

Scone Community Council Minutes of Meeting October 30th 2017

Attending were: D. Dykes (DD), H. Mackinnon (HM), M. Rhodes (MR), D. McKerracher (DM), G. Clark (GC) Councillors L. Simpson (LS) and C. Stewart (CS), 5 members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from chair, D. Dykes

2. Apologies for absence: J. Belch, V. Shand and Cllr. Sarwar.

3. Police Report. 2 police officers attended. V. Sievert and a colleague. Extensive warning re bogus telephone callers with a list of helpful suggestions : do not give personal information, no credit card, pin or bank numbers, do not indicate that you live alone or are elderly, go ex directory, do not send money for a prize, keep to the old adage “if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!” Reported local crimes included a broken windows in Willow Place, local business, For Art Sake and the local bus shelter. (LS) commented on the school congestion problems: this is being monitored by police and traffic wardens, police can only deal with dangerous parking on zig zag lines or corners, bus stops etc but not on double yellow lines (traffic wardens), parking on pavements is not illegal but obstructing the way past is, there must be room for a double buggy. The Commander’s Bulletin giving details of all the local crime, is emailed to the CC weekly.

4. Adoption of September minutes & Matters Arising. The minutes were proposed by (DM) seconded by (MR). 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. This will be dealt with under 2 headings : 1) General correspondence. 2) Scone North. See separate sheet with the Agenda.

6. Treasurer's report: Funds are currently SDCC £453.02. SMF: £5018.38. £500 will be given from this fund to the RDMI for upkeep. On behalf of the RDMI committee, Cllr LS gave thanks for this contribution to the upkeep of the Institute which is supported by fundraising and rents from various village associations, meetings and activities all of which should be encouraged to make use of the facilities, ie the Reading room is only £10. an hour to rent. Unseen charges include the payment to the Performing Rights Society in order to be able to play any kind of music in a public place. 4x£25
book tokens are to be given to the Pr. 6 pupil winners of a WW1 school project.

7. Convenor's reports:

Planning: (DM) During the period since the last meeting there has been 1 minor application and 6 approvals for minor extensions/alterations. I report these minor applications only in terms of numbers, however during the month I was approached by Cllr Colin Stewart to question whether we had been approached for comment regarding application 17/01170/FLL for 2 houses at Stonegarth, Murrayshall. In response I noted that, as we had previously been informed, as a CC we could not comment on individual applications. (CS) agreed to investigate if this was still the case.

We continue, along with many others throughout Perth & Kinross, to be concerned that the planners appear to be totally inconsistent regarding the LDP.

It appears that PKC consider the LDP to be “in tablets of stone” and cannot be changed by a **single word** (i.e. Committed/constructed). However when it comes to **numbers** of housing densities, the LDP is “only indicative”!!

Questions from the floor: (CS) What variation in density is acceptable? Although it is stated in LDP for H29, that when flooding issues are considered, the density may well decrease this has not been found to be the case in practice, but there is always an increase in favour of the developer. (GC) commented on the increase in Kinross from 50 to 77. (LS) stated that (1) the plan for Murrayshall housing site had been changed from 1 large dwelling to 2 smaller ones using delegated powers and (2) numbers of houses might rise with smaller houses being built on same land. (GC) A developer

has successfully challenged Section 75 developer contributions to infrastructure in the supreme court on a development in Aberdeen. (GC) Can a developer go to the supreme court to reduce his developer contributions to infrastructure or delay until there is no requirement for the contribution? (DM) With regard to the CTRL, the initial developer contribution was 61% which requires a huge housebuilding project but this seems to have disappeared in the last 18 months so the question arises, where is the funding for the CTRL coming from?

The latest information we have is that the Proposed LDP 2 is likely to be issued for consultation during November. Discuss North Scone as separate item.

Communications: No report

PACC: (DD) Contact has been made with Mr G. Frater, managing director of ACS Aviation who operate the airport and we will invite him to speak at a meeting in Jan or Feb to help explain the airport operations and to listen to the concerns of village residents. (LS) stated that horse-owning residents of Balbeggie and St Martins were concerned when aircraft took off in a certain direction, frightening the animals. The Civil Aviation Authority is responsible for overseeing the technical aspects of running the airport but the committee wishes to know what input PKC have. A meeting for discussing concerns will be set up in the New Year.

The airport has set up a system for reporting problems with aircraft operations. feedback@perthairport.co.uk

Community Open Space: no report. New convenor required. (LS) is pursuing setting up of a "Friends of the Park" committee and is meeting with Community wardens.

8. Councillors' reports: (LS) Road safety: 20 mph zones may be introduced after the success in Fife, this is where whole areas are 20mph zones not just around schools etc. Speed activated signs are ready to be reinstalled at the Highfield road end of the village.

No. 7 bus: changes take place on November 20th, the route around the Oakbank area had to be modified and the P&R will be back in operation. **Christmas parking.** Concern was expressed at the idea of whole day weekend free parking in December, as spaces would be filled with workers and not shoppers. Free buses from the P&R might encourage shoppers. Comments: the 15 min free parking is excellent, could this be extended? Too complicated for parking meters. Cllr (CS) stated that council operated car parks will be free each December weekend. **Housing : Birch Avenue,** site work started after rerouting mystery drain, hope to be completed in summer 2018. **Glebe** housing no change, there has been an audit of sport pitch provision (not enough) and each club must register with the SFA to be eligible for grants and to use the pitches in the area. LDP2 will be issued on November 22nd. **School parking congestion:** the council is looking into a council wide policy to deal with this, new signage will be installed and traffic wardens will visit frequently.

