

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

Monday 27th September 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) D. McKerracher (DMcK). J. Belch. (JB) K.Gates (KG) L. Martin (LM), F. Mailer (FM) Cllrs'. Simpson (LS) C. Stewart (CS). S. Robertson (PKC Safer Communities Team. (SR) D. Macarthur (Road Safety & Sustainable Transport Team PKC). (DM) P. Cargill. (Press reporter) Several members of the public were online.

2. Apologies: M. Andrew (study group member)

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin. No local crime reported in last week. Police invited to attend, given all dates in advance, but unable to access Zoom.

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

5. Treasurer's report: SDCC: £136.92, no expenditure, no income, will last until end of year when top-up grant from PKC will become available. Books in for audit will be ready by the October AGM. £107.94 left from the Local Action Partnership to be used to benefit the community.

6. Local Issues: 1) **Cycle path update:** PKC engineers regard idea of a floating bridge too high maintenance, at risk of damage from floating river debris. (LS) High levels of maintenance required on all 3 River Tay bridges in Perth. A feasibility study may be set up, cost approx. £2000/3000. Sustrans grants may be available. (CS) Strathmore ward CIF (Community Investment Fund) is undersubscribed, deadline may be extended. Meeting next Thursday with Gannochy Estate, invitations sent to North Muirton CC and Muirton & North Inch CC. Contact from Scone Estates is slow, split 3 ways, family plus Scone Palace plus estate managers (Savills). Introduction of a rewilding project: i.e. planting hedgerows (from the Woodland Trust) between the path and field to protect land used by the tenant farmers seems a good idea. 2) **20 mph doodle poll.** Set up on Social media: keep 20mph A94, Stormont Rd, yes/no, introduce along Abbey Road or whole village yes/no. 70 replies, will run until 21st October. Results to be sent to Cllr Stewart and (DM) asked for results to be sent to him at PKC.

3) **RDMI** committee wish to replace unsuitable and dangerous noticeboard, Men's Shed has volunteered its services, new one to be erected on the wall of the Institute beside door, CC agreed to help with cost of materials.

4) Anti-social behaviour: escalating in the village, concerns regarding a vigilante reaction or retaliation from local residents. Following V. Shand attending a fact-finding meeting on Sept 16th with local organisations to discuss possible solutions and share ideas, CC invited police and Safer Communities Team to outline possible solutions: S. Robertson (Safer Communities Officer PKC) stated that, due to police activity, the use of Community Wardens, street pastors and youth workers, the problem had been displaced from Perth to outlying towns and villages, i.e. Crieff, Scone, Blairgowrie. Community wardens work from 12.45 to 10pm, communication of incidents immediately is important, contact no is 01738476173. Leave a voicemail. **Email: sct@pkc.gov.uk** (not monitored at weekends) Social media can lead to a list of comments but no direct reporting. When incidents are reported that are ongoing, with as much description as possible, immediate action can be taken or increased funding sourced for additional agencies to be involved. Many youths are under the influence of drugs or alcohol by 6pm so off licences are being monitored for supplying underage drinkers. Often ringleaders are known to community youth workers so communication between social work department, police and youth support teams is vital. (KG) asked for a supply of promotional leaflets for noticeboards, website, social media etc. (HM) to be contact for this. If youth engagement workers are out in Scone, they will monitor voicemail calls regarding ongoing activities and can respond. CC intend to hold a public meeting involving relevant agencies when time is suitable.

5) Derelict & abandoned housing: small survey contacted residents adjacent to an abandoned property at the top of Spoutwells Road, all expressed concerns re health and safety, incidences of youths gathering inside, possible burglary and destruction of property (SR) Community wardens are monitoring this property and several windows have been boarded up. A property in a similar state in the village has since been put up for sale. The results of the survey will be sent to the Derelict and Abandoned property officer at PKC

6) Photograph competition: Judges, P. Cargill and A Godfrey have announced results and prizes will be given.

