

Scone Community Council Meeting Minutes 29th. September 2014

Attending were SDCC members :D.McKerracher; B.Paterson, V.Shand, D.Sutherland, H. Mackinnon.

Local councillor L.Simpson.

Stagecoach Managing Director: Andrew Jarvis (**AJ**)
Stagecoach Operations Manager: Gus Beveridge(**GB**)

Public Transport Manager Perth and Kinross council: Andrew Warrington (**AW**)

Many members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Chair. V. Shand.

1.1 Stagecoach Discussion Due to the special nature of this agenda item and in view of the public interest shown, it was agreed to hold an informative discussion of the No 7 bus provision at the start of the meeting for one allocated hour, in order to allow community council business to be carried forward.

V. Shand invited Stagecoach to outline the background to the changes.

AJ : Reasons for changes: **1)** Reliability required to be updated with passenger data checked showing that the majority had to be catered for.

2) Time targets were not being met.

3) Too many empty buses

4) Poor use of a small P&R site.

AJ : outlined various options being considered.

1) a one way loop system using two buses, 7 and 7a with every other bus in the opposite loop to be introduced at the end of October. This would give passengers more time.

2) No 57 was now every 30 minutes at the P&R with newer buses able to cater for passengers with mobility issues and prams etc. These now go straight into Perth and not round the village.

3) No 3 bus route could also be reconsidered.

V. Shand then opened the discussion to the public. Public comments in red.

Was there no intention to reintroduce the service to the P&R?

AJ. No

Why was there no consultation as now the whole of the north end of the village is cut off except for the occasional bus.

AJ disagreed that the service was occasional and no demand had been shown for this.

Why are drivers required now to sit idle at various localities for 5 minutes?

GB: This was to allow for recovery time at Mill Street, South Street and Oakbank Road.

What was the point of the P&R and the bus lane? Were Stephen's and Stagecoach now renegeing on historical planning agreement and had grants been given for the initial provision of the route? In 2004 the P&R cost £250 000 Transport Scotland tax payers money. More cars means more pollution and congestion.

No respect given to the public, where the buses sit idle in Scone ie. narrow point along Spoutwells Drive to use up time, is a danger to the public and wouldn't the P&R be a more suitable place to park. There is now a dangerous turn at the Wheel Inn corner.

AW : stated that there was no link with Stephen's. There was a national government grant of 58p per £1 for a fuel tax rebate.

GB: the no 3 bus is totally supported by the council.

AW : met with Stagecoach to discuss rerouting no 3 bus and introducing 7 and 7a.

Why was this not done prior to all the changes?

AJ : agreed this was justifiable criticism.

Councillor Simpson asked if the service could be every 15 minutes.

AJ : Cognisance had to be taken of the implications of the changes on the rest of the route in Perth. He stated that he could not understand a reduction of the service from every 10 minutes to 15.

Could smaller buses be used as the buses seemed empty but it was pointed out that this was only at the beginning and the end of the routes.

Public complaints

a) Problems with transport home following after school activities with not a direct bus from the school.

b) Cost of the P&R: expensive from Scone as not a funded P&R system as there is at Broxden. No encouraging advertising for the P&R.

c) No 57 not suitable for further journeys to work ie early train times and not reliably every 30 minutes. ie 2 hourly on a Sunday, hourly after 5 pm.

and often full in the morning causing difficulties for vulnerable passengers.

Walk up main road not safe for elderly and children and now many cars parking in the village along the bus routes.

a) **GB** disagreed that changing buses in the town was not so bad and would look into a transfer ticket for children.

b) **AJ** will look at pricing ie £6.80 for a group ticket but they were a commercial business and had to make money.

c) **AJ** agreed to look at the gaps and watch the loadings and uptake of the route.

GB asked for a show of hands on the usage of the P&R, (majority shown) He stated that there were 10-15 cars on an average day but not for the buses but for car-sharing as compared to the Broxden P&R with 56 as a daily average.

AW stated that Broxden is subsidised by the council £160 000 annually. Scone P&R is too small, initially targetted for the out of village traffic ie Blairgowrie but not popular due to cost and lengthy detour round village.

Could the P&R be extended over the ground earmarked for a supermarket?

Councillor Simpson thanked Stagecoach for their attendance at the meeting and outlined 3 points

- the P&R issue is a red herring

- no 3 bus route is a separate issue

- the public want a reintroduction of the no 7 bus route up to the top of the village

He stated that it was good news that the loop was to be reintroduced but appreciated that this was a commercial decision. Along with Councillor Wilson councillor Simpson will have a further meeting with Stagecoach.

