

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

Monday February 22nd 2021

A virtual meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 22nd February 2021, via Zoom commencing at 7.00 pm.

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees to the platform. L. Martin (LM) H. Mackinnon (HM) D. McKerracher (DMc), D. Dykes (DD) J. Belch. (JB) K.Gates(KG) J. Dunn (JD). F Mailer (FM) Cllrs'. Simpson (LS) C. Stewart (CS). Several members of the public were online.

2. Apologies: RDM parent council L. Lambert head teacher RDM School. (Will attend from 8pm onwards)

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin. Social media reports of suspicious activity around dog poaching from gardens, and attempted access to sheds and trying of house doors.

4. Minutes: January minutes read, adopted, proposed by (DMcK)) seconded by (JD). No matters arising.

5. Treasurer's report: SDCC: £656. SCF (Scone Community Fund): £987.04 (£460 from community donations)

EAP: (East Action Partnership) £527. Discussions took place re appropriate uses for monies.

PKC will only top up admin grant to £700 depending on bank balance. No hall hire costs at the moment.

Comments: can funds be used for website development? Splitting funds is to be investigated.

Covid related issues, i.e. mental health concerns. Leftover grant from EAP could be used to set up and maintain a phone befriending system with not so much money being required for masks and handsanitiser, cannot be used for hospitality,

6. Local Issues: 1) Cycle paths: Ongoing meetings with Sustrans, Gannochy Trust and PKC. Gannochy Estates reorganizing land usage and will possibly look at cycle path along A94 Scone to Bridgend. Contact has been made with dates to be set for a virtual meeting. (HM) to contact.

2) Young Persons' Association development: plans discussed regarding the setting up of a forum to develop a dialogue with local young people to encourage participation in activities. (LM) to continue investigations. Comments: (LS) YMCA will provide a contact service for a cost. £210 per evening for 6 sessions with 3 outreach workers asking young people what they would like to be involved in. Friday or Saturday nights would be preferable. Social media/poster advertising.

Online polling / questionnaire apps were discussed as a means of eliciting local opinions on key matters.

3) Speeding issues: no reply from Police re monitoring results. After request for more police presence: speed radar gun operations in the village.

(CS) 20mph may be made permanent after monitoring results are processed.

4) Bridgend resurfacing: pavement /road resurfacing begins in Bridgend on 8th March traffic orders prohibiting parking along Stormont Road to allow a one way system to operate into Perth from Scone. Residents have been informed. Lorries/ heavy traffic etc. from Perth rerouted along A93 up to Guildtown /Wolfhill/Burrelton to A94.

5) Barrel drain a number of years ago, PKC undertook to carry out CCTV surveys of the Barrel Drain on a two yearly basis. Such a survey should have been carried out in 2020, however it was delayed due to the pandemic.

The survey is currently being carried out and we anticipate receiving a copy of the report in due course.

7) CTLR Highfield Track Planning – we have submitted two objection comments to this application:-

Maintenance of public access during construction.

Requirement for compensatory planting.

PKC have issued a number of draft Traffic Orders, which are open for comment until early March:-

- 50 mph Limit over the full length of the CTLR, which totally ignores the potential H29 Housing and proposed school site.
- 40 mph Limit over A94 from P&R roundabout to just north of Newmains.
- Stopping Up Order for Stormontfield Road, a distance of 230m from A93.

- 40 mph Limit over the remaining section of Stormontfield Road to meet the CTRL, despite this being a cul-de-sac if Stopping Up Order is applied.
- There are also a number of Stopping Up Orders for a number of locations, however they are mainly administrative for adjustments to the line of the new roads.

I consider it is vital that we as a CC, along with as many residents as possible, submit objections to these Orders on time, as this is the last opportunity we have for objecting to parts of this Project.

I propose to draft out objections for consideration and shall be encouraging as many Stormontfield residents as possible to submit objections to at least some of these proposed Traffic Orders.

Comments: is it possible to provide a simple guide for residents to understand and then submit informed comments on proposals? Publish on social media, Destiny etc.? Does PKC have a workable communication strategy? (CS) Policy is incomprehensible, questions should be 1) what's happening? 2) Going to happen? 3. Consultation?

This is not in practice. (DMCK) policies sound great but not implemented. Should Cllrs. not sort out this lack of understandable confusion? (LM) still waiting for a response from J. Swinney to communication from November 2020.

8). Community Asset Transfer webinar. (JB) interest in this topic derives from community asset, the Bowling Green, being sold to a private developer with no local community organisations being given the opportunity to purchase/lease it. Small local areas can be bid for by local committees with a group constitution. (HM) will contact Guides and Scone Thistle re Bowling Green developer's failure to gain PP for houses on the site with a view to suggest a community buyout, CC would help with fundraising ideas, access to grants etc. Calor Gas funding opens from 10th March. (JB) will check out the appropriate forms.

