

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

Monday August 30th 2021

A virtual meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 30th August 2021, via Zoom commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

2. Apologies: D. McKerracher (DMck).

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin. No local crime reported in last week. Previously reported incidences of car vandalism, verbal abuse, littering, glass and drug paraphernalia in the park. Police have been in attendance. The police will attend future SDCC meetings when possible.

4. Minutes: June minutes read, adopted, proposed by (DD) seconded by (JB).

5. Treasurer's report: SDCC: £136.92, will last until end of year when topup grant from PKC will become available. Website redesign paid for with 50% grant from the East Perthshire Action Partnership. SCF: £530.

6. Local Issues: 1) **Photographic competition:** no adult entries, rest sent off to be judged.

2) **Derelict & abandoned housing:** District Valuer will make a valuation of Strathcona, can CC list problems being caused to neighbours & community as a whole. Scottish Government are sympathetic to Local Authorities acquiring long term eyesore properties but there is a legal process if decision is appealed by owners, so evidence is required. Contact is to be made with neighbours to acquire information. (HM)

3) **RDMI indoor meetings:** decision taken to assess Covid levels week before a meeting. Hybrid meetings, i.e. Zoom and in person, do not work without correct equipment. RDMI assures good ventilation, risk assessments, open fire doors etc.

4) **Scone Palace events liaison:** Farming Yesteryear 12th September 2021 will take the form of a 2 hour "ride out" and route and timings have been published. The Game Fair 24th – 26th September 2021. Meeting held with PKC, the Palace and GF Organisers, which was helpful. GF organisers should be issuing details of their traffic management shortly and an onsite meeting will be held in the week leading up to the event.

5) Old Scone/A93 junction lighting: not possible, not an accident blackspot, no incidents and not an urban setting.

6) Puffin crossing: no action despite 8 weeks of school holidays. Is transport dept. fully staffed or is it lacking in manpower? Cllr Stewart ensured that road safety measures were to be fully funded i.e., 20mph strategy. Comments: more families walking to school, good weather, parking situation improved.

7). Cycle path: comments: land ownership split between Gannochy Trust and Scone Estates.

Discussions taken place with Trustee who is leading Estate Strategy, supportive of plans, happy to set up meeting to explore ideas in detail, present to Trustee Board as part of the estate strategy, meet in person at Trust's office or Zoom, CC to suggest a few dates over the next 3 weeks we can get something in the diary. Scone Estates requiring further liaison meetings.

8) Anti-social behaviour: incidences of littering, vehicle damage, fighting, drug supplying/taking. Police called, reports on social media. (LS) Contact made with local police who know ringleaders, will increase presence in village and attend CC meetings. Strategy in Perth has pushed problem out of town, can we have similar strategy? Youths not recognised as locals. Comments: Instant reporting of problems as witnessed, proof is needed. Lack of youth workers in the community, PKC has no budget, YMCA will provide a paid for service. A meeting has been set up in RDML with Community and Learning worker Marie Todd on 16th Sept. CC to attend. A public meeting to be held in the spring or summer when Covid levels allow.

7) Conveners' reports. Planning: H29 Phase 1B: likely that this application will come to the Development Management Committee in September.

Response from SEPA regarding video of spring on H29 site phase 1B now covered over by a road for works' vehicles "authorities" are unable or unwilling to accept that a potential problem exists in respect of Groundwater. It is interesting to note that periodic visits to site by the SEPA Regulatory Officers have never noted any spring activity or even the overfilling problems of the Phase 1A SUDS pond. Comments: there are pumps going 24 hours to pump out surplus groundwater from the pond.

Proposed Development at Murrayshall. We are unaware of when this application will come before the Development Management Committee. Cllr Simpson is trying to find out timetable.

CTLR No news yet on the timing of any public enquiry regarding Road Closure traffic order, no announcement about award of these works. Cllrs Simpson & Stewart have been asked to find out and report on:-

- When is the contract likely to be awarded?
- Is the award intended to be for the WHOLE CTLR (A9 to A94)?
- Is the contract fixed price?
- What is the anticipated completion date?

Tenders were returned in April (almost 6 months ago), what is the financial implication of this delay?
NOTE: - 6 months delay to SDCC request to change the line through H29 was declared to be too expensive !
Comments: (CS) PKC will work with contractor to find opportunities keep down price despite rises in material costs. Contract will include provision for community benefits i.e. reduce carbon footprint, real living wage, and release staff for school based projects. (DD) when will project be a "committed" and not "constructed" one, thus allowing multiple housing projects along the A94 corridor to go ahead? (CS) Undefined. Delay is due to legal issues (Stage 1) Stage 2: building so "Committed" at this stage. Stage 3: completion. (VS) Is CTLR still financially affordable? (CS) money will be found from other sources within PKC budget, one seventh of council capital debt i.e. £80 million, contracts will take into account increase in cost of materials.

