

Scone Community Council meeting notes 25th. August 2014

Attending were D.McKerracher; B.Paterson; C.Price, V.Shand, D.Sutherland, H. Mackinnon, D Dykes, L.Simpson
4 members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Chair. V. Shand.

2. Apologies for absence - None

3. Police Report - None

Councillor Simpson intimated that Community Policewoman Pam Blower was ill and contact should be made with Chief Inspector Mike Whitford to ascertain a) what contingency cover there was for illness and b) what was the state of community policing in Scone.

D.Dykes suggested writing directly to Pam Blower as emails had remained unanswered.

4. Adoption of the June 2014 Minutes & Matters Arising:

D.Dykes proposed Adoption, seconded by B.Paterson

5. Correspondence

D McKerracher commented on several community based initiatives circulated by email for CC consultation and how they might be useful for the village. ie Climate Challenge Fund, Community Empowerment Bill and Community Payback Team. D. Sutherland questioned how we should respond to these, should a representative from the CC attend meetings? D. McKerracher commented that, in some cases, there was lack of time for responses and a decisions had to be made as to whether they were relevant to the work of the CC.

D.Dykes suggested that we should be selective. Councillor Simpson agreed that some initiatives should be avoided but, if after research, could be passed on to other organisations. D.McKerracher suggested that the Community Payback Scheme might be worth passing on to community based organisations ie Scone in Bloom.

6. Treasurer's report:

We have funds of £602.67. £33 to be deducted for the August meeting.
War memorial fund now stands at £2977.70

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there has been 2 small applications submitted for minor extensions and 1 substantial application for a development at Scone Racecourse. The proposal is to erect, adjacent to the caravan site, 113 stables with bedroom accommodation for 60 people and a bistro restaurant. The intention is to use this as budget accommodation all year round and only restrict public use at race times. The intention is to demolish the existing stables. In addition there have been 2 approvals granted for individual extensions/alterations.

Communications. C.Price and V Shand are collaborating on this aspect.

PACC: An air race is to be held on 5/6 September. This is a coup for Perth Airport as this event has always been based in England. 25 planes will take part flying in a rectangular course so there will be increased air traffic.

B. Paterson enquired as to the standard operational hours of the Airport. On the website it is stated that 09.00 -17.00 in the winter, 08.00 -16.00 in the summer. He had witnessed 2 hot air balloons at 06.45 on the 24th August in the air above Scone with microlights from the Airport buzzing around them. Councillor Simpson stated that the hours were strictly controlled

D.Dykes offered to make enquiries.

Open Spaces: Community Open Space

Tenders have been received for the work to the refurbishment of the children's play area in the Recreation Park. Work is planned to commence mid September with completion in November 2014. The SVA have donated a basket swing for use by children of all ages including less mobile children.

8. Councillor's report - Councillor Simpson commented on the new flats at 70 Perth Road. The disruption caused by the traffic lights appearing and disappearing several times has been a result of incorrect plans for a sewage connection but will be finished in 3 weeks time.

No 7 bus route: Councillor thanked the supporters who attended the meeting on August 20th 2014 which resulted in Stagecoach management agreeing to a further meeting to discuss the changes and the following points will be raised

- 1) Full reinstatement with possible negotiation.
- 2) An undertaking to involve the local community in further decisions.
- 3) An apology to the community for the disruption with perhaps a donation to a local project.

Several members of the community living along the bus route had commented on the fact that they were happier with the new arrangement in light of the fact of less buses passing their doors. Other suggestions made included a bus every 15 minutes, with more at the busier times of the day.

Problems with the new system include

- 1) buses now sit stationary on the street to fill in time.
- 2) Pinch points with buses passing along busy narrow sections of road ie Oakbank Road and around the high schools area.
- 3) Poor uptake now at the Park & Ride even given that a new supermarket would still need a bus service.

Members of the public at the meeting commented on the increased business for Scone Taxi service, difficulties of getting a taxi, the cost of a taxi ride for important medical issues, missed appointments and the long walks faced by youngsters when returning from activities.