10) School Parking Safety measures (item moved to accommodate headteacher) CC has suggested, with the school and parent council in agreement, Zig-zag safety markings outside the 2 entrances not already covered by zig-zag markings, Stormont Rd and Spoutwells Place. (FM) said that there is no longer a need to request these zig-zag markings as 1) they will automatically be part of the new pedestrian crossing on Stormont Road and 2) the entrance on Spoutwells Place is only a temporary measure and is not to be used long term. (LL) headteacher agreed that when new pedestrian crossing is installed on Stormont Rd, zig zag lines will be part of the setup. (FM) suggested more provision of no waiting cones. Comments: is there any monitoring of offenders? (LL) stated that the majority of drivers were not offending and had supported the school campaign to be more considerate. When will Pelican crossing be installed? (LS) PKC busy with Covid related issues, all wiring and below surface work has been undertaken and completed.

(FM) to write to PKC to outline requests for more safety material.

9). Conveners' reports.

Planning: Proposed Development at Murrayshall

At present there are no further actions we can take until the architect makes further information available or a Planning Application is submitted.

Scone Bowling Club site housing

The application was refused consent although the developer can submit an appeal before end of February 2021.

To date there is nothing on Council site and we are unaware if the developer will be submitting an appeal or an alternative application.

Plot to Rear of Ragnarock

PKC issued a notice to the developer, which confirmed their acceptance of revised submissions and that they had now complied with the outstanding conditions of their planning.

We are still concerned about the adequacy of their proposals for working on or near the access track and would advise residents to notify the Planning Department directly if they are concerned about safe working in this area.

H29 Flooding concerns

During the recent wet weather, local residents have noted and videoed a number of springs in the area of phase 2 of the H29 Development. Since planning was granted to Phase 1A, despite us raising concerns about groundwater and drainage, we consider that raising this again at this stage would not be appropriate.

However, as and when further applications for H29 are submitted, we shall utilise these videos to strengthen our objections to the ongoing disregard of our drainage concerns by PKC.
There are no other matters of planning to report at this time.

Communications: 1) Formation of a CC association. Contact has been made with local CC's to assess interest. Meigle CC have expressed interest. 2) Quotes for refurbishing and developing website ongoing.

PACC. No meeting until 3rd March. (KG) Comments: flying is not taking place above houses to same extent, suggestions that wind direction (as previously reported) makes no difference to flight operations. Is there a noise limit on engines of older planes?

Open Spaces: (DD) Food Growing workshop: not applicable to the resources available to the CC. Scone Estates have been approached for a section of land for the community, not in favour. Tend and Lend: matches neglected gardens to people who wish to look after them. Contact could be made through social media, Destiny etc.

(JD) potholes are a concern, report directly to PKC 01738 476476.

(JB) No update on the formation of changing facilities for football club thus making use of awarded grants.

(LS) [Park ranger cannot plant spring bulbs, funding to be used later in the year. (JB) reported unacceptable behaviour and language in the park concerning children smashing bottles, (LS) will look into the clean-up.

11) Councillors' reports:

(LS) PKC busy with Covid vaccine rollout, very successful at Dewar's Centre. Local budget will be set on Wed March 10th, Council tax (a small part of council spend) will remain same although water charges will increase. Council spending is split into mandatory expenses i.e. wages and community minded issues ie music tuition, school crossing patrollers etc the union COSLA is calling for fairer funding for local government from Westminster and the Scot gov.

H29 flooding issues: major problems resulting in continual pumping into the Crammock burn, temporary plastic sheeting restraints erected to contain excess water. Path diversion is unsatisfactory (DMcK) CC has written to PKC re completion of pedestrian access to Stormont Rd before occupation of houses.

RDML has received several grants, undertaking major refurbishment, damp proof insulation, updating lighting etc.

(CS) there is an online consultation re food growing strategies on PKC website.

Flood risk management: developers are being encouraged to take on board flood risk and to increase playpark maintenance. Murrayshall development: in limbo, consultation finished, no PA submitted, did developers have privileged access to pkc planning dept.? It would be preferable to do both UK and local budget at the same time, agreed that local gov should receive fairer funding, Scottish water to increase payment by 2.5% but pkc will set a council tax freeze. Comments: (DMcK) pkc should implement statements contained in their own documents. (DD) utilisation of large empty city centre buildings for housing? Should PKC have a policy to deal with this?

12). SVA. No report.

13). A.O.C.B Litter pickers are still to be utilised more often.

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm.

14) Next meeting Monday 29th March 2021 via Zoom 7pm.