

## Scone Community Council Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Attending were D.McKerracher; B.Paterson; C.Price, V.Shand, D.Sutherland, H. Mackinnon, L.Simpson  
PC Laurie Preston  
No members of the public attended.

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

**2. Apologies for absence** – D. Dykes. Commiserations and a card were sent to D.Dykes wishing him a speedy recovery.

**3. Police Report** – the committee welcomed the attendance of a new community police officer who informed us that there will now be a police presence throughout the day working in 3 rotating shifts. PC Laurie Preston gave the following report specific to our area.

### 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.

Several neighbours have been complaining about disturbance from the Ball court in Scone.

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 general 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.

PC John Anton is in charge of Community Officers.

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

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

## **5. Correspondence.**

**Letters Sent:** 1) Andrew Strang PKC re Burnside inspections.

2) Steve Scott Scottish Water re Murray Road drainage, Wheel Inn manhole and Scottish water Network Plan.

3) Councillor Alan Grant, convener of the PKC Environment Committee, re Courier report about Scone Drainage problems.

4) Jamie Buchan, journalist, re Courier report concerning Scone flooding problems.

5) FOI request Scone Barrel Drain costs.

**Replies:** 1) Email from A. Strang stating he was attending to the matter.

2) Email response.

3) Councillor A Grant requesting time to form a “substantive “ response.

4) No reply.

5) No reply.

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

We have funds of £286.27 less £33 for hall hire.

Scone Memorial Fund now stands at £2878.20.

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

**Planning.** During the period since the last meeting there have been 3 minor applications for extensions/alterations and 3 approvals granted, including the new stables, hostel, etc at Scone Racecourse.

**Communications.** Website is being continually updated and we now have 170 followers on Facebook.

**PACC:** No report.

**Open Spaces:** Refurbishment of the Children's play area. –

Pleased to report that the turf to the play area was laid last week along with new sand; bark and impact matting. The movable parts of the equipment will be installed once the area is fit for use ie when the turf has knitted together and this is expected to be early April.

The entrance to the Recreation Park from Abbey Road, has been tidied up in the last couple of weeks but the hedges around the gate lodge have been left untouched due to an ownership problem. This problem has not existed previously as the Council has maintained them for the last 20 years but is apparently objecting this season.

**8. Councillor's report** – Councillor Simpson stated that there will be a meeting with Stagecoach concerning the spare time around the No. 7 bus route with the bus sitting idle in several places around Scone and can this time not be utilized by the bus going up round the roundabout to help alleviate travel concerns for the residents at the north end of the village. The no 3 bus will stay the same.

There is no news about the future of the City Hall. The council budget meeting will take place at the end of March.

A new entrance is to be formed into the school grounds at the junction of Spoutwells Road and Spoutwells Avenue. The Kinnoull Street multistorey car park is experiencing great problems with the new system of payment with many motorists being wrongly charged, Councillor Simpson's advice was to boycott it until the issues are sorted out.

**9. Scone Village Association** The copy date for the April 2015 issue of Destiny is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Village Association has donated funds to the Play Area for the supply and installation of a 'basket swing' which is suitable for children with impaired mobility.

The SVA are also pressurising the Council to replace the broken down boundary fence with one more in keeping with the new equipment.

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

Wheel Inn works with Kellan Construction started on site on Monday 16/2/15. Trees and bushes were cleared and a start made to cleaning out the “trench” left by PKC, pipe-laying continued over the weekend and is

progressing. The contractor required to remove the **unnecessary** hired shoring boxes (installed by PKC a year ago) to allow them to lay pipes. As a result this has allowed PKC to take fencing & shoring off-site **today**. This will reduce dramatically the cost to PKC, more than 1 year after installation.

Works should be completed within the next few weeks enabling the area to be tidied up.

PKC stated that additional CCTV survey would be carried out Jan/Feb, we are still awaiting results. If these are not forthcoming by the end of Feb I would suggest we write formally requesting copies of the survey results. Hopefully thereafter we can meet PKC with the intention of organising a residents meeting thereafter.

We wrote to Scottish Water on 27/1/15 regarding the lack of clear records and clarification of the drainage in the Wheel Inn area. We have received e mailed responses to our letter and are **trying arrange mutually acceptable date** to meet with them, although this appears to be around mid March.

C.Price suggested that an April meeting should be set up for the riparian owners to attend for information regarding their properties and their responsibilities.

### **FOI Response**

The further enquiry of 12/1/15 received responses on:-

*Works location of CCTV survey costs - No further info*

*Actual hire cost per box – No further info*

*Shortfall costs carried by whom as possible 270% increase- No information held by PKC & no info on third party agreements.*

**Proposed further enquiry to request info on:-**

1. Clarification of why 3 of 8 days not at Wheel Inn yet charged to these works.
2. In respect of box hires and large discrepancies in charges seek clarification of which Department issues orders & if they check order value also which Department ensures charges are correct and best value.
3. In light of the confused charging structure request an update of the total cost to date.

### **Bleachie Burn**

No advances have been made towards ascertaining ownership, no further suggestions received of further avenues to check. L.Simpson will attempt to contact an elderly gentleman in the village who may have historical information concerning ownership.

### **Burnside**

PKC have not yet responded regarding our suggestion to check the deeds of lands previously held by PKC. They have also not provided any assurance on the course of action which would be adopted by PKC, if repairs were urgently required and owners still not traced.

Suggest that we write to request response to our previous letter.

### **12. AOCB**

Bandirran. No further definitive news on Bandirran, although PKC are chasing Banks to clarify if they wish to continue. There have been some slight developments regarding a “community windfarm” from another community and Martin Payne from Balbeggie and Burrelton CC is awaiting a definite proposal.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Andrew Sinclair from the Community council.

The meeting finished at 9 pm

Next meeting, Monday, March 30th. at 7.30pm