D.Dykes considered what form public consultation might take. B. Paterson commented on the need to find out what the customers want.

Councillor Simpson commented that Stagecoach was a private company with no commercial competition and as such can run its business as it wants unless the route is subsidised by public funds.

Councillor Simpson concluded by confirming the imminent tarring of the bus route and the turning circle at the bottom of Spoutwells Road with the biggest potholes having been filled in previously.

9. Scone Village Association Report -

We have placed an order for a defibrillator which will be fixed to the outside wall of the RDM Institute by the end of September - it is 'open access' which means that it is for use by all, if required. We plan to have a brief training / awareness meeting, when all sports groups and 50 + and interested parties will be invited.

The Christmas lights are also in the process of being ordered. There will be features mounted on the 12 lamp standards from Kinnears Pub down to the Co-op Shop. The August issue of Destiny was slightly late this month but it is on sale now.

Table tennis resumes on Wednesday 3rd September in the Institute, all welcome.

10. Drainage matters

Barrel Drain & General Drainage within Scone

D.McKerracher reported that the problems with the barrel drain at the Wheel Inn are continuing but we understand from PKC that agreement has been reached with the Wheel Inn insurers and that work will start shortly. (Early September at last count) A further meeting involving John Swinney, local councillors, PKC, Scottish Water and SEPA took place on 1/08/14. PKC confirmed that they have completed a further CCTV survey of 96% of the Barrel Drain and would make this available to Scone CC, furthermore they would co-operate with CC in distributing this information. Proposals to look at further drainage controls of the future north Scone development were tabled for future discussion and it was agreed to meet in 3 months time.

We have, following the meeting, written to Scottish Water to request that they clarify whether their network can carry road drainage, but to date have not had any response. I would confirm that we have met with PKC regarding the CCTV survey and have now received copies of the CCTV information. D. McKerracher is currently working on this information to identify potential responsibilities for each of the 99 individual owners (+PKC) and 8 affected by the drain from the Park & Ride. As previously discussed we require to organise, in liaison with Councillor Simpson, a further meeting to update all affected residents. We would hope that, following this meeting, we would be in a position to identify the barrel drain details to each owner.

B. Paterson commented that there may be many connections going into the Barrel drain and asked if it was possible to plot them, D McKerracher hoped to include this in the individual details for each owner..

B Paterson raised the issue of the problem pipe under the A94 opposite Alan Robertson's yard and under no 19 Perth Road. D. McKerracher stated that the CCTV survey showed this pipe was a 2 feet diameter steel pipe going into a stone culvert before changing to a 9 inch pipe connection into the Barrel Drain

Bleachie Burn

PKC Legal Department have responded unhelpfully in respect of BT potential ownership, however, following our meeting on 1/08/14, John Swinney has undertaken to clarify ownership through the Keeper of Registers for Scotland and we await his response.

11. Bandirran Wind Farm

Banks have recently submitted a response to PKC, which incorporates a reduced height proposal. PKC are currently assessing this submission and will be holding discussions with Banks. We understand that any formal information will be opened to public consultation and if these submissions constitute "significant modifications" then this may warrant a fresh application with the community payback being reduced as a consequence of lower output.

12. AOCB

It was suggested that notice of the CC meeting be published in the local P.A in order to attract more interested members of the public.

B.Paterson expressed concern over the use of memorandum methods of sending and receiving information by email as this may be open to editing by interested parties.

D. McKerracher : Burnside. At the time of the fencing off of part of the grassed area for safety reasons due to collapsing banks, it was noted that PKC considered this area to be the responsibilities of the owners across the road. Was this in writing? A check should be made on the updated position in light of the title deeds (previously held by PKC) and also on ongoing grasscutting.

Re the RDMI wifi, Councillor Simpson is meeting a representative from each group ie SVA, CC (D. Dykes) RDMI (Pat Fyffe) to discuss funding.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm

Next meeting Monday, September 29th. at 7.30pm