

Scone Community Council Minutes 27th. October 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. Youth calls: 2 reports of nuisance calls involving stone throwing in Highfield Road, Spoutwells Drive - ringing doorbells and running off, Hutchison Drive- youths banging on windows spoken to by householder, no further police action required, Stormont Road youths running about on road- no trace found.

Crimes- Theft: works van broken into overnight in Greystanes- amount of tools stolen, namely Makita drill, jigsaw and planer, under enquiry.

The report finished with a warning about bogus workmen in the area.

The point was made by several members of the committee that not all incidents had been included ie a fire related occurrence which resulted in the main road being closed. Councillor Simpson stated that he will have a meeting with Inspector Whitford to enquire about the long term planning for community policing.

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

D.McKerracher proposed Adoption, seconded by B.Paterson

5. Correspondence

Enquiries. The Queen's and Lord treasurer's Remembrancer and the Keeper regarding ownership of the Bleachie, Barbara Renton regarding Scone drainage and flooding problems. Relies: 1} Andrew Strang PKC, stating that, contrary to previous statements, only 48% of the actual lengths of the Barrel drain has been surveyed and not 96%. 2} Andrew Strang regarding potential flood risks in Angus Road financial provision for installing extra gullies may be available from April 2015. 3} Burnside area regarding maintenance this will be inspected on a 6 monthly basis.

6. Treasurer's report:

We have funds of £383.07.

War memorial fund now stands at £2877.70. Book tokens for the school project were to be taken from this total.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there has been 1 small application submitted and 1 approval for an individual extension/ alteration.

In respect of Bandirran, in August Banks offered to reduce turbine height by 20 metres but PKC responded that there is still an effect on visual appearance. Banks would need to take account of SNH guidance in this matter as "a minor vertical scale in relation to the key landscape feature" (usually less than a third) is required. PKC asked Banks in August to respond within 7 days and as yet no response has been received.

Communications. Problems are still arising with changing the passwords. There would appear to be no mechanism to change details and contact will be made with the SDCC site's administrator. C. Price and V. Shand agreed to look into updating information and comments on the content of the site were invited from committee members. B.Paterson will assist with preparations for advertising on the site

Wifi is now installed in the RDMI has been tested and works well, it is password protected and costs the CC £112 this year.

PACC: No report.

Open Spaces: Community Open Space

Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the children's play area in the Recreation Park and hopefully be completed by the end of November 2014 weather permitting. The Community Payback Team have agreed to clear out an area of badly overgrown vegetation at the end of Lowes court, this area was a bit of a no-man's land with no one wanting to claim responsibility for it.

8. Councillor's report – Councillor Simpson stated that the flats at 70 Perth Road are finished despite a few drainage connection problems and are to be let soon.

The cross Tay link is unlikely to be acted upon in the near future, no developer and no budget available. There would seem to be little interest in the supermarket site at the top of the village. A meeting will be held on 29th October with Stagecoach and RDMI committee to discuss no 7 bus changes. The delay in reversing some of the changes is not all the fault of Stagecoach as the Traffic Commissioner has to approve any changes. B Paterson commented that the information at the bus stops would have to be amended and updated.

Councilor Simpson praised the chair of SDCC for chairing a difficult meeting expertly and the committee went on to state that it would delay any further meeting with Stagecoach until the new year.

Councillor Simpson concluded by stating that he would make enquiries about the lack of police report situation.

9. Scone Village Association Report -

The SVA has taken delivery of the defibrillator and it will be fitted to the outside wall of the Institute on Tuesday 28th October. A public meeting will be held in RDMI on 6th November with the Scottish Ambulance resuscitation team.

The infrastructure for the festive lights was installed overnight on 1st October and features will be fitted and switched on 27th November.

There will be a free issue of Destiny delivered again this year to all in the PH2 6 postal area and all contributions for this edition will have to be in by 6th November.

Table tennis continues on Wednesday evenings in RDM Institute, all are welcome.

There will be another CEOPS evening in the school late November early December, aimed at parents and grandparents, notices will be posted.

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. We have written to Mclay Inns who have responded that "they are experiencing difficulties as the works straddle into neighbouring land". Also their insurers have received widely varying tender prices. However they are in regular contact with their insurers and are keen to get the matter resolved.

We have been unable to continue with the analysis of the CCTV survey data. We have discovered that the information provided by PKC only covers approx. 47% of the Barrel Drain, NOT the 96% stated at the August meeting. We have written to PKC to request their substantiation of the 96% but to date have received no response and are still pursuing a response through Barbara Renton. We are still in correspondence with Scottish Water to request that they clarify whether their network can carry road drainage. No clear response has been received and we will chase this matter up, possibly requiring to write to senior management.

We are still awaiting a response from the Flooding section of PKC, regarding the installation of additional gullies in Angus Road to hopefully ease the flood problems at no 29. We are again chasing a response through Barbara Renton. We still intend to organise, in liaison with Councillor Simpson, a further meeting to update all affected residents, although the timing of this may depend on current developments. The committee was asked to agree a response regarding a further meeting with John Swinney, Scottish Water, SEPA and PKC.

11. Bleachie.

Following the earlier response from the Keeper of Registers for Scotland, we wrote again to Registers of Scotland and the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer. We have received no responses from them which may possibly advance our investigations. Currently we have passed copies of title deeds (received from ROS) to the QLTR and await their response.

It is interesting to note that the land may be "non domino" and it has been suggested (by ROS) that Scone CC may wish to register ownership. This would be permissible within the CC constitution and it may be that maintenance could be an allowable expense.

Community payback scheme could be used for maintenance with funding from an admin grant.

12. AOCB

WMF. D. Sutherland outlined the plan to award 4x£25 book token prizes to the winners of the RDM school primary 7 projects. There had been a delay in choosing the winners but this was to be resolved promptly and they would be awarded at an assembly on 13 November.

Remembrance Sunday would be commemorated at the War Memorial at the foot of the village at 3pm with D. McKerracher volunteering to lay a wreath on behalf of the CC.

Burnside: we have written to the Flooding Section of PKC to alert them to our concerns regarding the silt and weeds within the Annaty Burn and also the poor condition of the undermined wall. We have received no response again and are chasing a response through Barbara Renton.

B. Paterson raised the point about the speed warning indicator at the top of Angus Road and its inability to function. Could this be fixed?

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm

Next meeting Monday, November 24th. at 7.30pm

