

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

The meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 29th January 2024 in the RDMI commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees. H. Mackinnon (HM) J. Dunn (JD) L. Martin (LM), G. Clark(GC) Cllrs. H. Anderson (HA) C. Stewart (CS). J.Welch (JW) R. Masterton was formally adopted on to the committee. Several members of the public were present.

2. Apologies: D. Dykes (DD) J. Belch. (JB)

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Matters Arising. (VS) Queried treasurer re amount of grant received from PKC. Treasurer responded that grant was a top up to £700. Approved. (JD) sec. (VS).

5. Treasurer's Report. Grant of £582.98 received from PKC on November 28th, £587.86 after room hire paid and last heated throw bought. SCF : £372.50

Local Issues:

1) **Flooding issues:** No update from Scottish flood forum of MSP and MP. (HM) to follow up. CC will help set up a volunteer task force to be available to help residents affected by immediate flooding. CC had meeting with the Craigie Burn flood group for helpful advice. Funding for equipment and training available from SSE, Scottish Water and Scottish Flood Forum. Ongoing issues with the new path in the playing field leading to flooding houses. CC will continue to monitor whole village flooding issues.

2) **Medicinal Garden:** SDCC submitted bid to CTRLR art project to site a medicinal garden next to the Green bridge over the CTRLR, this reached the voting stage but was rejected, and no land available from Scone Estates, the public vote is on 5th February. Other suggestions include Stormont Way area which has broken play equipment, area where trees have been removed to allow new sewer from H29 housing estate creating large swathe of empty land, Macmillan coffee shop area, will contact Gannochy estates, funding may be available to the Macmillan charity from Awards for All grants scheme.

3) **Allotment provision,** from Sarah Auld pkc community food growing officer to set up a consultation to gauge interest.

4) **PKC liaison meeting** to be arranged with council officers in February.

5) **Scone Library:** rumours of closure. PKC are conducting an asset review of owned buildings, decarbonisation status, under occupancy, maximise use of space, outsourcing to other organisations. Live Active, concert hall etc. looking at reducing opening hours. Comments: it is a legal requirement to provide a library service, the mobile library service to be reduced from 3 vans to 2, library service not just about lending books, lots of other activities.

6) **Remembrance Garden upgrade:** discussion re provision of new benches and new level access further up Mayfield Road. Funding may be available from the Scone Community Fund. (HM) to contact Elspeth Bruce, Community Greenspace and Cllr. Chris Hearn who represents veterans on the Council.

7) **Cycle path:** suggested along main A94 to Balbeggie, shared use similar to one at Coupar Angus.

7. Convener's reports

Planning. 1) Murrayshall core path reroute: no detail on the approved plan, nonstatutory drop in consultation just a tickbox exercise. Plans will be presented to PKC planning for permission on Wednesday 6th. Recommended for approval, SDCC have objected and a representative will speak at the meeting. Horse society concerned re

shared use of path with vehicles from hotel etc. Concern expressed re siting of 22 £45,000 glamping pods next to hotel with several statutory obligations not met i.e. Section 208, National planning framework 4, LDP 2 and driving range conditions from 2022. Murrayshall Residents group have contacted PKC re all these issues.

PAAC: no report. Next meeting in March 2024.

Open Spaces: potholes on Murrayshall road filled.

8. Councillors' Reports: (JW). Concern expressed re proposed closure of outdated leisure facilities, i.e. curling ice rink, swimming, loss of conference facilities and indoor bowls. Council officers to report back by August, public must make opinion known. PH20, a combined leisure facility on same site is no longer affordable but to consider a smaller project. Can lottery funding be applied for? Not available to councils. Budget provision will be made for 3 years enabling officers to plan ahead. Existing leisure centre may be subject to listing status.

(CS) Live Active as a charity could apply for lottery funding. Budget meeting 28th Feb, groups must put forward own priorities, financial situation not great. Flooding: some communities have a social media page to update residents re potential flooding events. SEPA to be asked to update maps so can be used to better inform planning process when granting permissions.

(HA) Not enough consultation with sporting bodies re future leisure facilities required, new provision would mean 4/5 years disruption, Bells may cost £3, 000,000 to repair, £22,000,000 to fix all. £90,000,000 required to renew all facilities. Scone Library not in danger.

9. Scone Village Association Report. New Christmas lights a great success. £1500 required for repair and maintenance.

10. A.O.C.B. 1) S. Bonthron to look at possibility of setting up a Scone Paths group to help maintain paths around the village. He already does voluntary work, i.e. clearing the Bleachie and the diagonal path through Scone Woods from Stormont Rd to Old Scone. No public liability insurance required if under the banner of PKC or the community council. Letter of support from the CC to the community ranger and community greenspace. Funding available from Paths for All, Sustrans funding to be split from cycleways to core path maintenance. Can be put on Social media to interest volunteers. Training day could be provided by community greenspace and PKC.

2) BSH British sign language course held in RDMI, every Friday 7-9 for 6 weeks.

3) A94 road safety consultations to take place, an afternoon drop-in, perhaps in school discussions to include speed bumps, 20mph zones etc.

4) Scone Cross: project in hand with input from Heritage trust and Take a Pride in Perth, Greenspace team to look at upgrading immediate surrounding area. Meeting on 7th February.

(5) Extensive damage on A93 with bridge collapsing at roadside under Catmoor Burn, traffic under traffic light management.

(6) Next Warm Welcome Day in the RDMI 16th February, activities for all.

Meeting closed 21.00 pm

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7.00 pm February 26th 2024.

