

Scone Community Council meeting 24th February 2014

Attending were D.McKerracher; B.Paterson; V.Shand; D.Sutherland; D.Dykes; H. Mackinnon, Councillor L. Simpson and E. Walker. One members of the public attended.

1. Welcome from Chairperson: V. Shand.

2. Apologies for absence: C Price.

3. Police report: Email report from Community police officer, WPC Pam Blowers.

First half of report contains general crime prevention advice.

Youths causing annoyance calls.

Stormont Way: general nuisance call, no trace of youths on police arrival.

Crimes / incidents of note

2 x vandalism to parked cars

1) Stormont Park, Scone: overnight 7/8th February vehicle scratched by persons & means unknown, under enquiry.

2) Elmgrove, Scone :overnight 8/9th February damage to wing mirror, undetected.

4. Adoption of the minutes January 27th 2014. Amendments were: addition to list of attendees to include Councillor Simpson, H. Mackinnon, E. Walker and Andrew Sinclair, change 4 members of the public to 2.

Proposer: B. Paterson. Seconder D. McKerracher

5. Correspondence.

Reply received by email to C. Price re extension of the planning consultation timescale for the Community Council for the Bandirran wind farm proposal. The extended period will now run approximately 8 weeks until 1st April 2014.

6. Treasurer's Report: not available.

7. Convenor's reports.

Planning.

During the period since the last meeting, 3 applications have been submitted for extensions with 1 approval at 102 Perth Road, Scone.

Bandirran Windfarm plans submitted.

The CC was informed regarding a proposal by Eric Duff of Scone Thistle to apply for planning to replace existing changing facilities at the Farquharson Park. A preliminary information meeting is to be arranged for interested parties and to discuss funding and possibilities of available grants. It was agreed that, although funding by the CC. was outwith its remit, a representative (D. Sutherland) will attend the meeting and report back to the CC. regarding the proposal.

Communications: There are now 2 separate sections on the website referring specifically to: 1) Bandirran Wind Farm . 2) The Barrel Drain

PACC: nothing to report.

Open Spaces: Fiasco in the Park! Not much progress with filling in the drainage area: path is now resurfaced and area adjacent to pond will be completed in March. Hopefully, with an improvement in the weather, filling in the ruts caused by vehicles and reinstatement of the grass areas will commence.

The contractors are to be consulted about the section above the east end of the pond, regarding unblocking a choked pipe to drain the swamp-like marsh which has appeared after such a wet winter.

Councillor's report. Councillor Simpson to approach D. Dykes regarding informing owner of reports about scrambler bikes using the Den Road and Den Woods.

Council budget has been passed with no vote or discussion.

8. Scone Village Association Report

D.Sutherland: drew attention to the excellent Destiny publication for up-to-date information about the community.

: the formation of a Reading Group has not met with much enthusiasm.

9. Barrel Drain and Flooding issues: report by D.McKerracher

Letter to Barbara Renton to request immediate steps to be taken by P&K council to address their Riparian responsibilities in respect of the maintenance of the drains in their ownership. Apart from a phone call from a Technician in the Flood Department, no response to date from B. Renton.

1) The condition of the Barrel drain has been highlighted by the flooding at the Wheel Inn on 28th January 2014, along with the uncertainty of the repair and maintenance requirements of the owners.

After emergency work by the Fire Brigade, the remainder of the flood prevention works were undertaken by PKC. This work continued for almost 2 weeks and PKC have fenced off the site and handed it back to the owners to “address the remaining defects and carry out the permanent repairs” on 11th February, 2014. To date no works have commenced.

Information is continually being gathered and clarified as a result of approaches made from attendees at the public meeting on 24th January 2014.

Subject to approval by the committee, a meeting with B. Paterson and D. McKerracher and senior representatives of PKC, Scottish Water and SEPA has been proposed for 4th April in RDM Institute. Local MSP John Swinney has agreed to chair the meeting and the CC will also invite Councillors Simpson, Miller, Melloy and Grant to attend. This was approved by all the Committee.

2) Roadworks at Mapledene Road for the purpose of altering the drainage system to prevent surface water flooding locally are finished.

3) Drainage for 13 houses in Stormont Road: Scottish Water has capacity for foul sewers but not for surface water. No response to email dated 3/2/14 for clarification of the position.

4) Bleachie Burn: continuing checking information from 1821 to 1797 to determine ownership etc.

Other areas causing concern include: under Angus Road and Highfield Road junction, beneath main road adjacent to Red Church and obstructions around Murray Road and Highfield Road. Some drawings and drainage plans are not correct and there seems to be a number of unknown and undocumented drains in the village. It was noted that all the responsibility does not lie with PKC.

10. **Bandirran Wind Farm:** report by D. McKerracher

Planning application submitted, accepted after minor amendments by PKC and numbered 14/00097FLM. To date we have seen 113 public comments with only 3 in support.

In response to request by CC, period of consultation extended to 1/04/14. Each committee member studied individual sections for comment. Still required are comments on the following:

Landscape and visual, ecology and nature conservation, telecommunications.

Comments from Statutory Consultees.

- NATS- unacceptable from technical impact. Confusion over removal of a VHF antenna.
- PKC Biodiversity- Not enough consideration given to European Protected Species ie Bats Turbine too close to trees(25 m)
- PKC Flood prevention- Poor response reiterating Scoping comments.
- Tourism and public access. Banks are willing to enhance core paths.

Destiny's February edition carried articles trying to give balanced information but we still have the problem of trying to ensure that as many residents as possible are aware of the application and have the opportunity to comment.

Fliers have been circulated by Banks seeking support, on the back of which is a question and answer response to be returned to them.

A local anti wind farm group, including Mike Moir and Martin Payne, is issuing their own anti-fliers but have had problems with the postal service.

The CC has to listen to the community and pull together all opinions.

Various other interested parties have been noted ie. Save our Sidlaws (SOS), Stanley and Kinclaven CC, Ceres CC. We must make our co-ordinated responses known by April 1st.

AOCB

As previously mentioned, D. Sutherland and E. Walker will attend meeting concerning Scone Thistle's plans for renewal of their premises.

WiFi: no progress to report, C. Price to look into this.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm. Next meeting will be 31st February 2014 at 19:30 in the RDMI

V. Shand, Chairperson

C. Price, Secretary