Communications: Website development underway. Several pages added with links to other sites and local directories.

PACC. (KG) next meeting Sept 1st. meeting to be set up with MP Pete Wishart. Local resident invited to tour airport, did not allay her concerns re low flying aircraft taking off above her house and multiple circuits producing noise and Avgas air pollution. Requests have been made for planes to turn over fields north of the village before flying over residents in Highfield Road which is the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Response from airfield is that airspace is uncontrolled, CAA have no powers to dictate flying routes. One house in the local area has succeeded in banning aircraft taking off over it. It was pointed out how much closer to these planes the new housing H29 Phases 3 and 4 will be, directly under the flightpath from Runway 21. Legally it is the responsibility of the polluter if found to be causing harm. (JB) Avgas, the fuel used is toxic, lead based and banned in many countries. Noise pollution was measured, reached 85 decibels, above the WHO recommendations. A representative from the airport is to be invited to a future meeting.

Open Spaces: Grass cutting trial until October to be carried out in the park, certain sections along 2 sides will be left uncut, no strimming around trees and no use of weedkiller, to encourage biodiversity etc., eventually to be sown with

wild flowers and grasses. Comments: wrong time of year, not much good growth left, and wilderness will gather litter etc., making clean-up more difficult. CC agreed to wait and see before commenting. (CS) will find out control strategy, what is the expected result, is it in line with correct pollination? (JB) CC could help provide wild flower seeds etc. (HM) requested Friends of the Park look into the state of most of the wooden park benches, could plastic replacements be investigated?

8) Councillors' reports: (CS) Hanover Gardens: no decision yet. CIF: £56000 available to Strathmore ward, opens 3rd September. PKC to set up Climate Change Commission, looking for applications.

Six Afghan families to be welcomed to PKC.

20mph trial has ended. Environment Committee will publish results mid October. Those in place will stay, new ones may be added. CC suggested running a Doodle poll but will wait until report comes out.

(LS) Agreed his contribution throughout the meeting had covered his report.

9) SVA: (Doug Sutherland) We are slowly trying to regain our 'normal' life, or as it was prior to the pandemic. With the re-opening of the Institute, we are re-starting the Table Tennis on **15th September**. Unfortunately, we cannot re convene the 'Singing for Fun' at Burnside as we are still not permitted to remove face masks and singing with a face mask is not much fun. We have booked the Institute for the Christmas Coffee Morning on **13th November**, and we ask all to take note of this date. The income generated at this event goes a considerable way to funding the Village Festive Lights. We hope to involve the children at the primary school, this year with the introduction of new lights. The ballcourt in the park is being fully utilised by all age groups of the community and we are finding it difficult to accommodate new groups. We just wish that other users of the park are more considerate and do not break glass bottles, leave litter and pick up the dog poo.

Scone Airport Men's Shed A reminder that we are open on **Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm** and **Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon**. We would like to see you there either to share your skill, learn a new skill or just a blether and a cup of tea or coffee. Currently we are undertaking a 'Welly Boot Rack' for the nursery at Balbeggie and have one or two other community projects queuing up. Also we have a tutor showing us how to do wood turning on the wood lathe recently purchased. Other members are doing their own thing that they are finding time to do in between cups of tea and sorting out the world's problems. Please visit us at **Building 30, at the Airport**, stay for 5 minutes or 2 hours there is no set time limit. Destiny date, 19th November. Our website is www.sconeshedders.co.uk. Hope to see you at the SHED.

10). A.O.C.B: 1) Hanover Garden local resident update: a meeting held on site with an architect, representatives from Hanover Housing and residents: suggestions included solar panels on roof to reduce electricity costs, added conservatories, new kitchens and bathroom fittings. Building are unfit to be relet as floor area is too small by today's regulations so 4 are empty. Elderly, infirm residents do not want to move, suggestions included a phased rebuild and move into as finished. Meeting of board on 16th September. 2) Heavy rubbish bins cause a problem to move, suggestion was to supply residents with pink plastic sacks to be filled with all their mixed recyclables and nonrecyclables (LS) PKC will provide help with heavy bins. CC agreed to monitor situation.

11) Next meeting Monday 27th September 2021 via Zoom 7pm

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm.