

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes
Monday, 28th February 2022

A virtual meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday, 28th February 2022, via Zoom commencing 7.00pm.

- 1. Welcome:** Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees to the platform, J. Belch (JB), D. Dykes (DD), F. Mailer (FM), L. Martin (LM), J. Dunne (JD). Several members of the public were online.
- 2. Apologies:** H. Mackinnon (HM) and Gordon Clark (GC).
- 3. Police Report:** Vanessa advised that the police report had been posted on the SDCC Facebook page for reference.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:** CS advised changes to the wording of section 8.1. This was noted by LM for amendment. Proposed by DD and Seconded by JD.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** LM advised that there had been no transactions since November with £648.21 in the SDCC account and £530.44 in the SCF account. LM advised that the CC's contribution to the RDMI noticeboard would be paid in the next few weeks, and a payment would be made to JB towards the zoom meeting costs.
- 6. Local Issues:**
 - 6.1.** Equalities relating to the CTRLR/H29 PKC planning process: LM advised that a meeting had been held with John Swinney. SDCC considered that PKC had failed in its statutory duties under the Equalities Act 2010 in the CTRLR/H29 planning processes. Mr Swinney had been given the relevant documentation and was pursuing this matter with PKC. CS confirmed that in June 2019, despite proffered evidence, PKC had considered that an Equalities assessment was not needed at that time.
 - 6.2.** CTRLR tree felling: JB advised that the tree felling was almost complete. She advised that confusion remained around whether the beech trees were to be felled. It was highlighted that these trees lined a

potential access route to phases one and two of the H29 development. It was noted that the beech trees were not subject to a tree protection order. LS advised that he would ask for a map showing the areas of land included in the CTRL CPOs. CS advised that he thought the CPOs had not been passed, and that the PKC's legal department had cleared the tree felling as preparatory work for the CTRL. FM asked whether there was an update on the participation request complaint. JB advised that she would confirm the submission dates with HM before communicating with PKC.

- 6.3. Vandalism issues and public meeting:** VS advised that anti-social behaviour was continuing in the village. VS advised that Tayside police and the wardens had responded to the request for a public meeting. VS advised that a date would be confirmed when COVID restrictions were lessened.
- 6.4. Cycle path progress:** JB advised that the funding application had been submitted in good time, and we were now awaiting a response.
- 6.5. RDMI noticeboard. Chiming Clock:** Dorothy advised that the new noticeboard had been received and would be placed in situ within the next couple of weeks.
- 6.6. Puffin crossing and crossing patrol:** LS advised that the old electric ducting had been removed so that the existing hole in the road adjacent to the school would be filled in imminently. He advised that BT were due to start preparatory work on 9th March, with work on the puffin crossing commencing on 9th May for operation on 23rd May. LS again advised that the crossing patrol post had not been filled. It was concluded that parental involvement would not be practicable. It was noted that a pedestrian crossing would be dangerous at the location which is beside a busy crossroads.
- 6.7. 20 mph limits:** JB advised that there had been no response from PKC regarding the village poll for 20mph limits on the roads around the school. LS and CS advised PKC Traffic and Network have a small team. LS advised that this impacts on their response time. Kevin advised that Balbeggie was petitioning for a 20mph speed limit through the village, and 40 mph speed limits on the roads leading into the village. He advised that speeding vehicles were endangering the lives of residents,

particularly children and those who lived on the village outskirts. He advised that current volume of HGVs would increase with the opening of the CTRL. JB advised that press coverage may increase the pressure on PKC to reduce the speed limit. It was also suggested that they conduct a poll of Balbeggie residents to present to PKC. Kevin advised that he would be with meeting police and the press to highlight this issue. VS advised that SDCC would support Balbeggie in any way we can with their petition.

7. Convenor's reports:

7.1. Planning:

7.1.1. Murrayshall application: DM asked LS if he knew why a detailed planning application had been received for this development before the outline planning application had been brought before PKC planning committee. LS advised that planning officers were unable to consider the application until they had received all the information from the developers.

