

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

The meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 29th May 2023 in the RDMI commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Welcome. V. Shand.

2. Apologies: L.Martin. H. Mackinnon

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin: Expensive Mountain Bike stolen from locked garage, cycle was also bolted to floor.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising. Approved. June Dunn, Jill Belch

5. Treasurer's Report. Unchanged from last meeting. No presentation as Treasurere absent, but finances unchanged from last month.

Local Issues:

1) **BAM information presentation.**

- Next community meeting 27th June
- BAM representatives, Innes and Derek, project manager of CTLR, kindly came and presented a PowerPoint on CTLR progress and future works
- a. There were many questions about drainage and concerns were raised regarding the possibility that H29 plus CTLR plus Climate Change will increase the water in the current courses and cause flooding. Replies to the following queries were promised:
 - i. Have they take rainfall from climate change into account. If so please may we see the calculations, please can we see the drainage calculations showing flooding is not a risk.
 - ii. Major concern re water in suds and soak away. There has been no landscaping to ensure houses aren't flooded.
 - iii. Still no plans from Council regarding hedge pollution protection for H29 and replacement of hedgerows along Highfield core Path.
 - iv. Where are the redone landscaping plans? We still await these plans to show the high hedge separating the H29 houses from the CTLR. Councillor Stewart said he had asked for these and will chase. BAM said will also look out and send to SDCC. **ACTION CCL STEWART, BAM**
- b. Hedgerow along the core path, with replacement of soil where it has been removed immediately adjacent to core path at level of soak away/SUDs. Concern expressed that the Core Path will break away as it has been cut into right up to path. When is this work planned? Similarly when will the hedgerow be replaced at the top of the core path just after being crossed by CTLR **ACTION BAM**
- c. Traffic lights on Highfield Core Path discussed. BAM says will have traffic lights. SDCC indicated they had been told, no, access to lights on roundabout accessed by walkers walking up the access road. They will check, clear preference from meeting for lights on Core Path **ACTION BAM**
- d. Traffic light sequence on a93 discussed. Occasionally being green at both ends has been reported. Bam will look into this. **ACTION BAM**
- e. Speed of CTLR 50mph was raised as a significant concern once again. SDCC have had no joy since 2017 asking for a 40mph. BAM will look into it again. **ACTION BAM**
- f. For compensatory planting please use bamboo or tough paper tree guards. BAM said they would look into it **ACTION BAM**
- g. Concern re light pollution at Highfield round about. Please could height of these be as low as possible. BAM will look into this. **ACTION BAM**
- h. Scone Community Benefit. Concern expressed that Scone had received little community benefit. Plans are in place for some work with the school. And BAM agreed disabled access to RDMI was being looked at. BAM said another item, previously agreed, that of helping to obtain planning permission, and some digging on a pedestrian/cycle route to Perth from Scone had been abandoned. BAM said they would send documents explaining why. Disappointment was expressed. **ACTION BAM**

2) **CTLR and Bertha Park road development.** Note was made of the Developer delay in paying for the Bertha park Road. P&KC will pay in intermim but means dealy and Scone residents will need to use Inveralmond roundabout.

3) **H29 flooding update.** The Chair read a text from one of those affected by the flooding. They had been told that at a Meeting with AJS it was said that there would be no flooding once landscaped. A meeting to discuss this will be held by John Swinney, MSP in RDMI ON Friday 9th June at 14.30.

4) **H29 Paths issue and Highfield Road drainage** Concern was expressed by a resident west of the Core Path indication he did not want a path. The plan had only been for those east of core path. The same concerned resident expressed worry about the care of the ditch behind his property. SDCC explained that in 2017 a meeting was hel with P&KC drainage team and Peter Marshall where they stated the Council will do so. This was never confirmed in writing. The issue of how the council could access the ditch in light of not wanting an access path was not resolved. Hopefully clarity will be gained at the above flood meeting.

4) **Friends of the Park.** Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

5) **Cycle path update.** Sustrans project. Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

6) **Coronation Big Lunch report.** Very successful. Huge no of attendees. The Chair thanked all involved for making it such a success.

