

Scone Community Council Minutes 24th. November 2014

Attending were D.McKerracher; B.Paterson; C.Price, V.Shand, D.Sutherland, H. Mackinnon, D Dykes, L.Simpson

No members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Chair. V. Shand.

2. Apologies for absence - None

3. Police Report – Basic crime prevention advice, a standard message not specific to our area mainly breakins to sheds and garages for gardening equipment and tools.

Youth calls: 2 reports of nuisance calls involving egg throwing in Catmoor Square, youths setting off fireworks in Perth Road no trace found of either miscreants, youths running in and out of the Wheel Inn premises but police unable to attend due to other incident.

Crimes- Vandalism, stone thrown at living room window in Craigroyston Crescent- under enquiry.

The report finished with a warning about bogus workmen cold calling in the neighbourhood to repair slates, no van seen in the area

Scams: banks and research companies asking for bank details over the phone, several calls have been made from a person pretending to be a police officer asking for bank details and advice to ignore fraud letters asking for details in order to deposit the winnings.

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

B.Paterson proposed Adoption, seconded by D.McKerracher

5. Correspondence

Community Council public liability insurance renewal

Replies were as follows:

Freedom of Information from PKC re the costs of the Wheel Inn Barrel Drain works/repairs.

B.Renton PKC concerning the correct figures for the CCTV survey coverage of the Barrel Drain.

1) Andrew Strang PKC re potential flood and drainage problems in Angus Road, 2) Flooding and drainage at the Burnside

Stuart D'all PKC re additional gullies.

QLTR re ownership of the Bleachie.

6. Treasurer's report:

We have funds of £383.07.

Scone Memorial Fund now stands at £2877.70.

Half of the cost of the Wifi for RDMI has been paid.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there has been 2 small applications submitted and 3 approvals for an individual extensions/ alterations.

Bandirran will be dealt with later.

Communications. The webmaster has changed passwords and email addresses with word press shut down and records archived.

PACC: Discussion has taken place on the safety protocol for dealing with visits and having one point of contact.

Open Spaces: Community Open Space

Refurbishment of the Children's play area. -- Work was completed last week until it was discovered that the contractor had mixed up two pieces of equipment and will have to change them into the correct locations. Due to the wet weather the turf has not been laid but will be laid as soon as possible then the play area can be opened for use. I have had great difficulty in getting the overflow to the pond to be cleared of leaves etc due to various PKC departments not wanting to take ownership of the problem. The problem is on going.

A request was made to ascertain as to whether the Community Payback team could help clear up the Bleachie and Lowes Court

8. Councillor's report – Councillor Simpson stated that there had been a good turnout at the Scone Armistice parade at the monument with members of the Black Watch attending.

No 7 bus started a new route with inspectors on hand to monitor for info and feedback. Efforts continue to reinstate the P&R.

Comments have been made about the changes to the street lighting, (now LED), some not working, not sufficient light, patches of darkness and too far apart to be effective.

Perth was very busy for the Xmas light switch on. Councillor Simpson reported that the council offices at 2 High Street are being refurbished with staff moving to the Atrium and Pullar House.

A request was made to discover the future for Birch Avenue premises which has been vacated by the NHS.

Scone Village Association

The defibrillator was installed at the end of October on the Institute wall. A public meeting was held on 6th November run by Scottish Ambulance Resuscitation Team on the use of the defibrillator it was attended by approx 25 residents.

The festive lights have been approved by Tayside Street Lighting Partnership and they will be switched on during the evening of Thursday 27th November and will remain until early January 2015.

The free issue of Destiny will be delivered again this year to all in the PH2 6 postal area during week commencing 1st December.

There will be CEOPs evening held in the school on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm aimed at parents and grandparents. It is being run by Scone Youth Crew and PKC Community Education Team. All are most welcome to attend this informative evening.