7.1.2. Bowling green application: The site has been given planning permission for three houses. The site has been priced at £350k. JB wondered whether it would be possible to get a community buyout, as this was another example of loss of a green space asset. LS advised that he had been advised by a council officer that there may be a requirement to offer the site to the community first, but that this was not part of the planning remit. LS advised he would check on this.

7.1.3. Earlsgate development: It was suggested that Kingdom Housing may be applying to lower the age limit for residents of the properties. LS said that he had been assured that the properties were for people aged 55 and over. He advised that if information has been received to the contrary to let him know and he will check it out.

7.1.4. Netherlee core path: GC has submitted an objection. Although, this was made after the closing date, JD is hopeful it will be accepted.

7.1.5. H29 compensatory tree planting: GM advised that the trees for the compensatory planting in H29 phase 1A are tiny. JB advised that this mirrored previous planting at Balgarvie, and that all those trees had died. She advised that the planning conditions stated that there would be checks made on the replanting and that the trees that did not survive would be replanted. It was advised that the community should be requesting that the compensatory planting was designated as continuous cover.

7.2. Communications:

7.2.1. PKC liaisons: CS advised that he has asked Barbara to head these meetings and he will ask for dates as soon as possible.

7.2.2. SDCC face-to-face meetings: From next month the meetings will be held in the RDML.

7.2.3. PACC: The next meeting is on 2nd March 2022. JB advised that, to date, previous requests to change the training circuits so that the planes were not turning over Highfield Road had been refused. CS advised that this would be an even more pressing issue with the H29 development.

7.2.4. Open spaces: LS has advised that he intends to recruit his friends as Friends of the Park to boost numbers and hopes that further recruits will build from there. He suggested that the group may run as part of the Village Association.

8. Councillor's reports:

8.1. LS: LS advised that the temporary path at the rear of the H29 development (Spoutwells Drive) had been surfaced. He advised that Bam Nuttall was holding an Open Day re. the CTRLR for the community in the RDML on Tuesday, 22nd March, from lunchtime to early evening. He encouraged members to attend and to discuss access and saving trees. LS advised that the path being built between the golf course and North Inch was to improve access. He discussed road signage, advising that shrubbery was restricting the road with and signage on the road between Scone and Old Scone. In addition, he highlighted that new road signage was required at Harper way and Austin way, which were

works in progress. He invited the community to directly report potholes by ringing 01738 476476 or via the PKC website, as work was carried out on request. LS updated the C.C. on Strathcona, advising that a CPO was waiting for approval at Holyrood. LS advised that he will not be standing at the council elections in May.

8.2. CS: Donald was concerned that Phase 1 of the CTRL was due to be completed by the summer, but that Phase 2 had not yet been signed off. JB advised that despite previous reassurances to the contrary by council officers, the CTRL was now to be completed in sections. Both LS and CS expressed concerns that the initial budget for the CTRL, which was set at £118m, had not been adjusted for inflation. CS advised that Bam Nuttall had shown exemplary community engagement liaison with their work for Scottish and Southern Energy between Meigle and Alyth. He advised that funds between £5k and £1m were available from the Scottish Land Fund and could be accessed to support a community buyout ([website is tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)). CS advised that it was essential to obtain a route action plan for the A94 prior to the CTRL opening.

9. Scone Village Association report: The Men's Shed is open on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. It was reiterated that all are welcome, not only men. The AGM will be held towards the end of next month and all are welcome to attend.

VS advised that it is hoped that Friends of the Park can be established in the village and the community can join to tidy up the park, litter pick the pond and possibly put up more anti- dog fouling reminders. The village association is helping Scone in Bloom with additional plants and help was requesting in planting them. They are looking forward to Spring and Summer weather and are organising a Gala Fun Day for the village in June as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum reign and all organisations within the village will be taking part.

10. A.O.C.B.: None was reported.

11. Date of next meeting: Monday, 28th March 2022, at 7pm