

## Scone Community Council Minutes 27<sup>th</sup>. April 2015

Attending were D .McKerracher, B. Paterson, D. Dykes, V. Shand, D. Sutherland, H. Mackinnon, L. Simpson  
PC. Laws

1 member of the public attended.

**1. Welcome** from Chair. V. Shand.

**2. Apologies for absence** – C.Price.

**3. Police Report** – the committee welcomed the attendance of Community Police Officer Alison Laws.

Youth calls since the last meeting

None

Crimes/Incidents since last meeting

Vandalism – overnight 25/26 April in Catmoor Road, Scone – parked vehicle scratched – under enquiry

Possible bogus caller/workman reported – in Myrtle Road around 14 April – after enquiry there was no evidence of any criminality

Theft – of a charity box from a commercial premises in Perth Road, Scone on 31 March – one male traced and arrested.

Points raised by the CC

- 1) The issue of cars parking on pavements thus severely restricting safe passage by pedestrians, wheelchair and pram users. Photo evidence was produced and a request made for more police involvement in this issue.
- 2) Parking and travelling congestion at the school gates with cars on double yellow lines, over entrances to private drives and in disabled spaces restricting the two way bus route to a single track one way system. Could occasional police presence help this situation before an accident occurs?
- 3) Incident in the children's play area in the park with a critical bolt being maliciously removed from a piece of equipment. A request for more police presence in the park area was made.
- 4) A question was asked regarding solving a vandalism crime from last month and had the perpetrators been apprehended. No was the answer, under inquiry.

For information

Individuals have been selling chainsaws/generators in the Perth & Kinross area – on one occasion, further enquiry is to be made after a member of the public contacted the police and the person concerned was traced. If you are offered goods being sold in this fashion, make sure you are aware of what you are buying before any money is exchanged.

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.

SCAMS – the persons carrying out scams are finding more ingenious ways of making you part with your money – remember banks will never ask for details of your account over the phone. Make sure you research a company to which you are divulging your details and ensure they are genuine before making any payments.

**4. Adoption of the March Minutes & Matters Arising:**

B. Paterson proposed Adoption, seconded by D. Dykes.

## **5. Correspondence.**

No correspondence has taken place this month.

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

We have funds of £193.72

Scone Memorial Fund now stands at £2897.38.

The CC will be given a grant in June from the Council after the accounts have been verified at the forthcoming AGM on May 25<sup>th</sup>. 2015

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

**Planning.** During the period since the last meeting there have been 4 minor applications for extensions/alterations and 1 approval granted. No further definitive news on Bandirran,

**Communications.** No further developments.

**PACC:** The airport training facility, in conjunction with Perth College, has been awarded a Queen's Award for Excellence in Industry. Several new developments are to take place with onsite properties being changed to provide accommodation for an increase in students : 40 pilots and 46 engineers from Lybia with 14 from Brunei and 6 from Oman along with academic students from Indonesia and Cyprus. These students are funded by their own governments and bring a lot of money into the Perth economy.

The busy SCAA, with over 500 callouts in 2 years, is to take possession of a new upgraded helicopter which can fly at night. The cost of maintaining the aircraft is £4100 per day.

Morris Leslie has started preparation work on a development of 55 chalets.

There has been 1 noise complaint over the last 6 months.

A new schools initiative called Take Off is to be introduced involving theory at Perth College and practical lessons up at the airfield, the duration of the course is 18 months to 2 years.

## **Open Spaces**

Children's play area :—The new play area was opened for public use for the Easter weekend.

When asked to make rapid repairs to the existing fence prior to opening, I was informed that the Council Policy was to have play areas 'open plan'. That is fences are now only required where play areas are adjacent to public roads. This policy appears to have been formulated after the design approval and construction of the play area had commenced. This is to be reassessed on the Autumn.

The equipment and area is being well used and a lot of litter has been created. I have been assured an additional bin will be provided.

**8. Councillor's report** – Councillor Simpson stated that the travelers had left the P&R site as requested within 72 hours. Parking charges were still causing upset with demands continuing to be sent to drivers who should reply by acknowledging that they are the vehicle's owner but ask for proof of who was driving at the time of parking. This will result in no further action being taken. If problems are arising in the park, concerned members of the public should call the council on 476476 or email. The cost of reinstating the fence around the play area would be £7000.

A good meeting with Stagecoach regarding no 7 bus, resulted in a revision of provision within 2 months.

**9. Scone Village Association** The June edition of Destiny copy date is 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

The SVA will hold their AGM on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00 for 7.30pm to which all are welcome and we are looking for new members to assist with our work.

The speaker at the AGM this year will be Robin Smith who will give an illustrated talk on 'Nature in Scone and District'.

Following an email from a resident who was walking past the ball court and noticed a child on top of the goals trying to bend the basketball hoops, can we ask all to challenge the vandals and/ or report to the police.

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

Wheel Inn restoration of carpark & fencing is completed.

We had intended to hold a public meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May but flyers to residents have been delayed. A revised proposal for flyers has now been made and, once a new date is set, these can be issued.

A draft summary of the updated position in respect of the barrel drain has been prepared and it should be decided, by CC members, if this is to be issued with the meeting flyers or at the meeting.

Scottish Water have not yet confirmed if the P&R drainage discharges into their network.

The additional CCTV survey works, carried out in Jan/Feb show a slight increase in coverage, still under 50%, however by using a smaller camera in places they have records of some areas not previously covered.

June 11<sup>th</sup> was decided as the date for a meeting with the riparian owners to discuss the way forward for matters concerning the Barrel Drain and consequences for those properties under which it flows.

Fliers will be delivered to approximately 120 properties inviting attendance at the Scone Old Church Burnside Hall.

#### **FOI Response**

The proposed letter to PKC regarding the costs of the Wheel Inn works was deferred to await comment, but this should now be able to be sent.

#### **Flood Risk Management Consultation**

There are a number of matters in this consultation which I consider are relevant to Scone and should be commented on. I have not yet circulated a suggested note for members' comments, but will do so shortly, as the return date for comments is 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

#### **11. AOCB**

**SMF.** Jill Duggan. HT. at RDM School, has been informed that the SMF will continue funding WW1 related projects for the next 3 years, school to set curriculum focus.

Brenda Lackie has retired so questions have been asked about the new contact for CC, Christine Grant or Pam Rogalski?

**The Bleachie:** question raised about CC buying this land. Gillian Taylor, head of democratic services at P&K council stated there were no obstacles to the purchase but concerns are: 1) Cost of maintenance, 2) Attitudes of future CCs. to this decision 3 )Insurance for the public.

The meeting finished at 8.47. Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 29. at 7.30pm

