose properties the BD is blocked or requires attention and repair. Road drainage from Highfield Road, Angus Road and Murray Road goes into the BD along with land drainage from Myrtle Road and Stormont Road. 122 riparian owners were contacted by the CC in 2014/15 with 19 willing to support further investigation into the conduct of Scottish Water, SEPA and PKC. This matter is of ongoing concern to the community in the light of further housing and drainage proposals. PKC are intending to carry out further survey works shortly using different equipment in areas of restricted access.

11. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North

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

As noted at the last meeting, we have written to a number of senior officers of Perth & Kinross Council to clarify the confused position regarding statements by various officers that **"The CTRL is a committed project"**.

So far we have **not received any response providing clear answers**, which I think is not only impolite but indicates an unwillingness to deal with ourselves and a total disregard of our Community Council.

We have, both as a CC and also our study group, written to various MSP's and also the four Councillors for the local ward, seeking their support and assistance to advance the matters of the CTRL and other planning concerns.

Our letters have met with a limited response.

- John Swinney has responded with a regurgitation of the usual PKC line, which is not helpful.
- Mark Ruskell, a Green MSP, has taken up the cudgels in respect of the greenbelt.
- Murdo Fraser has contacted PKC and through the offices of Councillor Melloy has received a response.

The response given to Murdo Fraser gives responses which are even more confusing and misleading and has managed to introduce other factors.

In light of this confusion and the lack of response from senior council officers, we have written again to Murdo Fraser highlighting these discrepancies and seeking his help in getting clear answers and also to arrange a meeting for us with senior officers. Copies of this correspondence will be on the website.

Part of Murdo Fraser's response noted that **"full proposals are going to the full Council meeting on 14th December"**

Gordon is in the process of arranging meetings with all Councillors to try to lobby their support.

Mark Ruskell the Green MSP has become involved in the problems we are experiencing with PKC.

Sometime ago the study group submitted an FOI inquiry to the Reporter and so far this has most **helpful in clearly showing the irregular practices of PKC officers during the LDP process.**

Finally we are continuing to pursue legal advice as to the possibility of some route to ensure correct actions from PKC and hopefully Gordon is able to assist.

Points raised: Planning review states that: 1) There should be a **strong and flexible development plan** in the hands of the community. 2) **infrastructure first**: everything has to be in place to support development before consent is given. 3) SDCC must have public meetings and increased consultation which may not be popular with councillors.

We are requesting a **timeline of decisions** taken by PKC and issuing several FOI requests all relating to approval of the H29 housing proposal. Air quality legislation indicates that, with the present pollution already exceeding acceptable level, the development should be refused. Bridgend and Kinnoull CC have written to PKC to voice their concerns over Air quality and pollution.

Activities followed by the Study Group: 1) contacting Historical Environment Scotland re archaeological issues with the H29 site, Scottish Natural Heritage re Wildlife and Countryside Act which states that a boundary of 250 metres is necessary between certain protected species ie (honey buzzard, lapwings, red squirrels, common toads, pine martins

and newts) and any proposed development at North Scone. A request will be made to PKC to extend the consultation deadline.

It was agreed to lobby all councillors before the full Council meets to pass proposals regarding the CTRL on 14th December 2016.

12. AOCB: Scone Memorial Fund made a presentation to Robert Douglas Memorial School on 11th November and were represented by David Dykes (Trustee and Treasurer of SMF) and Doug Sutherland (Trustee and Secretary of SMF) The theme set this year for pupils in Class P6a and P6b was the Weeping Poppies that were on display at Balhousie Castle and the impact it had on the emotions of the children. The children each did art work and a narrative on their visit. The entries were of a very high standard and after much deliberations book tokens were presented to Charlotte Waite and Katie Dalton from Class P6a and Campbell Urquhart and Olivia Pankhurst from P6b.

Paul Meikle is working towards forming a Community Action Plan in Scone. These have been successful for 10 years all over UK and involve all ages with a volunteer collating wide ranging and diverse opinions as to what is best for the whole community. Issues to consider will be flooding, traffic and recreation. Established groups in the village ie SVA, Scone Thistle, over 50's club will be involved, there is funding from PKC.

C. Price indicated his intention to resign from the Committee after many years of hard work and commitment. We would like to thank him and wish him well in the future.

13. The meeting finished at 9 15 pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th at 7.30pm.