

## Scone Community Council Minutes 30<sup>th</sup>. March 2015

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

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

**2. Apologies for absence** – D. Sutherland.

**3. Police Report** – the committee welcomed the attendance of Community police officer Liv McIntyre.

Youth calls since the last meeting

None

Crimes/Incidents since last meeting

### **Vandalisms** -

4 parked vehicles scratched in Abbey Road between 7 and 9 March – under enquiry

1 parked vehicle in Balformo Road overnight 8/9 March had a nail put in tyre – under enquiry

Vandalism to a metal shed at Robert Douglas Memorial Primary School between 20 and 23 March – under enquiry

**Theft** – from a vehicle parked within a farm premises in Old Scone overnight 15/16 March – a compressor and knee kickers stolen – under enquiry

### **For information**

There are a number of reports of bogus callers/workmen in the Perth & Kinross area, one example of which was in Blairgowrie when 2 x calls were received about males (in a white van) on 24 Feb – offering to do “work” and charging excessive prices – 2 persons have been arrested

Neighbours in this case were very helpful to their elderly victims and it is important to be aware of this type of crime – contact the police with any information should you see this happening.

There have been lead thefts from roofs of churches and other buildings across Tayside recently which are presently under enquiry – any information can be passed to Police Scotland on the non emergency line 101 unless the theft is actually taking place

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. A large number of travelling people with caravans had arrived at the P & R site, leading to complaints of pavement parking by residents along adjacent roads. It would appear that 72 hours is the maximum time allowed for parking of caravans in the P & R. The owners of the caravans appear to be working in the area.

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

D. McKerracher proposed Adoption, seconded by C.Price.

## **5. Correspondence.**

**Letters Sent:** 1) Further FOI request regarding the costs associated with the repairs at the Wheel Inn

2) W. Young PKC regarding receiving copies of the additional surveys carried out at the Burnside

3) email to A Strang PKC thanking him for agreeing to forward to the CC the next 6 monthly survey of the Burnside

**Replies:** 1) A Strang PKC regarding final cost of the Wheel Inn emergency repairs which is £62 370.29.

2) FOI response cost of Barrel Drain repairs at the Wheel Inn as above £62 370.29

3) Councillor A. Grant regarding cost of CCTV surveys plus the Wheel Inn emergency repairs, “imaginary” press reports and stating that, in the Council’s opinion, the Barrel Drain remains the responsibility of the private landowners whose property it runs through.

4) A Strang PKC stating that his department will supply information regarding surveys done of the Barrel Drain and the flood risk area at the Burnside.

5) QLTR disclaiming any right to the Bleachie.

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

We have funds of £286.26 less £66 for 2 hall hires.

£ 26.55 for secretarial expenses

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 2 approvals granted. No further definitive news on Bandirran, but this is a separate agenda item.

Attended PKC open event for the new LDP and raised concerns regarding PKC attitude to consulting CC’s and noted that CC’s are only considered equivalent to any other single party. Also no indication has been given if any cognisance has been given to previous responses to consultations.

**Communications.** No further developments

**PACC:** next meeting 22 April 2014. Gavin Davie is standing down as chief executive of the SAAC.

**Open Spaces** Refurbishment of the Children’s play area :-

All the new play equipment has been installed and the contractor’s Heras fence is still preventing access.

I have been in communication with the PKC Landscape Architect to make urgent repairs to the perimeter fence prior to opening for the Easter weekend. Ideally a new perimeter fence is required but I am answered with the age old reply ‘ no funds’

**8. Councillor's report** – Councillor Simpson stated that the encampment at the P&R was temporary the police had stated that all registrations were Scottish and that the Environmental Service would be checking on the mess. A notice to quit had been served.

Stagecoach buses 7 and 7a are still stationary along the route for 5 minutes and Councillor Simpson had several points to raise at his next meeting, ie N0 57 is often full, and he is hopeful of further changes.

The aggressive nature of the new parking regulations and excessive fines in the multistory car park in the town is still causing upset and victims are being urged to question the fines before paying up.

The CC questioned the quality and accuracy of the machines.

**9. Scone Village Association** The April edition of Destiny will be on sale week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April.

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’

**10. Drainage matters.** D McKerracher

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

Wheel Inn works started on site on Monday 16/2/15 and pipe-laying & manhole works took about 3 weeks. Subsequent restoration of carpark & fencing is almost completed.

PKC carried out additional CCTV survey works in Jan/Feb and we have just received a copy of the results. While these are being compared it would appear that only a slight increase in coverage has been achieved but it is still under 50%.

There has been some ongoing correspondence in this matter but it would appear that the impression given by

the flooding section to senior officers and council committees does not give the true picture. We would suggest that we continue to correspond with both senior officers and the relevant committee, to keep them aware of the true position.

**NOTE** from the Flood Risk Management Assessment Report of 21/1/15 I note that the Annaty Burn, the Bleachie and the Barrel Drain appear to be ALL categorised as **WATERCOURSES**.

We met with Scottish Water on 19/3/15 regarding the lack of clear records of road drainage and clarification of the drainage in the Wheel Inn area. It would appear fairly certain that **ALL** the road drainage from Highfield Road (east of Lymedoch Road); Angus Road (P&R to Mansfield Road); Murray Road (east of Bleachie) and Stormont Road (east of Lyndoch Road) discharge into the barrel drain. There is some uncertainty regarding the diverted drainage from the P&R but Scottish Water have agreed to carry out onsite investigations to clarify this matter.

Now that we have more information we consider that we must organise an early meeting with all affected residents. I have drafted out a suggested flyer and also a suggested meeting date

### **FOI Response**

A further enquiry was sent to PKC on 20/2/15 requesting further clarifications in respect of:-

- CCTV charges.
- Clarification of the large discrepancies in charges for boxes.
- Clarification of which Department issues orders & monitors costs.
- Detail of the final costs of these works to date.

A draft report on the overall costs of these works has been circulated to all members and I would seek opinions as to how to pursue this further.

### **Bleachie Burn**

No advances have been made towards ascertaining ownership, no further suggestions received of further avenues to check and I would suggest that this item is omitted from future agendas. There was a suggestion that the CC should buy the Bleachie with funding from the Council to cover legal fees and ongoing maintenance.

A question was raised as to who is now our contact in the council as Brenda Lackie seems to have retired and we have no information regarding a replacement contact.

### **Burnside**

PKC have responded to our suggestion of checking the deeds of lands previously held by PKC and confirmed that this has been done and no light has been thrown regarding ownership. However they have assured us that, if a flooding or repair situation arises and ownership has not been ascertained, then the Council would take any necessary actions.

It has been suggested that this item is omitted from future agendas.

### **Bandirran**

There has been a flurry of correspondence regarding the proposals being mooted by the "Community Group" from Coupar Angus & Guildtown. It appears as yet there is no clear indication as to the withdrawal of Banks or the submission by the Community Group". I would suggest that the approach of Scone CC should continue to await any further formal developments.

## **11. AOCB**

### **Flood Risk Management Consultation**

There are a number of matters in this consultation which we consider are relevant to Scone and should be commented on. A suggested note will be circulated for comments.

CC records are required to be kept for 5 years, minutes are now submitted to the Council digitally.

The meeting finished at 8.55. Next meeting and the AGM will be held on Monday, May 25th. at 7.30pm

