

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting March 27th 2017

Attending were: B. Paterson, H Mackinnon, D. McKerracher, M. Rhodes, J Belch, Councillor L. Simpson and 6 members of the public.

1. Welcome from vice- chair J Belch.

2. Apologies for absence: Mrs. V. Shand, Mr. G. Clark

3. Police Report no police presence, one local report of plant pots being disturbed at the Scone Public Hall. Police Scotland will no longer issue reports to Community Councils but a Commander's Bulletin is issued and should contain all information about incidents in the local area.

4. Adoption of the February minutes & Matters Arising.

The minutes were proposed by D. Dykes, seconded by M. Rhodes and duly signed with one amendment re "no neighbour notification for the Birch Avenue development," to: notification was given of a public meeting as required for a council application on council land.

The minutes are available to the assembled company 10 minutes before the opening of the meeting for comment and discussion. Each month the adopted minutes are emailed to PKC, displayed in the village library and uploaded to the website.

5. Correspondence. See separate sheet. Feb/ March Comments: N. Brian inconsistencies in reply to J. Swinney, who is J. Swinney contacting in the Scottish Government about this matter? Mr. Kevin Stewart. A proposed meeting with planners etc still in anticipation, SDCC must not be seen to be reticent to attend a meeting. CTRL/ A9 roundabout, will this constitute the start of the CTRL? in other words, then give the green light to the housing going ahead? AJS have not responded to the request for a retraction of their public, accusatory statement regarding the deliberate omission of their employees from the comprehensive village survey. Perth lawyers have passed an enquiry regarding possible libel to a large Edinburgh firm but due to possible conflicts of interest, the SDCC is looking for a more independent firm to deal with this. We will resend our request giving a suggested date for a reply before bringing the situation to the public via the press. With so many comments concerning the planning application, it is hoped there will be an extension to the time for consideration of the application.

6. Treasurer's report: Funds are currently £ 372.61. Hall hire is £25.20. Discussion was held concerning the £200 top up grant the CC received last year and whether this sum would be withheld from this year's grant. The study group funds are held separately from the CC funding.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning: During the period since the last meeting there have been 12 minor applications and 3 approvals for minor extensions/alterations.

Although the demolition of the former children's home in Birch Avenue is virtually complete no details have yet come to hand for the proposed development.

There has been no further information forthcoming in respect of the proposed mixed development at Perth Airport. An application from Perth Airport for Change of Use from a commercial Antiques building to 14 dwelling units, will be questioned as to whether this number of units breaks the embargo on up to 10 being permitted before the CTRL is a committed project.

Communications. All correspondence will be posted on the website.

PACC: No report.

Community Open Space: B.Paterson has been in touch with Dave Stubbs of PKC Community Greenspace Team regarding ponding and lying water in the play area and will meet with him and several members of the community to discuss this, the state of the pond and the suggestion of reinstating the fence around the play area.

8. Councillor's report. Due to the forthcoming elections the Council is focussing on this event.

1)The Birch Avenue demolition has gone very successfully and the SDCC will be sent the plans for the rebuilding on the site. There are no plans available at the moment for the site at the Glebe School.

2) Meetings with the new management at Stagecoach for reinstatement of the original no 7 route are ongoing. Owing to problems with several buses, there have been a mixture of buses in use on the route temporarily.

3) After the gas emergency in early April, SGN have begun to do "good works " around the village, ie parking lines in the RDMI car park and helping Scone Thistle.

4) it is everyone's duty to vote in the forthcoming elections on May 4th, postal vote and voter registration forms are available at the Post Office.

B. Paterson raised the question of the state of the footpath between Balgarvie and Perth Airport. Cllr Simpson has reported this along with concerns about the roadside litter. Are the commercial advertising signs at roundabouts in Perth and Kinross distracting? Concerns were also raised about the prevalence of potholes along resurfaced roads ie Spoutwells Road, Mansefield Road, where the nicoprene surface has failed and will need to be redone.

9. Scone Village Association.

The Singing for Fun Group will be closing for the same periods as the school holidays at both Easter and Summer.

The last session of the Table Tennis will be 13th April and will restart in September.

We have made representation to PKC re clearing the drainage outlet at the pond in the Recreation Park several weeks ago and this has been met with no action. Likewise, we requested that the weeds preventing the flapvalve from operating be cleared away, this has been put on the 'to do list' by the Council, we hope.

