

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

Monday May 31st 2021

A virtual meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 31st May 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). Cllrs'. Simpson (LS) C. Stewart (CS). Several members of the public were online.

2. Apologies: F Mailer (FM)

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin. Spray painting of a local car under investigation.

Action: to make further enquiries as to how these reports are compiled. Make enquiries re speeding survey report. (HM)

4. Minutes: April minutes read, adopted, proposed by (JB) seconded by (KG).

5. Treasurer's report: SDCC £546.92 Domain name expense £71, nothing spend from SCF.

6. Local Issues: 1) CTRL. As stated at last meeting, SDCC submitted objections to proposed Traffic Orders for 50mph and 40mph limits, these were reviewed internally by PKC inevitable decision to approve their proposal. We wrote to PKC to object to the omission of a Path Order for the Highfield path. This objection was refused despite the inclusion of Puffin Crossing or an alternative diversion of approx. 1.2 km. (LS) to follow up as with no stopping up order there is no opportunity for public comment. Our objection to the Stopping Up of the U88 Stormontfield Road has been passed to the Scottish Office Reporter and we await his decision. Another request for more lighting at the Old Scone/A93 junction to make it safer for the increase in traffic from H29 with approx. 224 extra cars per day. (HM) Comment: will the increase in cost of building materials make a difference to CTRL budget? (CS) no budget is capped but extra will be found.

2) Barrel Drain report we have now received a copy of the CCTV survey carried out earlier this year, it would appear that the coverage of the survey represents about 57% of the overall length, which remains about the same as previous surveys. The main reason for no increase in coverage is that some sections are formed from masonry or clay tiles and are not accessible for CCTV cameras, with the largest areas being:-

- between Highfield Road and Murray Road, within gardens.
- between Knowehead Terrace and the Annaty Burn, partially within footpaths.
- below Angus Road near traffic lights

The report highlights 6 areas of concern and PKC will be contacting the owners to remind them of their Riparian responsibilities. Comments: why should owners have to pay to repair for a drain which carries road drainage? 122 properties on BD, previous attempts to encourage owners to form an association to combat possible future problems failed several years ago, prospective buyers are not informed of the presence, through their properties, of the BD.

3) Core path Scon/12 stopping up, study group received similar response to SDCC as route of path is not changing, no need for stopping up order as Puffin crossing (over 50mph road) and access to Green bridge (extra 1200 metres) will be provided. (CS) (LS) To ask relevant PKC officers.

4) Doodle poll results: held over 2 and half weeks, 10% of households, 248 responses, most in favour, 6 no, 2 no opinion (need more details). Cycle way progress, next meeting on Wed 2nd June, with Sustrans, PKC, Cllr Simpson, Gannochy do not own all land along A94, mostly owned by Scone Palace, still to be contacted. Quarrymill and bridge over the River Tay to be investigated.

5) Scone Palace events. At present, only remaining events likely to affect traffic in the area are: - Farming Yesteryear 12th September 2021 and the Game Fair 24th – 26th September 2021, further meeting with PKC on 1st July to discuss traffic management measures for these events. (LS) Commented on the excellent meetings with R. Lyle.

6) Butterworth meeting, CPO apology (VS) will follow this up along with a request for last meeting's minutes, as SDCC have sent theirs with no acknowledgement.

7) Derelict building update. (JB) re unpaid council tax, can powers of compulsory purchase not be used? (LS) Problems with ownership, foreign country, comments: health and safety issue, (VS) can Cllrs pass on our concerns.

7). Conveners' reports.

Murrayshall; Despite confusion created by PKC with changes to the return dates for objections, we submitted our comments/objection on 24th May.

DMcK would like to thank all contributors for their assistance in checking out the documentation and providing comment. Primarily our objections were based on the breaching of the Council's Greenbelt Policy, also their Housing in the Countryside Policy and their total omission of consideration for all parties out-with the development site.

Despite it being an In Principle application, our objections relayed our concerns at the poor level of information provided in respect of roads, road safety, flooding risks from a number of sources, poor ecological monitoring methods and reporting, very poor landscape visualisations, limited areas reported on for landscape and archaeological purposes and analysis of the tree survey effects.

We are aware of a number of other objections and activities, which have taken place and trust that all these will influence the Planning Committee to refuse this application. Comments: from local study residents' study group: good objection/comments by SDCC, as of 2nd June 125 objections, chances of success? Local cottage built on Greenbelt? Public consultation just lip service, all suggestion/objections ignored. (DMcK) agreed level of success of public consultation was minimal, only 6 boards of information, no heights of buildings, levels, roads, services, and a major development of 50 houses would normally need a separate housing application.

(JB) 1000 objections to H29, 10% of households, poll ignored. Participation request to PKC for greening CTRL, lost until too late, greenbelt contraventions with H29, (KG) public consultation only held by developer/architect results not seen by PKC.