AJ thanked everyone for their comments and feedback and will conduct a review on October 24th when the 7 and 7a loop will be reinstated.

V. Shand thanked all for their participation.

2. Apologies for absence - D. Dykes, C. Price.

3. Police Report - None. Police Scotland Community Policing section and Pam Blower, Community Police Officer have been emailed for a report but no response.

4. Adoption of the August 2014 Minutes & Matters Arising: D. Sutherland proposed Adoption, seconded by D. McKerracher

5. Correspondence: I reply from PKC regarding installing additional gullies to help alliviate flooding problems on Perth Road.

6. Treasurer's report:

We have funds of £569.67 £40 to be deducted for this meeting.

War memorial fund now stands at £2940.57

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there have been no small applications submitted. No approvals have been granted for individual extensons/alterations.

Communications. C.Price is working to organise advertising on the website..

PACC: Next meeting is on the 22nd October 2014

Open Spaces: Community Open Space.The latest information regarding the refurbishment of the children's play area in the Recreation Park is that the planned start date of mid-September is now to be week commencing 6th October with an end November completion date. Gilmartin is the contractor.

8. Councillor's report - Further to the earlier extensive discussion, he and Councillor Wilson have meeting arranged with Stagecoach later in the month. Councillor Simpson also intended to look into the route of the No 3 bus and could it be changed to improve access to the village. He commented on the decision by the Pilkington Trust to build 1700 houses in the Almond valley area west of Perth but this has little impact on our area as yet until new roads infrastrucuture and a new Tay bridge is constructed.

No 70 Perth Road apartments are almost finished, the overrun on cost and time due to inability of PKC and Scottish Water to connect services because of poor recordkeeping.

9. Scone Village Association Report We have received the cabinet for the defibrillator and the defibrillator should be supplied by mid-October. It will be fixed to the wall of the RDM Institute and all local organisations will be invited or notified of training / information evening, regarding the use of the defibrillator.

The infrastructure for the festive lights will be installed over night during the early part of October with the features being fitted probably November and switched on at the end of November.

The October issue of Destiny is now on sale. It appears that the previous issue attracted some adverse comments but hopefully did not put off people buying it, advertising in it and contributing articles for it. It is intended as a local newsletter for all villagers to have their say.

Table tennis continues on Wednesday evenings in RDM Institute, all are 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 as no work has yet commenced, despite assurances. We intend to contact Maclay Inns directly for an update. Agreement has been reached with the adjacent owner, Mr Saltman.

We are still analysing the CCTV survey data to hopefully identify potential responsibilities for each of the individual owners affected. Comment was also made about the bolted down manhole covers and how safe this practice was.

We are still in correspondence with Scottish Water to request that they clarify whether their network can carry road drainage.

We are pursuing PKC to install additional gullies in Angus Road to hopefully ease the problems at No 29. We still intend to organise, in liaison with Councillor Simpson, a further meeting to update all the affected residents.

Bleachie Burn

Following the involvement of John Swinney and the Keeper of Registers for Scotland, we have made some moves forward in trying to establish ownership. The position is not yet clear and we shall continue to follow up the latest leads.

11. Bandirran Wind Farm: No further correspondence.

12. AOCB

Burnside: concerns have been expressed regarding the silt and weeds within the Annaty Burn and also the poor condition of the undermined wall.

We are writing to the flooding section of PKC to alert them to our concerns and seek clearance and remedial works. The council are still providing grass cutting services although there is still the question of ownership. Councillor Simpson stated that the Annaty floodplan was being investigated.

B Paterson expressed concern regarding illegal parking within the village due to the ongoing problem with the bus route. Councillor Simpson will raise this point with A. Jarvis of Stagecoach on the 29th October 2014.

The proposed new school: concern expressed about the ongoing bottleneck of school transport with Scone students continuing to attend Perth Academy but a school on the Western Edge would not affect Scone residents.

Scone Memorial Fund: RDM school have been running a WWI project which will be finished by 10th October. Trustees to give out 2x £25 book token prizes to each of the two Pr 7 classes on 13th November at a morning assembly. This will be funded for the next 4 years and thereafter maybe transferred to community work.

WIFI The RDMI wifi will be funded by S.V.A and SDCC for 2 years. Immediate funding of £120 is required from each organisation with £112 pa. BT will provide a free router and extensions and installation wiring will be funded by S.V.A. These expenses will deplete the CC fund so a grant will be applied for from PKC

Councillor Simpson thanked V. Shand for her competent running of the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm

Next meeting Monday, October 27th. at 7.30pm