

## Scone Community Council Minutes 26th. January 2015

Attending were D.McKerracher; B.Paterson; C.Price, D.Sutherland, H. Mackinnon, D Dykes, L.Simpson  
No members of the public were present.

**1. Welcome** from Vice Chair. D. Dykes

**2. Apologies for absence** – V.Shand

**3. Police Report** – Basic crime prevention advice, a standard message not specific to our area mainly car crime don't leave anything on display, remove Satellite systems and use a UV pen to mark valuable personal items. Remove car keys and if you have a garage, park in it.

### Youth calls since the last meeting

David Douglas Avenue – general noise nuisance – moved on prior to police attending

Goshen Park – general nuisance – number of youths traced and moved on

### Crimes/Incidents since last meeting

None

### Good work

One female arrested for fraud – knocking on residents doors in the Pitcullen Terrace area asking for money

Two males arrested in Cumbria for theft of various quad bikes and other stolen property, some of which occurred in this part of Perth & Kinross

One male arrested at Logierait Pine Lodges for producing an improvised explosive device (nail bomb) on 4 Feb

There have been lead thefts from roofs of churches and other buildings across Tayside recently which are presently under enquiry – any information can be passed to Police Scotland on the non emergency line 101 unless the theft is actually taking place

There have been a number of thefts from works vehicles recently across Perth and Kinross and also a number of break ins to commercial properties where the favoured goods for stealing are power tools and equipment. It is important that you ensure that the security of your vehicle or premises is adequate for the value within.

### For information

SCAMS – the persons carrying out scams are finding more ingenious ways of making you part with your money – the newest one is to contact an individual and advise them that the “Ministry of Justice” have claimed PPI money for that individual. To get this money required the purchasing of UKASH vouchers then a staff member from the “Ministry of Justice” would collect them and hand over the PPI cheques. On no account divulge details of your address or indeed purchase such UKASH vouchers – contact the police

Bogus workmen – again working in the area – if you agree a price and are happy with the standard of work, do not hand over increased amounts of money and certainly avoid handing over money before the work is completed to your satisfaction. Do not allow the “workmen” to take you to the bank to withdraw sums of money as has happened recently elsewhere in Perthshire.

Note any vehicle registrations of persons who you think may be involved in such activity and contact the police. Trading Standards will also offer advice where required.

More police presence was requested by the Committee

## **4. Adoption of the October 2014 Minutes & Matters Arising:**

D. McKerracher proposed Adoption, seconded by B.Paterson

## **5. Correspondence**

**Letters sent** : Foi request to PKC re costs for flooding problems at Wheel Inn with Barrel Drain.

Acknowledgement of reply from Willie Young, acting head of Environmental and Consumer services

PKC, concerning additional survey works of the Barrel Drain.

Andrew Brown (QLTR) regarding ownership of the Bleachie.

**Received:** Report of the latest inspection of the Burnside area from Andrew Strang PKC

QLTR concerning ownership of the Bleachie unable to be determined and all Crown interest will be disclaimed. Whoever wishes to seek a title should look for their own legal advice.

Confirmation letter from Jane Pritchard PKC that there is a right of way along the Bleachie.

Reply : Willie Young re Barrel Drain surveys, council committed to survey every 2 years

FOI re costs of the works at the Wheel Inn

Local Development plan will now be emailed out to local CC for comments.

#### **6. Treasurer's report:**

We have funds of £319.27 Cost of the hall hire is £33.

Wreath for Remembrance Sunday was £76.26

Scone Memorial Fund now stands at £2878.20.

#### **7. Convenor's reports:**

**Planning.** During the period since the last meeting there have been 2 minor applications for extensions and 1 application for a change of house type at Balgarvie.

A group from Coupar Angus and Guildtown are investigating community ownership of Bandirren.

D. Dykes questioned the viability of the Supermarket at the P& R and did the local development plan include this as the consultation period had passed.

Should we offer our support to Tulloch CC in their concern over the proposed new Cross Tay link road which is encroaching on the edge of the Crematorium? Agreed to email general support.

**Communications.** Passwords have been changed and it was agreed to invite younger members of the community to inject some up- to date- ways of involving their peers in community interests by using social media.ie facebook etc.

