

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

The meeting of Scone & District Community Council and the AGM was held on Monday 30th October 2023 in the RDML commencing at 7.00pm.

AGM

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees. H. Mackinnon (HM) D. Dykes (DD) J. Belch. (JB) L. Martin (LM) J. Dunn (JD) Cllrs. H. Anderson (HA) C. Stewart (CS). J. Welch (JW). 30-40 members of the public were present.

2. Apologies: none

1) Adoption of AGM May 2022 minutes. Prop (DD) sec (JB)

2) Chairperson's yearly report: SDCC representing views of local community, issuing surveys to gauge opinions on various topics. Ongoing projects include Scone Cross renovation in conjunction with Scone in Bloom and Take a Pride in Perth. Many positive meetings with B. Renton and PKC but slow progress with cycle paths, footpaths through H29 and pedestrian bridge proposals. Heated throw provision (81 in total) to vulnerable community members administered through PKC social work department with a grant of £5000. Many other ongoing projects to enhance our community. Thanks were given to committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

3) As written and audited: £93.47. PKC will provide top up grant to £700.

4) Election of office-bearers

Chair: V. Shand

Vice Chair: J. Belch

Secretary: H. Mackinnon

Treasurer: Linda Martin

Planning convener: Gordon Clark

Data protection: H. Mackinnon.

Airport Consultative committee: David Dykes

Open spaces: J. Dunn

Associate member: D. Guthrie.

5) Provisional date of next AGM 25th October 2024. Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Monthly meeting.

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

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

5. Treasurer's Report. £93.47. PKC will provide top up grant to £700.

Local Issues:

1) Cycle path update: Sustrans no longer able to provide assistance without direct involvement and expertise of PKC. Paths For All approached to look at a limited path behind hedges from Scone to Perth, with feasibility money of £25 000 transferred to them, along with another proposal for a shared path between Balbeggie and Scone.

2) H29 paths, Highfield Rd path, school provision, etc. ongoing as B. Renton meeting was cancelled until more info is provided from PKC and AJS.

3) Survey Monkey poll re school provision. Due to low birth-rate in new houses at H29 school will not be built, if required an extension at RDM school may be built over greenspace playing field land. Should SDCC ask for community use for the new school land if not required? Orchard, community garden, more sport recreation space?

Density of housing in phases 1 & 2 is a concern with a question as to when next detailed planning, which includes affordable housing, will be submitted to PKC with the current slowdown in the housing market. (CS) agenda for planning committee meetings only issued week in advance, (HA) not until new year, AJS submitting planning in several other areas.

4) Bam community meeting update: Stormontfield junction with the A93 now closed, one section of CTRLR open for access. Community benefits to be questioned: so far ramp for RDMI planning permission granted, tennis court fence raised, log fitness equipment for school, FOI may be issued to ascertain what community benefits were stated to be provided at the commissioning of the original contract specifically for Scone. In relation to the BAM art project, (LM) raised suggestions for a herbal and medicinal garden to be planted around the paths on either side of the Green Bridge to provide a healing and peaceful atmosphere for walkers etc., school interest groups and wildlife.

5) Flooding issues: concerns raised re recent flooding problems at the Burnside, foot of Abbey Road, Goshen junction with A94 and the Barrel Drain. 3rd time in 11 months Annaty Burn has flooded properties and cut off access to the church. No help given, sandbags arrived late, residents dug own trench to help water drain away and closed off the road to prevent water being forced closer to homes. Ownership of the land bordering the Annaty Burn at the Burnside is to be looked into as flood defences could be built. The footbridge is too low to allow floodwater to flow under so diverts out over the road into the houses. Trees blocking, collapsing crumbling banks and lack of dredging increase risk as will the run off from the proposed housing development at top of village, Murrayshall proposed extensions and new roundabout construction with road runoff now being put into the Annaty Burn. The Barrel Drain has collapsed at 112 Perth Road, riparian owner's responsibility to repair this. SDCC suggested all owners fund a legal challenge to make PKC responsible for this Drain, with originally Park and Ride runoff being pumped into this Victorian drain for years by PKC until diverted, thus causing damage and increasing risk of blockage.

