

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes
Monday, 29th August 2022

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held in the RDML on Monday, 29th August 2022 at 7pm.

- 1. Welcome:** Chair V. Shand (VS) welcomed all attendees, D. Dykes (DD), F. Mailer (FM), J. Belch (JB), H. Mackinnon. (HM) J. Dunn (JD). Cllrs. C. Stewart (CS), G. Stewart (GS) H. Anderson (HA) and several members of the public.
- 2. Apologies:** G. Clark. (GC), Cllr J. Welch. (JW), L.Martin(LM).
- 3. Police Report:** No reports of any incidents in Scone and District, the police report will be posted on the SDCC website page for reference.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:** Proposer (FM) seconder (JD)).
Matters arising, Cllr G. Stewart pointed out that in recording the minutes, distinction had to be made between Cllr C. Stewart and himself, Cllr G Stewart.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Acorn Forest Adventures Club still accessing the SDCC bank account until their own facilities are set up. SDCC: £117.02 SCF: £422.50. PKC will top up grant to £700 at the end of the financial year. Accounts to be audited in August for AGM in October.
- 6. Local Issues:**

6.1 Cycle path progress: 1) Feasibility study being undertaken. Sustrans grant application submitted, thanks to Cllr C Stewart and L. Simpson for help with this. 16 letters of support submitted, with 2 out of time but can be used again if necessary. Decision to be made in December.

Paths for Everyone and another organisation are to be approached for grants. Scone Estates new CEO, Brian Stevenson, with help from L. Simpson has been active in promoting local access paths around the estate. Viscount Stormont has been asked if a small piece of land could be made available for the cycle track alongside the A93 and the tenant farmers between Scone and Perth are to be approached soon regarding provision of a track alongside the A94.

2) Grants for E-bikes are to be made available to the community. With regards to buying bikes and having them available to try out, The Bike Station has no facility for largescale maintenance, no storage facilities and Bells Sports Centre has stated that the uptake for trying the bikes out from there, has been slow.

6.2. Scone Palace event, Otherlands Music festival. Several complaints re the loudness of the music, drugs openly on offer and the lateness of the event (until 1 am) on 2 nights. The CC will contact the operators with suggestions for improvement ahead of next year's event. I.e. change of stage direction, closer monitoring of illegal substances, shortening of licensing hours.

6.3.1 Equalities assessment. A further meeting has been set up with J. Swinney 12th September. A letter from D. Littlejohn states that PKC consider no further air equality assessments are necessary at the moment until detailed Planning permission is sought for the houses which will border the CTLR. J Swinney asking the question whether PKC followed correct legal equalities assessment procedure in allowing CTLR to travel through a housing estate, having a detrimental effect on the development of children through increased air pollution and constant noise.

2) Underpass request: when CTLR was first introduced to community with a public consultation 3 years ago, CC asked for a bridge or an underpass to facilitate the safe continuance of the core path at Highfield to the woodland walks beyond. This was raised at CC April meeting this year, can Cllrs. support this idea

and make enquiries as to the future of the core path and possibility of safer crossing, the position of the "Green Bridge" is 600 metres west of the core path. 3) Cycle path hedgerows : can Cllrs support the idea of a hedgerow planted along the side of the 3 metre wide cycle track between the road and walkers/cyclist etc., alongside the 50mph CTLR. CC has been told that a hedge roots would interfere with drainage pipes being situated under the proposed cycle track. Can a hedge type be sourced that had shallow roots etc. the Woodland trust will provide communities with plants?

Concern was expressed re cost increase of the CTLR, Scot gov will not increase funding and costs will be discussed at next PKC funding committee meeting. 4) BAM community meeting 23rd August: request from the Community benefits list included: help with the cycle track, equipment for the PTA and a shelter for group activities as the woods are no longer available, poles for higher nets for the tennis club, astro turf repairs, pathway at Harper Way and car park repairs and an improved disabled access at RDMI. Comments included one of lack of community information i.e. use social media for info and cognisance must be taken that community benefits are primarily for local communities directly affected by the CTLR and not for the wider PKC area as was stated by the PKC representative at the meeting.

6.4. What's on Scone 10th September event in RDMI. 50 groups in Scone and a foodbank collection.

6.5. CC area extension: map and text for leaflet ready (CS) will enquire re using PKC resources for help with printing. Enquiries to be made re correlation between number of community councillors and size of electorate. I.e. population of Scone approx. 5000, Meikle population 791 with same number of elected community councillors.

6.6. "Meet your Councillors" event: to be held in November subject to RDMI and PKC councillors' availability.

6.7. Derelict and abandoned buildings: new PKC contact K. Docherty. CC will chase up CPO and making building safe.

7. Convenor's reports:

7.1. Planning:

1) **Murrayshall:** relocation of driving range with 16 booths, a pro shop and associated parking: will benefit hotel with increased business, link range closer to hotel, less light pollution for village passed by planning committee.

2) **Planning Democracy Scotland:** published results of survey of how CC's felt about councils' interaction with community councils regarding planning decisions etc. (228 responses). Outline letter sent to MSP's and local councillors for info. General concerns were lack of opportunities to participate in the planning system, not listened to by planners and a need for training and advice for communities and community councillors.

3) **Earlsgate development:** bus shelter on Stormont Rd. condition removed.

4) Outline PA for house at junction of Stormont Road and Woolcombe Square.

5) PA for house in Lyndoch Road in garden ground.

7.2 Communications: CC election information.

7.3 PACC: meeting in September.

7.4 Open spaces: House at Netherlea not started yet, concerns still raised re access to septic tanks and moving /blocking up of the core path. Gate at Quarrymill padlocked restricting access around field for walkers, crop now planted in field which is owned by Church of Scotland. (FM) will ask PKC if this is a right of way, no response as yet. Concerns raised at the amount of Himalayan Balsam growing in the CC area.

8. Councillor's report: (HA) concerns raised re the changes to the No 7 bus service from every 10 mins to 20 mins. Cllr Anderson encouraged people to participate in the online transport consultation. Take up of free bus travel for young people under age 21 is still low.

(GS) expressed concerns re environmental impact of bus travel and encouraged increased use and

development of park and ride facilities. (VS) Suggested that it was a pity PKC were introducing high charges for electric charging and approx. 40% of charging stations were not working. Dundee has 3 times as many charging points as Perth and electric points for flat dwellers were difficult. Was 3 phase power required or solar panels in car parks?

(CS) The Cross in Scone has been fenced off for safety, surveyed and a report for repair and conservation will be prepared.

No 3 bus route around parts of Goshen still requiring investigation.

CLlr C. Stewart will make enquiries re starting liaison meetings with PKC.

Withdrawal of services at Scone surgery: depends on GP contract, staff resources and space.

9. Scone Village Association. No report available

10. A.O.C.B.: Question re Park and Ride at Kinfauns.

When will Catmoor Park at the new Glebe development be handed over to the local community for use?

Can the basketball hoops be replaced at the AstroTurf in the RDM Park?

11. Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Date of next meeting: Monday, 26th September 2022, at 7pm in the RDML.