

## Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Attending were:** B. Paterson (BP), D. Dykes(DD), M. Rhodes(MR), V. Shand (VS), D. McKerracher (DM), Jill Belch (JB) Councillors L. Simpson and C. Stewart.

**1. Welcome** from chair, V. Shand.

**2. Apologies for absence:** H Mackinnon; G Clark

**3. Police Report.** Meeting was attended by PC Claire Lawson, who informed us that Scone is covered jointly by 6 community officers, however she would endeavour to attend our meetings. Recent incidents have involved the woodland fire at Balgarvie, which is under investigation, and also two recent episodes of door to door callers offering cleaning services (without trading licence). Callers had received earlier warning in Luncarty and as a result were arrested and charged in Pinedale Terr. In line with the Commander's Bulletin we were reminded of the dangers of cyber crime. Incidents of graffiti and broken glass in Highfield Woods was drawn to PC Lawson's attention and she undertook to look into the matter and possibly involve the Community warden in trying to deal with the youngsters involved.

**4. Adoption of the May minutes & Matters Arising.** Matters arising: (DM) 1) Scottish water pumping operations in Stormont Road were for monitoring purposes (matter to be pursued).

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

**6. Treasurer's report:** Funds are currently £192.83. Accounts have been accepted by PKC without any response. No grant payments have been received.

**7. Convenor's reports:**

**Planning:** During the period since the last meeting there have been 1 minor application and 2 approvals for minor extensions/alterations.

North Scone will be discussed as a separate item, however a question was raised from the floor regarding the recent meeting with Pete Wishart (PW) (which John Swinney was unable to attend).

It was pointed out that (PW) had undertaken to pursue our concerns regarding the LDP handling, the H29 planning handling and also the flooding/drainage concerns. A letter highlighting our points of concern had been sent to PW.

**Communications:** No report

**PACC:** No meeting until October, however JB has made complaint regarding low flying, without getting a helpful response. MR offered to forward copy of Civil Aviation guide to heights/distances. DD to check on helicopter usage at weekends.

**Community Open Space:** (BP) reported that he had met with Dave Stubbs and discussed various matters, especially the matter of fencing in the playpark area. A written response had been received from Diane Cassidy reiterating PKC opposition to fencing due to cost of installation & maintenance. However she did express interest in BP suggestion of forming a "Friends of the Park" set up. She stated this had worked well for Macrosty Park in Crieff and offered to pass on information. Matter was discussed and agreed (BP) should reply to clarify if fencing would be ok if separately funded. It was reported that there are currently 3 swans and 6 cygnets in the pond, largely due to feeding assistance from SSPCA. The damaged bench near Highfield woods appears to have been due to vandalism and there is evidence of

broken glass in the area. (BP) has written to Scone Estates regarding replacement and they have confirmed they would have no objection to a similar replacement being installed.

**8. Councillors' reports:** Lewis Simpson reported that he, along with Cllr Wilson, was due to meet with Stagecoach shortly and he hoped to have news of the fully reinstated No. 7 bus service as a result. Housing in Birch Avenue has not started as they are carrying out further site investigations. However work should start shortly and the neighbours appear to be satisfied.

Plans for housing in the Glebe School (Brownfield site) are advancing and should be made available soon, potentially August with a start date of early 2018 proposed. It was noted that these would require to be inspected regarding retention of the football pitches and also the historic additional sports facilities which had been on the site.

Dog fouling: it was stressed that poo-bags were available and people should report any problems as the PKC dog-warden could pursue the matter. In respect of roads it was noted that Stormont Road had been worked on and at present this was an improvement although time will tell, however the public are encouraged to notify PKC of any potholes.

The costs of cleaning up flood debris including cleaning gullies had been re-charged to the landowner, but in response to a question from the floor Cllr Simpson was unaware of the person who removed stockpile of sandbags.

It was announced that any resident in Bands A-C could be eligible for financial assistance with improvements to their houses.

Colin Stewart reported that he was chasing up the matter of flooding and had been made aware of the potential to use 'inflatable' bags, although further information would be required as to supply and use of such equipment.

He made us aware of the traffic restrictions which would be in place for the Game Fair.

As part of the Common Good Fund operated by PKC, he will investigate the potential for investment of the Scone Memorial Fund.

**9. Scone Village Association.** All activities are slowing down for the summer recess. Table tennis will restart in September and the Singing for Fun will resume in August.

We are already in negotiations for additional Christmas lights for the village. It is hoped, with the assistance of the Co-op 'Nominated Charity' appeal and the coffee morning to raise funds for the Christmas lights, it will become possible.