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with ball court duties which involve two or three separate weeks per year.

The Village Association will be holding its AGM on 16th May in The Institute and we are in the midst of negotiating with a possible interesting speaker at present. Please look at village Noticeboards mid April for further news of this.

The next issue of Destiny will be on sale during the first week of April.

Future dates are Friday 19th May; Friday 21st July; Friday 22nd September; Friday 10th November

10. Community Plan, a member of the study group has volunteered to take this forward and has attended meetings with PKC to determine the best way forward to gather information for a Community Plan for Scone. Closer links are to be forged with other Scone community organisations ie. the SVA and Scone Thistle in order to pool resources and ideas.

11. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North: planning convener D. McKerracher

The application is now being processed by PKC.

Under the Planning Act, developments of this nature are supposed to be decided by the planning authority within 16 weeks of the application being validated, unless an extension of time is agreed between the Planners and the applicant. In this instance the time period is due to expire on 5th April and we have written to PKC to clarify if an extension of time has been agreed and also requesting a date for submission to the planning committee.

We would propose to seek permission to speak at the planning committee and we should give some thought in the meantime to what we should say, given that this usually only permits a few minutes. We also intend to invite our environmental auditors, Ironside Farrar to the meeting.

We are continuing to try to get meetings with PKC, however despite assistance from a number of local MSP's, this has still been unsuccessful to date.

We have not yet received any response to our request to John Swinney to get the relevant Scottish Minister to instigate an official enquiry into PKC handling of planning matters.

We are still pursuing a meeting in respect of clarification of the CTRLR design proposals and will report back when this is arranged.

We have also written to PKC for clarification of the Highfield Roundabout being stated as “for completeness” but not part of CTRLR. The response did not provide clarification but offered a meeting with the Sustainable Development Team and we shall pursue this approach.

In light of the statement at 14/12/16 meeting to define CTRLR, being “committed” when work starts on site, we have written to PKC for clarification of content of CTRLR.

The CTRLR includes the A9 diversion & grade separated interchange, the new Tay bridge and the road from the new bridge to A94.

We have subsequently written to get confirmation that ALL phase 2 will be a SINGLE contract.

Study Group report: thanks were expressed to all who organised and participated in the march outside the Council offices in the High Street. Numbers were close to 100 with a mixture of ages and coverage was good in the local press, on national TV and social media.

G. Clark will follow up with a letter to the Scottish Government Reporter’s office.

Pollution recording kits supplied by Friends of the Earth and bought by members of the committee, have been installed in many parts of the village in a concentrated effort to record the widespread traffic pollution, remaining kits should not be put up now until after the school Easter holidays in order to record a normal traffic flow, results will be coordinated and already, there has been one showing twice the legal limit for noxious gases in the atmosphere.

12. AOCB:

- 1) M. Rhodes wrote to Lord Mansfield 4 weeks ago with his concerns about air quality but has not had the courtesy of a reply.
- 2) Scone Remembers: an audio book project. The committee have asked for volunteers with the appropriate Scottish accent, to read life stories of local First World War casualties for an oral history project. Contact Peter Olsen on 01738 552032.
- 3) The WRVS have made a request for volunteers to help run their services at Perth Royal Infirmary. The WRVS provide a very necessary service to those who use our hospitals and anyone who can give up some of their spare time will be very welcome.
- 4) Extensive changes are to be made to the local post office with lengthened hours and Sunday opening. During the internal alterations, it will be closed for a week. Details are on the window of the Post Office, on the SDCC website and other social media sources.
- 5) Participatory budgeting: the SDCC is on the short list for a grant to install a piece of exercise equipment in the park.
- 6) Active Travel Audit: 2 members of the SDCC committee met with a representative of ARUP who have been commissioned to carry out studies of existing local infrastructure involving core paths ie walking routes around Scone, cycle tracks etc what are the main issues preventing widespread use of these facilities if any, ie traffic speed, crossing places, traffic density, pollution, lack of continuity of cycle lanes some of which are too narrow, facilities in Perth for storing bikes etc, we will be sent the conclusions of the study when completed.

13. The meeting finished at 9.00 pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 24th at 7.30pm.