7) Red squirrel signs: after the reported deaths of several red squirrels on the road to Old Scone probably due to habitat destruction by the construction of H29 and increased traffic, CC will source road signs with the help of Cllr Simpson, no PKC signs available. Men's Shed to be approached.

8) Scone Palace events: On 12th September 2021 Farming Yesteryear was deferred and took the form of a 2 hour “ride out” no detrimental comments were received on this event.

The Game Fair took place last weekend and appears generally to have gone ahead without any major concerns arising. As noted at last month’s meeting, we have been able to have fairly good responsive relationship with the event organisers and any omissions this year from the planned traffic management arrangements should be guaranteed to be avoided next year. There are no further major events planned at the Palace this year. In the next season there are anticipated to be a number of large events taking place. Hopefully the liaison arrangements this year can be used as a template for ongoing discussions with other event holders. (LS) Robert Lyle has held good liaison meetings Comment: Can the 30mph signage be removed or hidden when not required.

7) Conveners’ reports. Planning:

H29 Phase 1B: The application came before Development Management Committee, virtually, last Wednesday.

Unfortunately despite objections, perhaps predictably, the committee approved the application.

Despite having the “authorities” attention drawn to groundwater concerns and springs, they continue to be unwilling to accept that a potential problem exists in respect of Groundwater.

Proposed Development at Murrayshall

We are unaware of when this application will come before the Development Management Committee. (LS) Negotiations are ongoing. Concerns expressed that the whole development is within the green belt, same planning officer responsible for Perth West development allowed sections of the Green belt (85 hectares) to be used. (LS) Green Belt can be used for essential infrastructure. Habitat surveys for hedgehogs, bats etc. were done in November therefore no recorded evidence.

CTLR No news yet on the timing of any public enquiry regarding Road Closure traffic order.

A contract for the CTLR has now been issued, but not for the anticipated £113 Million. It has been let in stages, with stage 1 for further design works (worth approx. £9.1 million) and with stage 2 construction works being awarded in approx. 1 year when stage 1 is completed. Note no value for stage 2 has been given (despite current and ongoing anticipations regarding the level of inflation). It would appear that under present anticipations, the CTLR will be completed by late 2025. Can Cllrs again ask for route to be moved out of the housing development?

Affordable /social housing/local communities: concerns expressed re lack of affordable housing within developments, ratio is 25%. Glebe development is all social housing, affordable housing in H29 Phases 1A &1B has been deferred until later in construction along the CTLR. Comments: (JB) all in one group instead of being spread out within the development, 3 storeys high, no gardens to the front adjacent to the CTLR, will create “cannon” effect for air pollution and will supersede WHO decibel levels. (CS) was concerned that the European Habitats directive is not followed by council officers in PKC.

Communications: Website development underway.

PACC. (KG) Report on the minutes of the September meeting: small number of formal complaints, night flying to commence in October, (LS) open invitation for members of CC to visit airport to gain understanding of the operations. Comment: nowhere near the noise pollution of being next to a busy London airport.

Open Spaces: no report available.

8) Councillors’ reports (LS) will question the moving of the CTLR route out of the housing development.

CC representative required to attend the Eastern Area Partnership meetings. Construction of a new path from Stormont to the school will be sent to CC for discussion, puffin crossing will be installed in November.

(CS) Park cutting policy will be reviewed. CIF: V. Shand is CC rep on this committee. Police could join meeting on a browser if difficulties with using ZOOM. Will raise question re moving CTLR out of housing.

9) SVA: November 13th for Coffee morning, funds for the village Christmas lights. Destiny deadline: 19th November.

10). A.O.C.B AGM: will decide format, i.e. indoors or virtual, a week before depending on pandemic status at the time.

D McKerracher tendered his resignation from the CC, he was thanked for his great service over 10 years.

Concerns raised re incidences of high voltage in several houses in the village resulting in damage to appliances.

11) Next meeting and AGM Monday 25th October 2021 (venue and or virtual TBD) Meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