10. Drainage matters

Barrel Drain & General Drainage within Scone

D.McKerracher reported that no work has yet commenced on the drain at the Wheel Inn despite the response from Maclay Inns. We wrote to PKC to seek details of their costings, etc at the Wheel Inn, under FOI legislation, and received a response. We have received a response from PKC regarding coverage of their CCTV survey data (47% NOT 96% stated at the August meeting) and were astonished to find it contained a "**confirmation**" that 48% was the correct figure.

We have written directly to B. Renton to protest at the seeming lack of interest regarding her staff, in respect of Scone flooding and drainage matters and also drawing attention to the incorrect statement of the “**confirmation**”. We also requested a meeting directly with Barbara Renton.

We have still not received a response from Scottish Water to our letter of 2/10/14, regarding clarification that their network can carry road drainage. We have now written to their Chief Executive to try to expedite a response. We still intend to organise, in liaison with Councillor Simpson, a further meeting to update all affected residents but current developments are delaying this proposal.

FOI response. It is worth noting that since our enquiry some of the surplus hired equipment was removed from site on 13/11/14 (some 39 weeks after 10/2/14). A committee member commented on who had uplifted the material? and where did it go?

At present on site there are:

6 Trench boxes in use. 1 Trench Box made up but NOT used; Misc shoring equipment. 28
 Fence Panels in use; 9 Fence Panels spare NOT used. 1 Road Plate NOT used

If one accepts the figures given by PKC;		Realistically;	
Emergency work	= £32,609.68	=£32,609.68	Hire of Boxes- 40
weeks@£214.5	=£8,580.00	@say 8x£70 =£22,400.00	Hire of Fencing & Road Plate
@say £30	=£1200.00	Misc safety,etc	=£3979.55
=£3979.55	CCTV survey works	=£7296.04	(Wheel Inn ONLY) =£2000.00
Total to date	£52,465.27	=£62,189.23	

Note 1) Hire costs at the Wheel Inn are **CONTINUING** to increase at approx. £590.00per week.

2) CCTV costs stated as £7,296.04 **MUST** incorporate the CCTV survey work on the full drain survey.

3) The cost of a contracted replacement of say 25m of drain with 600dia UVPC, complete with a MH at either end, would be in the order of £20,000 + VAT with only surface reinstatement extra.

4) Whilst initial emergency work is unavoidable, the cost of part of the “emergency” work could have been avoided along with the subsequent costs of maintaining the “open” current condition.

Councillor Simson commented that the insurers were still the problem at the Wheel Inn area and that the Council was fulfilling its obligations as far as health and safety were concerned.

11. Bleachie. We received a response from the Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer which has not really advanced our investigations. If it is established that they were involved, they would look to dispose of the land. We shall try to seek another route toward establishing ownership. **Burnside** We received a response from the Flooding section of PKC, who confirmed that they inspected the Annaty burn in August 2014. At that time the removal of silt & weeds did not exceed the criteria for clearance and that this removal is not an effective flood management technique. PKC also noted that the walls are deteriorating but that repairs are the responsibility of the landowners. We have written to request a copy of the inspection report and to get details of PKC efforts to locate and notify the

respective landowners.

Bandirran We have been informed that following meetings between Banks and HIA Dundee (subject to legal documentation), agreement has been reached to allow HIA to remove their objection. PKC planners have not been given details by Banks but are still concerned that any changes proposed to reduce turbine height, would still need to take account of SNH guidance. PKC cannot take any action until details are submitted by Banks, at which time they will ascertain if this is a change to the existing application or required a new application. Any decision on this will be made public. We understand that representatives from Guildtown and Coupar Angus have informed Burrelton CC that they are interested in buying the entire windfarm.

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12. AOCB

A question was asked as to whether the Tayplan was being followed and what does it achieve?

SMF Prize had been given out for the WW1 projects. Future meetings to discuss prizes are to be held by the trustees.

The meeting finished at 8.47 pm

Next meeting Monday, January 26th. at 7.30pm