**PACC:** Next meeting is in March

#### **Open Spaces:**

Refurbishment of the Children's play area. – Due to the seasonally inclement weather the contactor has been unable to plant the turf to finish off the area to make it usable and the ground is waterlogged. The refurbished play area is not anticipated to open until March / April 2015.

Another point of concern is the entrance to the Recreation Park from Abbey Road, the flower beds have not had any attention since the Provost opened the Bowling Club. The hedges around the gate lodge could also be tidied up. We are led to believe it is the first year in the last 20 years that the council have not trimmed the hedges.

The incidents of dog fouling in the park seems to be increasing and ways of stopping this are required.

An email is to be sent to the dog warden.

**8. Councillor's report** – Councillor Simpson stated that the No 7 bus route is working well but he had been monitoring the lengths of time the buses sit idle, ie 10 minutes at Mill Street and South Street, 5 minutes at Stormont Park and Keir Street therefore 20 minutes spare in the timetable for returning to the P&R which is served by the No 57. There were concerns that, within the budget process, cuts might be made to the subsidised no 3 service but no decisions will be made before the elections.

With regards to the bids for the City Hall, 5 businesses noted interest, 3 failed due to lack of correct procedures and 2 are being considered. Historic Scotland have suggested the Council give the building to a developer on a long lease and not sell the premises.

#### **9. Scone Village Association**

The first year of the Festive Lights on Perth Road has been met with good reports and, depending on voluntary donations received, whether we may be able to extend the lights next December, although we are limited by

the number of lampstandards and choice of design. They are stored, put up and taken down for an annual fee. The Christmas edition of Destiny was delivered free again by Royal Mail to all residences in the PH2 6\*\* area. Next issue is due out for sale next week.

## **10. Drainage matters Barrel Drain & General Drainage within Scone**

Wheel Inn works with Kellan Construction due to arrive on site to erect fencing on 23/1/15, with a start on site 2/2/15. This will allow PKC to take fencing & shoring off-site, almost 1 year after installation. However Maclay Inns are now in administration with Ernst and Young and are being managed by Thistle Taverns who have the same directors as Maclays Inns. This may affect the proposed works. I have e mailed Peter Dickson to ask him to plan for some works to eliminate ongoing costs, if Maclay works do not go ahead.

PKC advise that additional CCTV survey will be carried out Jan/Feb. Await results then meet PKC and hopefully thereafter organise residents meeting.

We have recently received a response from Scottish Water, to our letter of 12/12/14, regarding information on the exclusion of certain road drainage from their network. SW are still trying to confuse the issue in respect of "assumptions" made to allow network check to be carried 2012. We are in the process of responding seeking further information.

There has been a further flooding problem at numbers 116-120 Angus Road concerning trees and roots growing into an old land drain, resolved by removal of trees etc. and laying of new section of pipe at number 116.

### **FOI Response**

Since our further enquiry, the remaining surplus hired equipment was removed from site. The further enquiry received responses on:-  
breakdown of emergency costs and CCTV costs  
Corrected hire rate on box hire ( 178% increase)  
Tayside Contracts blamed for only 1 Box removal  
H&S reasons for hires from 10/2/14 to date

Further enquiry sent 12/01/15 to request:-  
works location of CCTV survey costs  
Actual hire cost per box  
Shortfall costs carried by whom as possible 270% increase

**11. Bleachie** We received a response from PKC that the path through Bleachie **IS a Right of Way**. If in England LA Highways Dept. are required to maintain path, however **NOT** in Scotland. QLTR withdrawing not really any further forward and running out of ideas, any suggestions welcome!! Possible notification that it could be purchased (almost FOC) ?? or would S V A be interested??

**Burnside.** PKC have carried out a further inspection in December. PKC provided a copy of the report which confirmed earlier findings no works required. Although they note that the walls are deteriorating but that repairs are the responsibility of the landowners.

PKC also detail their efforts to trace landowners, without success.

We have written to suggest checking deeds of lands previously held by PKC, which may help resolve part of problem.

We have also requested assurance on the course of action which would be adopted by PKC, if repairs were urgently required and owners still not traced.

### **12. AOCB.**

When were the double yellow lines to be replaced along the length of Spoutwells Road outside the School? 2 drains needing cleared in Spoutwells Road after being filled up with the resurfacing material used for the repairs.

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm. Next meeting Monday, February 23rd. at 7.30pm