The Co-op has kindly provided another outlet for the community to buy a copy of Destiny along with the Post Office; the Library; the Institute; the Wheel Inn and the shop in Balbeggie.

All contributions are welcomed by the editor with the August issue material requested by 21<sup>st</sup> July. Our newsletter is only as good as the contributions it receives.

It should be pointed out that the Co-op charity funding initiative applies to both Scone & Bridgend stores.

**10. The Community Plan:** Dorothy Guthrie (DG) reported that a meeting had been held on Thursday 22/6/17 attended by Cath Gordon and James Galbraith on behalf of the SVA, Hazel Mackinnon on behalf of SDCC and herself.

They are proposing to meet in approx. 6 months time to put in hand a survey of the village and in the meantime were looking into fundraising, general financial arrangements and also the best route of surveys.

(DG) suggested that Keith McNamara of East Perthshire Action Partnership may be of assistance and their next meeting would be in Errol on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 1830, (DG) is unavailable and is looking for a volunteer to attend.

**11. The Barrel Drain & Flooding Issues** You will all be aware of the recurrence of the flooding emanating from the P&R Roundabout area. We have written to PKC again to request that they invoke the powers they have under the Roads Scotland Act, to enforce a solution from the landowners. Problems in this area have been identified since at least 2006 by PKC. Following the last meeting Councillor Stewart, in his capacity of Infrastructure chairman, undertook to look into the Barrel Drain matters, flooding and drainage in general and we are meeting him shortly.

We have written to Barbara Renton regarding this matter and also its effect on the H29 development.

The Councillors present were requested to make efforts to expedite a solution to this long running problem.

**12. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North: planning convener D. McKerracher.** The application came before the Development Management Committee on 24/5/17 and was granted approval, subject to conditions. To date the award decision notice has not appeared on PKC website so details of the conditions are not yet available

We have written to PKC for clarification regarding consents/conditions/legal agreements/timings/etc.

A joint group of SCCC and study group met Pete Wishart (unfortunately John Swinney cancelled), to try to persuade him to chase up a resolution to all the multiple factors of mishandling by PKC planners from LDP to H29. PW took on board the matters raised and agreed to act to chase up a solution. A follow up letter to Pete Wishart highlighting the points of concern has been sent.

We have also written to John Swinney to chase up the full implementation of the planning Scotland Act.

We have also written to both Barbara Renton and also Russell Stewart in the drainage section to query the preparation of the drainage report for H29.

Separate advice has been given to CC that our concerns regarding PKC planning in general and H29 in particular may be a matter for consideration under the Aarhus Conventional, or indeed requiring legal advice. At present SDCC are looking into these aspects.

At present there is a confusing situation regarding further applications for H29, however we have received clarification from Anne Condliffe of PKC that:-

- The planning application for Scone North 16/02127/IPM was approved at Development Management Committee on 24 May subject to conditions and the signing of a Legal Agreement in respect of Infrastructure and Developer Contributions.
- Once the in principle application (IPM - In Principle Major) is issued, to proceed further the Developer will require to submit a detailed application which is likely to be in the form of an application for approval of matters specified (AMM - Approval of Matters Major) This is the same as a detailed application in terms of the details required.
- The first phase of 100 houses will require to be the subject of an AMM application which will show all details.
- Any application for the details of the Scone North site will be considered as a Major application. The only thing not required by the legislation is the pre application engagement with the community. As the current legislation stands, it is the view of Scottish Government that on any site only one pre application needs to be undertaken and as you are aware this was done at the in principle stage.
- An AMM application is a separate application to the IPM and will include all details and will require full neighbour notification and full consultation.
- The AMM application will be publicised in the local press.
- As the AMM application is a full planning application the statutory periods for consultation with the Community Council and the public will apply exactly the same as an IPM or FLM application.
- The submission of an AMM application will include the same level of detail to be submitted as an FLM would. The only difference is that having gone through the IPM process the principle of development has been established.
- Having undertaken the public consultation exercise prior to the submission of the In Principle application, there is no requirement in the legislation to do so again prior to the submission of the subsequent detailed application(s). Any public consultation by the Developer prior to a further submission will therefore be totally voluntarily. I trust this clarifies
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**13. AOCB: (MR)** raised concern about the statements at H29 planning Committee by AJS regarding numbers of houses and also potential use of other developers to increase build rate. No build rate is given in the application and this should be checked/commented upon at detailed stage.

**(JB)** raised concerns with Councillors requesting a clear policy from PKC regarding redacting statements in the information published on line.

**14.** The meeting finished at 9.10pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.