Cllr (CS) introduced a leaflet entitled Scotland's Town Partnership to help with formation of a Community Plan, lots of useful information. Comments: concern was expressed about the proposed Scottish Water work in Highfield Road, road closure and interrupted water supply notices were issued to residents, no work ensued, no water switch off and no satisfactory explanation for residents. CLLR (CS) explained that utility companies were penalised for over-running work and out of date road closures.

Comment: what is PKC policy on disposal of assets which are no longer used for their original purpose? ie. former schools such as Stormontfield Community Centre, part of the SDCC area, etc. A review is being undertaken of all assets. PKC might buy properties to renovate and rent out. Difficulties with the Glebe development arise because of the involvement of 3 separate institutions ie PKC, Scone Estates and the Church

9. Scone Village Association: Village Christmas Lights.: - These will be installed on the Perth Road / Angus Road on the evening of 16th November 2017. The lights on the Cherry Tree at Burnside have been installed and will be powered up and switched on about the 16th November. The Christmas Lights Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 18th November 2017 from 09.30 until 12.00 noon in the Institute. All proceeds will go towards the cost of provision and maintenance of the Village Festive Lights. We ask for donations for the raffle, tombola, baking and assistance with waitressing on the morning. We are looking for a large turnout for this event and hope that we will get the support of the village residents as we have done in previous years.

The Scone Memorial Fund are awarding prizes this year to pupils in Class P6 at RDM School based on a WW1 theme. It is hoped that we will be able to display the children's work in the Institute on the morning of the Coffee morning. Once again it is our intention to deliver a free copy of Destiny in December to homes in the PH2 6** postal area delivered by the Royal Mail. In order to meet printing and delivery deadlines we need all contributions to be with our editor by Friday 10th November 2017 at the latest, to be included in the December issue. Destiny submission dates are as follows: Friday 19 Jan; 23 Mar; 25 May; 20 July; 21 Sep and 9th Nov 2018.

10. The Community Plan: D.Guthrie met with David Stokes, community officer of the East Perthshire Partnership in October, who agreed to fund the survey. Community Officer Kat Gordon will set up a survey monkey gizmo for online participation. Local shops and businesses will keep boxes for replies and contact will be made with the school to involve the pupils. Billy McClintock of East Perthshire Partnership will be invited to SDCC meeting to outline proposals.

11. The Barrel Drain & Flooding Issues: (DM) In response to our letter regarding a blockage of the Barrel Drain at the P&R Roundabout area, PKC have agreed to rectify a poorly constructed gully connection, to remove the obstruction and also will clean and survey this drain to ensure that all blockages are removed.

(CS) will continue to pursue the dealing of the problems with the BD.

Through the website I was contacted by a Mr Donaldson seeking information re the barrel drain, however when I contacted him he stated that he has obtained information elsewhere and did not provide his address, so no further action can be taken.

12. Proposed Housing Development at Scone North: planning convener (DM). On 24/5/17 the application was granted approval, subject to conditions and after a Section 75 Agreement had been signed. We understand that the date for signing the section 75 was extended to mid November. This will be decided between the planners and the developer, there is no other input. Comments included: is this an unusually long time for a decision? There is no time limit. AJS seemed very keen to get started at the DMC meeting in May. What is the Council asking for? Payment up front for infrastructure projects ie schools roads etc. (GC) What is the net worth of AJ Stephens? All info available on Companies website (www.companycheck.co.uk), also commented on discrepancy on numbers of houses required by Perth (as stated by Emac, planners for AJS) in the future; population growth in P&K area over 25 years down from 23% (highest inward migration projection) to 5.3% growth for Scotland up to 2041!

As at 28/10/17 the application is still **"awaiting decision"**, presumably the sign off has not yet occurred. It was pointed out that despite repeated requests, we had been unable to get PKC to define the term "completeness". (CS) asked for information regarding the FOI request about the mysterious "Highfield Road Roundabout" and agreed to pursue the matter with Council. PKC have contacted farm owners re land required for A94 roundabout.

We have been seeking a review into PKC planning by the Scottish Government, but have met with very little success. We recently received a response from John Swinney, enclosing a letter from Kevin Stewart which states that they are taking forward a Planning Bill and wider Planning Review programme and a key feature of their proposals is "improving planning performance", whatever that may mean!

After some considerable delay, due to PKC losing our letters in their internal mail, we have received a response from Russell Stewart regarding our query into the preparation of the drainage report for H29. The response only covers part of our concerns and we shall be writing again to clarify further points.

In respect of the confusion regarding density of houses in H29 we have been totally unable to get a categorical assurance regarding the total units envisaged. (CS) stated that this could be sorted out by the LDP 2 process. Further detailed applications to PKC for H29 will no doubt follow the completion of the Section 75 agreements, but we require to wait until these are submitted as there is no requirement for a pre-application public consultation.

13. AOCB: 1) The poppy wreath will be laid at the Scone War Memorial on November 12th. **2)** A meeting has been arranged with the school headmistress, the SDCC and the Community Plan representative to find ways to encourage dialogue between the school and the community. **3)** The Scone Arms will not reopen in time for Christmas but hopes to be operational in March 2018

14. The meeting finished at 8.57pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 27th at 7.30pm.