

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

The meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 25th March 2024 in the RDMI commencing at 7.00pm.

- 1. Welcome.** Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees. H. Mackinnon (HM) J. Belch. (JBD. Dykes (DD) G. Clark (GC) Cllr. H. Anderson (HA) several members of the public were present.
- 2. Apologies:** L. Martin (LM), J. Welch (JW) J. Dunn (JD) C. Stewart (CS). R. Macmaster (RM)
- 3. Police Report.** Commander's Bulletin: no Scone incidents reported.
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Matters Arising.** Proposed (DD sec. (GC). MA: erroneous name to be removed from adopted January minutes.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Balance remains £512.86 SCF £372.50

Local Issues:

- 1) BAM presentation:** 2 representatives from CTRL construction team, BAM gave presentation to the CC. Listed community benefit projects: Jungle gym logs for RDM, outdoor learning centre, nursery improvements, tennis court netting, under 17 football team charity donation, ramp at RDMI, container unit for the Men's shed, bird hide construction, and school's bridge building challenge. Stormontfield Hall toilet block removal, tree removal and cladding costs sourced for both ends of the building. Abrupt end of cycle path at Balboughty cottages: end of BAM contract area, PKC would have to continue. Cycle path between Scone and Balbeggie too big a project to be undertaken by BAM. Scone gateway plinths will be rebuilt at the A94 entrance to the village. Community art project will be discussed at the next BAM community meeting.
Construction of piles for the plinths on both sides of the river, depth 50-55 metres, beginning to reach out over the river to meet. Topsoil finishing along A93/A94 section and around the Green bridge with hedgerow replacement along A94. CC asked for a gate and hedgerow planting along the core path into Highfield Woods. Mills construction lorries are not allowed to drive past the school to access the CTRL.
Any local employment gains from the construction? 1 apprenticeship taking part in the BAM programme and 12 students on the archaeological digs. Several local tradesmen employed, local spend in shops and accommodation. Containers from the offices at Stormontfield Road may be reutilised in the community.
- 2) AJS meeting update:** path behind Highfield road to A94 agreed, School land decision not to be taken until 300 houses have been built, Suds pond on some of the allocated land, CC asking for full sized playing fields, concerned that if no school, land reverts to AJS to use for housing, increasing density and RDM must be extended removing greenspace playing field areas. Farmer has refused to consider a small section of land for a cycle track behind the hedge into Perth, new sewer being put from corner of Stormont Road to Quarrymill and A93, land could be used for a path and cycle track.
- 3) February liaison meeting** several useful email connections from PKC.
- 4) Remembrance Garden:** meeting with Elspeth Bruce, community Greenspace, re new benches, entrance. PKC will plant several trees, repaint entrance railings and gate. SDCC to source benches, railings for path and quotes for relettering and cleaning the memorial.
- 5) Flooding issues.** 1) Concerns re drainage clearance in Highfield Rd, causing more pressure on the Barrel Drain leading to problems in the village, 2) broken underground pipes which were for Scone Palace water supply, causing extra surface water, 3) Stormont Rd residents experiencing more flooding from accumulations at the corner of the playing field since a new path installed, PKC have not had a site visit yet to this, new meeting with MP Pete Wishart and MSP John Swinney to be arranged.
- 6) 25th April for a road safety meeting** in the RDMI. School informed, parent council, SDCC will make posters and use social media
- 7) 2 members of the community** have been invited to the **Royal Garden Party** in July.

8) To drop off a parcel quickly in Perth, you must register on **Post Office website**, PO will not provide a parcel drop off in Scone.

9) **Friends of the Park**: 4 people are now on the list.

10) **Destiny Articles**; 1 detailing work done by SDCC and polls taken in the village, 2 to inform the setting up of a flood resilience group in the village.

7. Conveners' reports

Planning. 1) Local Place Plan: communities can fill in a survey to inform the council what facilities, development, housing, industry etc. it would like in its community in future planning. Open until Jan 2025. Scot gov did not empower communities in the past, anything the CC asked to be considered while H29 was being proposed, was turned down, told requests were too late! 2) Strathcona: still to be put on the open market, a compulsory purchase order has been granted by the Scot gov. Safer communities have been informed of a break-in now easy access for antisocial elements to gather, several incidences over the last few weeks.

PAAC: March meeting to be held, still aircraft taking off over Highfield Rd exceeding safe decibel levels.

Open Spaces: no report.

8. Councillors' Reports: (HA). Budget decisions: no council tax increase, water and sewage rates increased, cuts to various departments i.e. 3 dog wardens to 1. public toilets. 2) No flood prevention scheme for Scone but for Dunkeld. 3) Pullar House tenancy ending, PKC could buy and sublet to NHS etc., 4) more discussion re PH20 development, ice rink, swimming pool and curling etc. Decision in August. 5) Discussions ongoing with Stagecoach re proposed bus changes and cuts, Scot gov does not cover the cost of the free bus passes. 6) Scone Library not closing.

9. Scone Village Association Report. No report.

10. A.O.C.B. Hanover housing re defibrillator, have sourced a location on the Laundry wall.

Flood forum to be invited to next meeting.

Opening of Perth Museum, the chair showed us a panel for a tapestry exhibit in which she had participated.

RDMI received a Warm Space Award for providing this in the winter months.

When will fence be reinstated at the new pedestrian crossing?

Meeting closed 21.10 pm

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7.00 pm April 29th 2024.