7) **Church Community garden.** Community ownership fund. Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

8) **Barrel drain.** Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

9) **Scone Cross.** Despite a number of months passing after SDCC raised the Cross as a concern to our Councillors nil has happened. Councillor Stewart had explained that a very limited budget for repairs was available and this was not considered a high priority. SDCC have thus arranged for the cross to be looked at by stone mason and a quote made for us to fund raise forrepairs. The villagers will be approached to contribute. Concern was expressed by a near neighbour to the Cross, saying it was considered an eyesore. SDCC agreed and explained they had raised it with the Council many times, as reflected in our public minutes, but due to it being a low priority for repair nil had happened, and thus the plans for a local fund raise for the repairs.

10) **Gran Fondo cycle event road closures 4th August.** Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

11) **Parliamentary boundary changes.** Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

7. Convenors' Reports.

Planning.

1)**Murrayshall.** One of the close residents summarized the new planning application. Core path needs to be moved for the driving range. Lots of objections from ramblers and horse riders on this new development. Now subject to delay as no plan B, until core path issue sorted. Outline planning application put in last week, not yet on portal until validated. Modified master plan for the spa, plus self catering lodges with no residential housing. After this is passed a detailed application goes in for phase 1 will be submitted..

Awaiting this application. Not changed but has PR on board, and lots of positive publicity for new development This was for the Spa, but residential accommodation had been dropped from this application. Concern was expressed about increased traffic on very narrow roads. Residents are encouraged to send their own comments in about the application.

2) **Netherlea house.** Plot sold and trees felled, fauna disappeared over 1yr ago now left. Core path runs through it. Now further a plot sold. So two houses now. One 3 storey, other metal and metal roof, wants room for 4 cars each. Considered inappropriate. Objection gone in for SDCC..

3) **New school provision.** SDCC has asked for clarification about them being told the new planned school in H29 would not go ahead. Councillor Stewart indicated that a new one could not be afforded but via developer contributions enlargement of current school was possible. Councillor Stewart was asked to put this in writing for the SDCC to disseminate to the community. Comment was made on the distinct lack of amenities so far in H29 and that this was unwelcome news. **ACTION COUNCILLOR STEWART**

Communications:

PACC: No news

Open Spaces. Friends of the Park still not active. David Dykes making enquiries

8. Councillors' Reports. Coupar Angus will have CC, Balbeggie CC well attended and went well. Puffin crossing for Stormont road proceeding. A meeting of Councillors was held with officers to discuss H29. 3 of the items discussed were:

- i. New School, as above
- ii. Density of housing was discussed after SDCC raised house number concern from residents
- iii. Flooding, as above

9. Scone Village Association Report. Noted that the Cross, on Cross Street is still deteriorating with no work being carried out on it, or its plinth, this some 11months after requesting PKC's action to preserve our heritage. Scone in Bloom team have been busy planting and they need volunteers to maintain the plants. If you can spare one hour of your week to water the plants that would help keep our Village looking cheerful.

The Scone Airport Men's Shed is holding an OPEN DAY on 24th June and all are welcome to visit to find out what happens there, maybe buy a planter or bird box. Please see Village noticeboards for details.

10. A.O.C.B.

Recruitment, retention SDCC committee, sourcing new members, and increasing resident involvement and attendance

Concern was expressed by SDCC that committee membership was decreasing and it only needed one more to go then SDCC would cease to exist, further as volunteers the considerable workload is now being split amongst only a few. With a population of over 5000 in Scone and rising we hope it will be possible to recruit more committee members. Strategies to do this include Socia Media posts, anotices in local shops and leaflet delivery. SDCC also commented that the same 3 or 4 people plus councillors attended our meeting regularly and we are very grateful to them for attending, but our duty is to reflect the majority view of the village. Altho the Survey Monkey tool we have been using is helpful, we would like to increase our reach. During covid, meetings via zoom didn't increase participation but it was agreed we would try to set up hybrid meetings and widely publisish these. **ACTION SDCC**

11. Date of Next Meeting : Monday 26th June 2023 at 7.00pm.