

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

The meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 28th August 2023 in the RDMI commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Welcome. V. Shand. Present were: J.Belch (JB) L.Martin (LM), D.Dykes (DD), H. Mackinnon (HM), J. Dunn (JD). Cllrs. C. Stewart, (CS) H. Anderson, (HA) and several members of the public.

2. Apologies: Cllr. J. Welch

3. Police Report. Commander's Bulletin: no Scone incidents reported.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising. Approved. (JD) sec. (JB)

5. Treasurer's Report. Accounts due end of August, with the auditor M. Forgan. SDCC £226.12 which includes £94 left from heated throw funding. After payment of hall hire, shortfall will be made up from other SMF funding until grant from PKC. Extra expense this year was for the insurance for the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations.

Local Issues:

1) H29 /CTLR issues: Concern expressed re houses opening directly on to CTLR, protection required from noise and air pollution, Cllr. Stewart to send a map of proposed protection planning. Paths are required to allow villagers access through H29 to open ground and woods beyond. B. Renton meeting will discuss whether PKC Greenspace or the builder are against the provision of extra paths. School provision: extra houses means extra children, will RDM be expanded using up valuable greenspace? Will new school be built, will children be bussed to Bertha Park? Can we see PKC formula for school number predictions and school provision? Only 3 children from present number of houses and 30 years to finish H29. Cllr Stewart: there is no provision in capital budget to build new school, developers' contributions do not equate to funding this. Can SDCC meet with developer to discuss land earmarked for school in original planning document, to be used for community facility? Cllr Anderson: stated that 300 houses to be built first before school decision made. Concern expressed re housing density and increasing original PA for 770 houses.

2) Pedestrian/cycle walkway and river bridge: Sustrans did not award funding to SDCC, required more professional assistance and supervision, from PKC, grant for feasibility study still available, no point in reapplying to Sustrans without more input from PKC. Land available for take-off of bridge on the east side and landing on a path avoiding the golf course.

3) Bam next community meeting on 26th September. Can we see drainage plans for CTLR?

4) Friends of the Park walkabout. Meeting with Ranger, D. Stubbs and 3 others, general tidy-up required, stumps removal, weed control, edges of pond collapsing, health and safety issue. Can Criminal Justice department help with labour? PKC biodiversity officer to consider organic state of pond and contamination of water. Meeting in 6 weeks' time, Dave Stubbs PKC has asked Ranger, Richard Macdonald, to contact all interested parties.

5) Warm Welcome fund: SDCC might apply to buy/ distribute more heated throws through the community nurses.

6) CIF: 10 applications adding up to £63000 applied for in Strathmore, therefore oversubscribed. V. Shand is SDCC representative on this committee.

7) Strathcona: no update.

8) Scone Cross: Scone in Bloom representative, K. Gates, under the umbrella of Take a Pride in PKC, will undertake to organise the refurbishment of the Cross. Done in 2 phases, 1) the Cross itself 2) the surrounding garden ground which is owned by PKC. Scone in Bloom will apply for a grant and get quotes for refurbishment, with local contribution from volunteers. Specialist mortar etc. required and will not be carried out before the winter.

9) Post-box, puffin crossing, VAS signage, issues will be raised at September 6th meeting.

10) Hybrid meetings. Posters are to be put up in local businesses and noticeboards to encourage villagers to stand for the community council. What equipment will be required to enable us to hold hybrid meetings? SDCC to trial this.

11) Pilot scheme: PKC and community councils: report of pilot with Kinross shire to be issued when ready.

3 new area committees to be set up, Strathearn, Highland and Strathmore.

7. Convenors' Reports.

Planning.

1) **Netherlea metal clad house:** PA granted despite objections. Decision made by 13 member planning committee.

Murrayshall. update from member of local action group, R. Hammill (RH) : PA resubmitted due to lack of info re proposed spa building, 217 objection comments listed on PKC website, 13 out of 23 external consultees have responded, i.e. no comments from PKC transport department or Scone Airport. Issues include flooding concerns, inadequate road provision, (SDCC were told at a meeting that roads were not a problem). There are major inconsistencies with the comments on the planning portal. (CS) internal consultee comments are not published in same way as public comments. (RH) No progress has been made to change the core path around the proposed driving range. Financial success of hotel is important, it makes a loss at present, but can plans for a timeshare development guarantee this, perhaps out of date?, The hotel extension is not in Phase one, with the Spa development first. The entire development is projected to cost £75 million. The plans contradict MPF4 and should not get approval. Thanks given to R. Hammill for his informed input.

Communications: no report

PACC: Next meeting. 6th September. Has there been an increase in traffic since the demise of Tayside Aviation? Has more aero engineering work been picked up? More RAF training?

Open Spaces. gate at Quarrymill is open, field has been cropped. This land is the Church Glebe owned by the Church, rented to tenant farmer, with renewal due next May, Church will decide if tenancy to continue, or can land be used for community space, biodiversity, wildlife, planting etc. War memorial area not to be planted this year.

8. Councillors' Reports: (JW) sent email re a Sustainable Growth Agreement, voluntary, non-legally binding, agreement through which organisations / SEPA explore new and innovative ways to improve environmental performance and focus on practical actions to deliver environmental, social and economic success, focus on Shawfair in Midlothian.

(CS) Committee meetings restarted, concerns re **Primary care provision** with surgeries closing in Methven, patients reallocated to Glover St, knock-on effect for services, similar to closure of Bridge of Earn, lack of access to easy tests, i.e. blood sampling, patients to travel into Perth. **CIF** allocation of funding in progress. Plans to take more decision making out to local communities, i.e. hybrid meetings involving local place making plans on infrastructure, maintenance, road safety, greenspace, participation requests, and reinstatement of the Planning Users Forum.

(HA) community health concerns: Volunteer drivers will help with surgery closures. Planning concerns re number of houses in Meigle development, (50 now up to 100) (Comments: less greenfield space should be used, planning constraints should be adhered to, council officers should visit sites with planners and community consultation onsite.

9. Scone Village Association Report. None available. K.Gates asked for community involvement to help with tasks for Scone in Bloom, 2 new Christmas light designed by RDM pupils, vandalism at the David Douglas Xmas tree lights, reports of foul language at the ball court in RDM park.

10. A.O.C.B. New post office is being restocked, meeting closed 9pm.

11. Date of Next Meeting and AGM: Monday 30th October 2023 at 7.00pm.