

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes
Monday, 26th September 2022

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held in the RDMI on Monday, 26th September 2022 at 7pm.

- 1. Welcome:** Chair V. Shand (VS) welcomed all attendees, D. Dykes (DD), H. Mackinnon. (HM) L. Martin (LM) J. Dunn (JD). G. Clark (GC) Cllrs. C. Stewart (CS), J. Welch (JW) H. Anderson (HA) and several members of the public. The Chairperson paid tribute to Her Majesty the Queen for her great service to the country and held a minute's silence in remembrance.
- 2. Apologies:** J. Belch.
- 3. Police Report:** Report of an attempted break-in at the rear of the RDMI malicious damage caused to an outside door, the police report will be posted on the SDCC website page for reference.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising:** Proposer (VS) seconder (DD)).
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, suggestion the club be given 14 days to complete their banking arrangements. Accounts are with the auditor. Remembrance wreath ordered.
- 6. Local Issues:**
 - 6.1 Cycle path progress: 1)** Feasibility study undertaken by WSP, Sustrans grant application for £170 000 submitted. Awards to be made in January. BAM will help with necessary permissions and in year 2 will help with excavation of the route.
 - 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. Suggestions for improvement: change of stage direction, closer monitoring of illegal substances, shortening of licensing hours. Organisers have been contacted and will consider suggestions for next year.
 - 6.3.1 Equalities assessment.** Meeting with J. Swinney 12th September cancelled, now 14th October.
2) Underpass request: no information.
 - 6.4. CTRLR.** Meeting on the 27th September.
 - 6.5. Post-box reinstatement, puffin crossing/ Stormont Road pavement upgrade.**
Work in progress BT cabinet works still not completed.
 - 6.6. Scone Cross refurbishment:** Cllr J. Welch will look into the timescale for this.
 - 6.7. Derelict and abandoned buildings:** new PKC contact K. Docherty. CC will chase up CPO and making building safe. Will be boarded up soon, community wardens checking on regularly.
 - 6.8 What's on in Scone:** a great successful community event, over 30 clubs and several new members recruited.
 - 6.9 CC extension area.** Leaflets will be printed by PKC and distributed by the cc to ascertain interest.
CC elections: unfortunately 21 community councils not formed in Perth and Kinross. An extension of time has been granted for nominations. Comments : local communities felt left out of planning decisions, not enough money

allocated for rural areas, too much money spent centrally without adequate information causing problematic issues which can add to global issues. Cllr. (JW) if CC were more involved, statutory obligations using guidelines must be met and understood by them, e.g. decisions made by the Climate Change Committee cannot be made in isolation and will affect decisions made across many other committees. The CC felt there have been many instances where PKC have been unresponsive in dealing with CC matters, i.e. the Participation request to be included in the initial stages of the design of the CTLR. Cllr (HA) Ward councillors also have to wait for responses from Council officers. Cllr (CS) stated that the CIF had been set up to encourage more devolved decision making, CC members on the panel.

6.10 The Kinross CC pilot which included PKC, ward members and nonvoting advisory CC members regarding local devolved matters, will finish in November, hopefully model will be expanded. Scone CC have asked to be included. Meet the Councillors event still to be decided. Liaison meeting dates with PKC will be sent out shortly.

7. Convenor's reports:

7.1. Planning:

1) Lyndoch Rd house planning passed in principle.

2) Planning Democracy Scotland published survey: conclusion: CC should be permitted to be much more involved in decision making. Scot Gov should actively encourage this. Cllr (CS) CC should actively participate in consultations on Local development plans when published otherwise may be too late to object.

7.2 Communications: no report

7.3 PACC: minutes from September meeting. Complaints made re flying activities on the day of the Queen's funeral, response was that the holiday was only advisory not compulsory. Airport night flying used to be much more common in the summer, now restricted from October to March.

7.4 Open spaces: Gate at Quarrymill still padlocked restricting access around field for walkers, crop now planted in field which is owned by Church of Scotland. Woodland along the Den road is to be actively managed by local resident.

8. Councillor's report: (JW) as a newly elected councillor, he stated that he is catching up quickly with many issues and will be able to respond at a later date.

(CS) At meeting on 7th September, increase agreed of 42% (£32 million) in cost of CTLR to come from PKC budget, no more from Scot Gov. Council officers aware of projected increase, with costs to PKC not having been updated since 2016. Major capital projects i.e. City Hall, swimming pool/ice rink still going ahead. No provision for increased traffic along A94 corridor, no study budgeted for or undertaken.

Traffic and road safety concerns includes list of 850 projects, (CS) will extract Scone related ones. 20mph temporary measures are to be made permanent.

The newly constructed Catmoor playground will open when issues with the finish and landscaping have been resolved i.e. 4 tons of topsoil put over rubble and reseeded during the October holidays. Greenspace team will inspect. No changing facilities have been provided at the Glebe football pitch as had been suggested at the start of the building project.

Ongoing issues with the GP practice and reduced services.

CIF closes 4th November, (CS) thanked (VS) for her commitment and involvement in the decision making process. New category from community groups to include running costs, i.e. cost of energy.

(HA) PKC will take on board comments re Otherlands music festival, drug taking figures will not be released by the police. Traffic

calming survey of A93 completed.

Many council activities are being delayed by staff shortages. Bus driver shortages have resulted in cancellations, implementation of new No 7 timetable from every 10 mins to 20 mins, has been delayed. The ball court fence will be repaired before the holidays.

9. Scone Village Association. The Village Association are planning to extend the Christmas Light display that we had in the Village last year. We are hoping to put braids and motifs on the lampposts on Stormont Road from the junction of Abbey Road to Angus Road and also hoping to put lights on the Fir Tree that is on the grass verge on the south side of the roundabout at the north end of the village. This will put extra cheer into the Village, we hope. The Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on **12th November 2022** in the Institute, so please make a note in your diary or calendar. The funds raised at this event go 100 percent towards the cost of the Village Festive Lights. We hope to see you all there.

The repairs to the boundary fence of the ballcourt are about to take place and we are awaiting the Council staff to implement the repairs to the Cross at the end of Cross Street.

10. AOCB (DD) unused land and buildings. Who in PKC to contact? Many empty buildings could be reused for housing etc. K. Docherty is PKC vacant property development officer.

Phone requests to PKC often go unanswered for weeks, can this be improved? Use My PKC to make comments.

PKC website is difficult to navigate, can this be improved?

Is a post office to be reopened in Scone?

11. Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Date of next meeting and AGM: Monday, 31st October 2022, at 7pm in the RDMI.