

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

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

- 1. Welcome:** Vice-Chair J. Belch welcomed all attendees to the platform, D. Dykes (DD), F. Mailer (FM), L. Martin (LM), J. Dunn (JD). H. Mackinnon. (HM) G. Clark (GC) Cllrs Simpson (LS) & Stewart (CS). Several members of the public were online.

J. Belch commented on a press report flagged up by a member of the public concerning the SDCC chairperson, V. Shand. This related to historical social media posts and personal remarks which had been deemed anti catholic. There has never been any evidence in her excellent work with the CC to support these views, no discrimination regarding race, gender or religion has ever been expressed. Therefore there is no impediment to V. Shand remaining as chair of the Community Council and this was agreed by all members. If further discussion regarding this issue is required, any member of the public can attend the CC meetings and express their views.

- 2. Apologies:** V. Shand.

- 3. Police Report:** No incidents reported in the Scone area and the police report had been posted on the SDCC Facebook page for reference.

- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:** (CS) Amendment re cost of CTRL not £180m but £118. Proposer (DD) seconder (JD)

- 5. Treasurer's Report:** £107 from grant money with rest from SDCC to make up cost of £317 as contribution to RDMI noticeboard which will be erected by the Men's Shed. Payment would be made to JB towards the zoom meeting costs. No cost charged by RDMI for cancelled room amid rising virus rates so a return to a virtual meeting.

- 6. Local Issues:**

- 6.1.** Equalities relating to the CTRL/H29 PKC planning process: LM advised that PKC had ignored evidence re children and increased air pollution caused by CTRL running through housing estate. A judicial inquiry would cost £60000, there is no evidence that an independent equalities assessment was done. A government minister would have to initiate a public inquiry, (Deputy First Minister, J. Swinney is our local MSP). Re our local Cllrs (CS) voted against, (LS) abstained. Inconsistent actions and responses including lack of minutes, no equality assessment sought by service manager (PKC), route passed on video of bare field site showing fields (where there will be housing.)
- 6.2.** CTRL Bam contractor meeting: PKC representatives defensive when questions raised re video shown, BAM organisation unaware of strength of local opposition. Willing to set up community liaison groups. Discussion re community benefits, i.e. feasibility study for cycle path. Concern expressed re amount of heavy traffic going through village, local communities along the A94 now realising the effect the CTRL will have on their traffic flow. A "wish" list included Scone Thistle football pitch and inadequate changing/ shower etc. facilities despite these being part of original plans for the Glebe development, (LS) legislation re commercial/public facilities is different, still under negotiation. Community gardens?

6.3. Vandalism issues and public meeting: Anti-social behaviour was continuing in the village.

Tayside police and the wardens had responded to the request for a public meeting. A date would be confirmed when COVID restrictions were lessened. Community groups are reminded that the litter picking equipment is available for use in the village.

6.4. Cycle path progress: Community investment funding was refused for feasibility study. Scottish water will arrange meeting to discuss take off point for the bridge and Sustrans are keen to help. The CC must register an interest on the Communities Benefits Register (JB). Concern was expressed re state of paths through the woods now that tree felling operations have commenced. Clearer signs could be erected showing safer routes. BAM to be contacted (HM) (CS) crossing will be started on 5th May.

6.5. RDMI noticeboard. Will be erected by the Men's Shed and D. Sutherland.

6.6. Post-box removal. Local community asking when this will be repositioned at the junction of Abbey Rd and Stormont Rd. (LS) will contact PKC (HM) will contact Post Office.

6.7. Baroness Young correspondence re tree felling, (GC) no response as yet.

6.8. Perth Society of Natural Science requesting support for funding to produce a historic map of ancient Perth. (HM) to action.

6.9. Scone Estates liaison meeting to discuss and inform community of dates for Scone Palace events. Request for better signage to avoid congestion in the village.

7. Convenor's reports:

7.1. Planning:

7.1.1. Murrayshall application: no update

7.1.2. Bowling green application: no update.

7.1.3. Earlsgate development: Kingdom Housing request for removal of planning condition to provide a covered bus shelter on Stormont Rd. Comments: this would will encourage bus usage, less cars transport, only one car space per flat, concern was expressed re more village roadside parking congestion. (CS) will take up with planning. (GS) stated that until matter settled, no completion certificate could be issued. (therefore no occupation)

7.2. Communications: PKC liaison meeting dates: (HM) to action.

Face to face meetings: to be decided week /10 days before.

7.2.1. PACC: Invitation to visit airfield in May. (LS) Will send minutes to (DD) of last meeting. Next meeting 7th September. Concern expressed re continual noisy circuits over the village all day on a Sunday,

7.2.2. Open spaces: Core path resiting at Netherlea in order to build a 3 storey house, problems for local resident's access and servitude rights. The core path is being rerouted along an unsafe area. PA needs 6 objections to be taken to committee: 2 local objections and the Community Council. (CS) will check on this.

8. Councillor's reports:

- 8.1. LS: 1) any antisocial behaviour should be reported to community wardens and police not only on social media. 2) New white lines painted on road at Austin Way and vegetation cut back to improve visibility. A virtual hustings could be arranged for the prospective council candidates. A member of the public shared information on an organisation on social media, specifically targeted at women who need trustworthy tradespeople for household repairs etc. Pumps have been reported running continuously at the H29 development along with complaints regarding waterlogged gardens and difficulties with planting etc. Complaints should be sent to the developer and PKC not just on social media.
- 8.2. CS: 1) will investigate removal of hedgerows along the A94 outside the village.
2) Cost of the CTRL (£118m) will be updated next month.
3) Inclusion of Balbeggie in the CC area is possible, public support must be shown for the project to go ahead. A map of proposed area must be drawn before August to be introduced before November CC elections.
4) CIF. £100,000 asked for in applications, £50,000 available. Successful bids included the Men's Shed and RDMI.
5) (CS) will now stand as an Independent candidate.

9. Scone Village Association. We are hoping that the sunnier weather will encourage many villagers to get out and about and **not** drop litter and clean up when exercising their dogs. There appears to be a few inconsiderate dog owners who leave danger marks for young children to be infected. How do we train them, the owners not the dogs? We are looking forward to the Craft Fair and Village Gala Day, which we have put in a request for a sunny warm day!! Don't forget to buy Destiny which should be for sale next week.

The **Scone Airport Men's Shed** planned AGM has had to be delayed a week, until Wednesday 30th March 2022, due to several members being infected with the COVID virus. It will take place at Building 30 at 14.30 hrs. We are open on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings at present and all are welcome to visit to establish whether it is for you. We are still looking for a source to give us a donation to use on a heating system. Our Men's Shed is not just for men!

9. **A.O.C.B.:** Consultation on the Local Development Plan ends 31st March, the community must be encouraged to participate.
(DD) concern expressed re lack of activities for young people. (LS) Youngsters welcome at the Men's Shed, learning how to use and to respect dangerous and expensive machinery.

(GC) Inhabitant of the cottage in Highfield woods is having concerns re tree felling activities which almost led to dangerous situations, complained to BAM who will look into this. The core path past the new house has been ruined by heavy machinery, PKC enforcement informed, no response.

(JB) Hedge removal by BAM along the A94: in bird nesting time, gives clear access across the road for deer and other animals, who was responsible for permission given? (CS) no specific answer re permission for removal.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday, 25th April 2022, at 7pm.