

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting June 29th. 2015

Attending were B. Paterson, D. Dykes, C Price, H. Mackinnon, Councillor L. Simpson
1 member of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Vice Chair. D.Dykes

2. Apologies for absence – V.Shand, D. Sutherland, D. McKerracher, PC Greig Farmer

3. Police Report – No police presence due to a more serious public incident.

General information re launch of 2015 Summer Drink Drive campaign

Data released shows a 17% drop in drink driving offences from January to March 2015 compared to the same period last year. These figures follow from the introduction of Scotland's new lower limit.

Youth calls since the last meeting

Tramway Court, Scone – youths causing general nuisance – had left prior to police arrival

Crimes/Incidents

Vandalism – overnight 3/4 June – window damaged by stone throwing – under enquiry

Skimming device – was found at the Bank of Scotland last month in Scone after members of the public had contacted the police. Because of their assistance, 2 persons so far have been arrested in connection with this and other incidents outwith. In this case the skimming device was a crude effort but one which would have been effective in retaining bank cards in the machine. If you see any ATM which may have something attached to it or you think there is something not quite right, contact the bank during office hours or the police, especially if there are persons acting suspiciously nearby.

Other good work – After a member of the public contacted the police about a possible drunk driver in Scone, a person was arrested

Also, following a report from a member of the public of males canvassing for a business in Scone, a male was detained on another matter.

For information

Across Perth & Kinross, there are still a number of reports of individuals “cold calling” householders in an effort to obtain work, a lot of which turns out to be of inferior quality and often charged at inflated prices. If you are to be accepting work carried out in this fashion, make sure you know exactly what work has been agreed and how much the work is to cost. If you think this activity constitutes bogus workmen, contact the police.

It was agreed to email W. Symington, our police liaison person, in order to follow up our concerns about the pavement parking obstructions at the top of Angus Road.

4. Adoption of the May Minutes & Matters Arising. C. Price proposed Adoption, seconded by B. Paterson.

5. Correspondence.

1) Reply to a FOI request dated 28th April 2015 for info regarding the costs of the works to the Barrel Drain at the Wheel Inn. In the opinion of PKC, there is nothing new to add to information already circulated.

2) Discussion regarding an email from Scone Remembers Committee regarding permission to use the SDCC logo on their website to inform public about which local organisations are supporting the introduction of the paths network. Several points were made

a) the cc was not initially supportive of the project.

b) the funds could be better spent.

c) not clear where the money was going to be spent, ie Scone Estates

d) audits not clear and sufficient funding doubtful.

e) no project manager appointed.

f) parking concerns for walkers using the paths were raised as, with the new houses being built, a valuable spot for parking residents' cars had been removed and parking is now causing congestion along Stormont Road and in the layby on the corner. Where was a car park going to be? This matter was agreed to be discussed more fully at a later meeting when more committee members were available.

6. Treasurer's report:

We have funds of £66.86. £33 to be removed for the hire of the hall.

Scone Memorial Fund now stands at £2897.38.

The treasurer declared that the top up grant from PKC is on its way!

C. Price and D. Dykes are going to look into the issue surrounding the War Bonds.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning.

During the period since the last meeting there have been 2 minor applications for extensions/alterations and 4 approvals granted. There has been some information that the Coupar Angus Group are likely to submit an application for Bandirran, but this cannot take place until the current Banks application is removed.

We have received copy of the issues submitted for inclusion in the MIR for the LDP, which is due out for consultation in October. D. Dykes will attend a joint meeting with Bridgend CC regarding common issues.

There has been a suggestion to turn parts of Bridgend into a Charette area.

Communications. Website will be updated at the end of July.

LDP and MIR to be added in. Facebook consultation on the LDP proposal to increase house construction numbers from 700 to 1000 houses. 200 -250 likes for webpage, up from 100 last January.

Use of the Destiny publication to increase interest in the forthcoming election for the CC and to publicise LDP proposals.

PACC: No report.

Open spaces Children's play area :-The 'Zip Wire' slide in the Recreation Park was broken on Wednesday 17th June when the seat attachment was sheared. This was replaced by the Council on Friday 19th June.

There is still a growing concern regarding the lack of boundary fence around the children's play area as it has changed the dynamics of this area. Older children / youths have taken over the equipment especially in the evenings. The HoneyPot Nursery would like the reinstatement of the fence.

8. Councillor's report – There have been complaints regarding disreputable dog owners leaving a mess in the park. There is to be more of a police presence in the park in the evenings.

A consultation is to be held regarding proposed double yellow lines in Perth Road to assist householders' exit visibility and alleviate traffic congestion because of an increase in parked cars close to the bus stop, possibly due to the ineffectiveness of the P&R. Questions also have been raised regarding the use of the parking spaces at the bottom of Hutchison Place, another P&R issue. The no 7 bus issue is ongoing, an 8 week review meeting will be held in 2 weeks time

The City Hall: Historic Scotland have approved 2 plans, a Market Hall for which there are no tenants as yet, or a Hotel, neither of which will be funded by PKC. The sustainability of the market proposal is not clear so the hotel proposal seems more viable.

It was agreed to change future dates for CC meetings if the date fell on a Bank Holiday.

9. Scone Village Association

The Scone Youth Crew opened their photographic display of their work on Thursday 25th June. The display shows what they had learned from attending classes in photography held in Scone. The display is open for all to see in Scone Library and will remain there for the rest of the summer then it will go to RDM Primary School, The Institute and Perth Academy. It is supported by Scone Remembers with financial support from Scone Village Association.

10. Barrel Drain & General Drainage within Scone .

A public meeting was held on 11th June, with very poor attendance. An update on information was provided but it was agreed that the CC could not do much more without greater involvement of owners.

It was proposed that a further notice would be placed in the August Destiny and a last notice distributed to affected residents, basically informing residents that a substantial number were required to provide e mail details to allow for further involvement.

A draft of this notice is current being commented upon by CC members.

Scottish Water have confirmed that P&R drainage **DOES NOT** discharge into their network.

FOI Response at Wheel Inn

The letter to PKC regarding the costs of the Wheel Inn works was sent 28/4/15 but a response is still awaited. (apparently noted in letter of 10/6/15 that it would be issued 19/6/15 but NOT yet received)

Flood Risk Management Consultation

The response on behalf of the CC was submitted electronically before the return date of 2nd June 2015. B. Paterson advised that the SEPA flood risk plans are not correct

11. AOCB

A member of the public raised a concern surrounding the removal by persons unknown of the wooden seat from a corner on the left hand side of Bonhard Road outside the village perimeter. D. Dykes was to follow up with an inquiry.

The meeting finished at 8.55.pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 24th. at 7.30pm.