

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting March 28th 2016

Attending were: V Shand, D. McKerracher, D. Dykes, H. Mackinnon, C. Price, Police Presence Constable Stewart. 14 members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Chair

2. Apologies for absence: B. Paterson

3. Police Report – Police Scotland will no longer issue reports to Community Councils or attend meeting on a regular basis. The Community Council has registered with Police Scotland Community Watch. We will continue to monitor the Commander's Bulletin and the neighbourhood alert messages from the Community Safety Service in order to inform the community of local crime statistics. PC Stewart outlined various criminal activities in the Perth area, ie forged notes in circulation, robberies from sheds and garages and scam telephone calls, none specific to Scone and District. He asked for any queries from floor, none asked.

4. Adoption of the February Minutes & Matters Arising.

The minutes were proposed by D McK, seconded by D. Dykes and duly signed.

No matters arising not dealt with in the Agenda.

5. Correspondence.

a) Reply from J Mayglothing to the formal complaint regarding investigation requested by SDCC into the response by PKC regarding their role in dealing with the drainage problems at the Wheel Inn. The investigating officer disagreed with one of our points and partially agreed with three others. The committee agreed there would be no followup actions.

b) Acknowledgement of the comments on the LDP2 - MIR made by the CC.

c) Insurance form returned to PKC.

6. Treasurer's report: £ 89.11 Outstanding cheque for £56.76 leaving £32.35.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning. During the period since the last meeting there have been 5 minor applications for extensions/alterations and 2 approvals granted.

The LDP consultation and the proposed housing development north of Scone will be dealt with as separate agenda items.

Communications. No specific report

PACC: No report. A question was asked concerning overflying of houses in the village. Could the CC representative D.Dykes, raise this concern about flight paths and health issues? The flight paths are strictly controlled within the training programme but there is a very active flying club which may use other areas and flight paths.

Community Open Space - No report available

8. Councillor's report – no report available

9. Scone Village Association. – .

The February issue of Destiny has almost been a complete sell out and we are pleased that the popularity is growing with more local organisations using it to advertise the happenings in the village. The next issue is due for release at the start of April 2016.

The Wednesday table tennis sessions in the Institute have closed for the summer and resuming in September. There have been a steady 10 to 12 players attending which has been excellent and suits the 5 tables.

A 'singing for fun group' has been requested by several in the village and we have an initial interest of 12 who are keen to get started. The SVA are trying very hard to source a leader for this group which would meet once a week and anyone interested to join this relaxed group or even lead it should make themselves known to one of the management whose contact details can be found in Destiny.

The SVA will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Institute on 10th May 2016 and are hoping to have the President of Scone Thistle Juniors and Community Football Club to give a short talk on the workings and success of the club and its role in the village. All are welcome to attend and even volunteer to assist with the work in the village. Lookout for the statutory notice in April.

10. Scone Housing Proposed Housing Development North of Scone (H29)

We understand that Stephens are still preparing for a second exhibition, which will incorporate the comments previously made and most importantly will provide greater detailed information in respect of the Developer Requirements of the Local Plan.

Once the date for the next exhibition is made known, we would propose to arrange a public meeting to discuss the development.

We have been trying to source someone through Planning Aid Scotland to talk at a CC meeting regarding matters which are "material considerations" used to base planning objections on. We are hopeful that the speaker can be arranged for our meeting on 30/5/16.

Following the last meeting a separate study group met and I would ask the group if they could provide any update on their progress. A member of the study group made a presentation to the meeting as follows:

" At a December 2015 meeting, Scone and District Community Council (SDCC) members heard a request for a Study Group to look at the pros and cons of the new North Scone Development plans.

Remit of the Study Sub-Group

1. The study group will meet to discuss: a) potential benefits/advantages of developments which affect the village of Scone. b) potential disadvantages of developments which affect the village of Scone

2. The study group will garner local opinion and comments to present to the Community Council, Perth Council, the developers, the builders and other interested parties, whilst not preventing in any way direct communication of Scone Residents to these bodies.

1. In order to carry out remit no 1, the following areas will be evaluated: • Infrastructure, Traffic & Transport, Air Quality and Pollution • Ecology and Biodiversity • Flood risk, Drainage and Hydrology • Cross Tay Road Link • Green Infrastructure Requirements • Local Development Plan and Main Issues Report

2. In order to carry out remit no 2, the following areas will be evaluated: • Public opinion will be sought regarding views on this development held by the Villagers • The Sub-Group should recommend to the Community Council any actions they feel may be necessary to inform the General Public about the proposals.

3. The Sub-Group will, in collaboration with the SDCC, liaise with other CCs in the area (eg Gannochy) to share information.

Office bearers of the Sub-Group Both the Chair and the Secretary positions will be served in rotation changing at each meeting, in order to fairly share the workload of the group. A Financial liaison will be provided (see below).

Membership of the Study Group The study group will comprise residents of Scone who have shown interest in joining such a group. At present we have 20 members who plan to meet the week before each Scone CC meeting in order to prepare a report for the SDCC. Meetings items will be summarised in written form and made available to the Community Council and the General Public. We hope the SDCC will approve the SubGroup having a page on their web-site for such dissemination.

Finance. SDCC has a very small budget; the Sub-Group have suggested ways to raise a small amount of finance to cover such items as room bookings etc. Any money raised will be passed to SDCC by the Sub-Group Finance Liaison representative, but designated for the use of the Sub-Group until no longer required.”

Comments were as follows: D.Dykes requested a change in the study group’s minutes of the meeting he attended as he was wrongly quoted as having stated his concern that the group was a pressure group, this was agreed as inaccurate and changed to reflect this. The sub group restated that the group will be used as a factfinding and information tool.

The Study Group suggested that having a possible financial link to the CC would help them with insurance, legality and influence.

V. Shand stated that any money fundraised by the Study Group must be retained by them and not given to the CC as the CC is funded annually by the Perth and Kinross Council, to support and represent the entire community and must be spent appropriately on open public meetings, stationery, publicity etc for all the community throughout the year.

C.Price stated that access to extra money is not easy outwith the admin grant at the start of the financial year and the Council has complete control on CC finances.

B. Paterson of the CC is the liaison/observer for the study group and will advise on any help the local authority may provide ie room hire.

If there is money that is not required at the close of the Study Group, the group can then decide to donate to the CC if agreed. The group successfully asked to be represented on the CC website, giving updates on progress.

The CC were then asked to approve the remit of the Study Group, this was approved by the committee.

11. MIR Revised Local development Plan.

The proposed MIR was open to consultation until 16th March 2016. Our draft proposed comments were posted onto the website to allow comments to be made back to CC and as no comments were received we have submitted our response as shown on the website.

In the latter part of the consultation period we were contacted by the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, who have set up a new campaign to protect Green Belts. They are keen to talk to the CC prior to the next PKC consultation period which will begin in September.

We have invited them to attend our CC meeting on 27/6/16 and hope they can come.

Comments about the online MIR consultation included: style of report difficult to comprehend, inaccessible language, jargon, leading questions, predictive assumptions. It was advised that it is more successful and satisfying to respond by letter.

12. AOCB. Request for an update on the No 7 bus issue. The meeting finished at 8.35 pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th at 7.30pm.