A new school path through the Farquharson Park has caused flooding in properties on Stormont Road. (CS) Scone Flood Defence Scheme could be set up, with example of good practice shared. (JW) info re Barrel Drain should be in title deeds, estate agents should inform potential buyers. All these issues are to be discussed at a proposed meeting with SDCC, local residents, Cllrs, MP, MSP, PKC, Scottish water and SEPA.

6) Friends of the Park update: meeting in Park with ranger and D. Stubbs PKC. SDCC to get in touch with relevant interested Park user groups to form a working group, meeting will be arranged in approx. 6-7 weeks to gauge progress.

7) Scone public hall consultation, PKC looking to maximise leisure assets.

8) Puffin crossing delayed until Nov 13th.

9) Night flying commenced 5-9pm 4 nights per week until March 28th 2024

7. Convenors' Reports.

Planning.

1) Planning passed for house in Netherlea and ramp at RDMI

2) Murrayshall : 217 objections to the Masterplan application for 70 lodges, glamping pods, zip wire and clay pigeon activities, a large spa building and 50 bedroom extension to hotel, PA may come before planning in next two months. Concerns expressed include increased flooding potential into the Annaty Burn, Structures and flooding (PKC) have expressed concerns re water drainage and sewage capacity. Main objections are: narrow road network with concerns

around increased traffic capacity of Balcraig Rd, Murrayshall Rd, Bonhard Rd, and Bridge End. No public transport, no travel plan suggested in application. Delivery Hub usage and general road safety issues i.e. danger to walkers, horses, cyclists. Suburbanisation development in Greenbelt with incomplete ecological report in a historic area with ancient woodland, wildlife protected species including Red squirrels, Pine Martens, Bats, Badgers, Water Voles, bird varieties such a rare grasshopper warbler. Number and density of lodges with housing masquerading as hotel development, concerns re asset stripping and a housing development through back door. Glamping shacks South of Balcraig Road, causing noise, litter, air quality and fire concerns. Noise and light pollution with Zip lining, high ropes trail, Clay pigeon shooting with impact on wildlife. Development and solar array out of character/ eyesore/ incongruous with ambiance of area. Spa unrealistically large. Plan contravenes NPF4 Policy 8 (Greenbelt) and Policy 3 (Biodiversity) Water from roads/drainage/ waste water will worsen flooding into the Annaty Burn. Development should be limited to area adjacent to hotel. Financial viability, no substantiation on unrealistic jobs claim, hotel currently has difficulty recruiting. Water supply disruption, current water supply to housing in Murrayshall / Balcraig/ Bonhard unreliable as is the electricity supply with current mains electricity supply (recently generator supplied power for over 7 days). An objection from Shell Oil Company has been lodged re safety concerns of a pipeline within the planning application area.

Communications: no report

PACC: no report.

Open Spaces. Concerns expressed re state of Quarrymill path after recent heavy rains.

8. Councillors' Reports: (CS) meetings to be held this week of the Environment and Infrastructure committee, updating of LDP3, winter delivery plan discussed in relation to severe weather. Planning user's forum reinstated and CIF awards announced: Scone Thistle £6000, Scone Men's Shed £5000, RDMI £10000. Thanks given to V. Shand for her help on the decision making committee. Feedback on the Big Place conversation will be given shortly. (JW) asset review of public building stock being undertaken by PKC, under occupancy, environmental inefficiency etc. Pullar house is leased under the Public Finance Initiative this ends in 2 years giving PKC chance to buy saving £3million in rent. Police and fire service buildings needing replaced. Scone Hall may be looked at as a possible community transfer asset. The recent floodgate chaos and resultant flooding will be scrutinised to see where protocols failed. (HA) Report out soon regarding flooding.

9. Scone Village Association Report. Coffee morning for Xmas lights November 18th.

10. A.O.C.B. concern expressed re the opening of a post office counter in the new convenience store in the village, owner still considering, stamps are for sale at the moment.

Meeting closed 9.35pm

11. Date of Next Meeting 27th November 2023.