Cllr(LS) on planning committee, stated that cottage on greenbelt land was refused permission. Cllr(CS) there seems to be different standards of public consultation, Gannochy housing good example, feedback taken on board. Concerns not raised following public consultation include traffic, habitat/species. If application goes to committee Cllr (CS) will speak on behalf of local concerns. Local residents' comments: traffic volume monitoring not taking account of projected 232 full time staff, up to 400 with part-timers, large spa will require huge outside membership to be commercially viable. SNH comments are unpublished yet re site of special habitat along the Sidlaws to Dundee. (LM) disappointed/frustrated at lack of local democracy and in any ability to make productive liaison with PKC. If any processes challenged, comment is: take concerns to law.

Bowling Green planning, no new application as yet, agent for developer will contact owner if second PA refused re community buyout.

H29 North Scone Housing H29 – Phase 1B

The planning application was issued as normal, however due to the timing overlap with the Murrayshall application we requested and were granted an extended period for response until 2/6/21. I would again like to thank all the contributors, for their assistance in checking out the documentation and providing comment. Our objections will be submitted tomorrow.

These are based initially on the inaccuracy of the plans, regarding land ownership and incorrect details of the existing houses. No clear boundary with existing houses, taking into account extensions etc.

The above factors, together with the proposal for 2 storey housing adjacent, have raised concerns regarding the privacy of the existing houses.

We also have concerns/objections to:-

- the proposed site access,
- interference with Core Paths, possible diversions for 2 years
- surface water drainage, hard surface water drainage, with known springs covered over,
- groundwater effects,
- inaccurate information regarding affordable housing, 25%?
- misleading statements regarding beavers and the green travel plan, provision should be made for an annual survey.
- dangers inherent in only having a footpath on one side of the main spine road which is also a proposed bus route
- lack of detail in the sustainability checklist, regarding all aspects of the report
- objected to untrue statement that AJS has had discussions with SDCC
- object to measures to enhance sustainability since document only makes generalisations with no specific information at all
- inadequacy of the Extended Habitat survey, since it was carried out only on one day with no night time assessment at all.

Comments: flooding concerns re a rebuilding of one flooded house, filling flooding areas with sand, (HM) to recontact SEPA. (CS) re local resident's video re unsecured site access, sent to health and safety executive enforcement team. Spoutwells is a well known flooding area, a number of houses in the vicinity have wells capped in gardens,

H29 Phase 1A

At last meeting we noted that we had again written to PKC regarding the lack of enforcement of the conditions of their consent, however their response yet again denied that AJ Stephen had breached any planning matters.

We are also aware of a number of occasions when residents have also contacted PKC about the lack of security on the site and also noisy pumps left operating overnight. We are not aware of any response received but the pumping has not continued. (JB) is PKC liable for flooding issues with new housing? No. Cost of an independent hydrological survey, GOFUNDME to raise this? (DMcK) to investigate costings. Report in 2011 stated that area was unsuitable for building.

Communications: 1) Website development underway, local photos required.

PACC. (KG) no report.

Open Spaces: Pavement resurfacing opposite side of Bonhard Road necessitating road closure.

8) Councillors' reports: (CS) contacted acting chief exec re Participation Request fiasco, meeting cancelled. Concerns re light touch on enforcement of planning matters, spoke out against setting aside 40mph limit without extending beyond airport.

(LS) Will investigate increased lighting at Old Scone junction. The diagonal path through woods will link up with a footpath at its exit at Old Scone road, criminal justice participants are assisting with removal of gorse covering the path. Layby stopping up on hold as soil deposits have been removed by passing traffic for their own use.

Pigeons are causing a nuisance in Park Terrace PKC will attend to this.

RDM School **is full**, leading to a deprived school experience for local children, all extra facilities are being used for classrooms, no art room, music room, library and PE and dinner hall facilities are stretched. A new school would provide much better facilities, a success has been achieved with more walking/cycling and less parking problems. (VS)

Commented on a litter problem in Birch Avenue.

9) SVA. Scone Village Association April 2021-Update. The Village Association are in talks with the Festive Light manufacturers for the winter display and before that we are assisting Scone in Bloom with the display for this summer. We are looking for volunteers to assist with watering plants throughout the summer as PKC have intimated that they will not be doing it this year.

We have secured more planters for this year and hope all will safeguard them.

The June issue of Destiny is due to go on sale this week. Dates for submission are 23rd July, 17th September, 19th November.

Scone Airport Men's Shed. The SHED has re-opened for attendees on Wednesdays from 14.00 to 16.00hrs and Saturdays from 10.00 to 12.00 hrs. All are most welcome to attend.

We have had to introduce a booking system as we are currently limited to numbers at present, and this can be found on our website www.sconeshedders.co.uk. Hope to see you there.

10). A.O.C.B (LM) to investigate the photography competition with the school to be held over the summer holidays.

RDMI meeting to set up reopening building, church halls to contact 121 George Street in Edinburgh to gain permission.

11) Next meeting Monday 28 June 2021 via Zoom 7pm

Meeting finished at 9.05 pm.