

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 26th August 2024 in the RDMI 7pm.

1. Welcome. Vice- Chair J.Belch welcomed all attendees. H. Mackinnon (HM), L. Martin (LM) J.Dunn (JD) Cllrs. H. Anderson (HA) C. Stewart (CS). 30 public members were present

2. Apologies. Cllr. J. Welch. V. Shand. Thanks given to two retiring members of the committee, D. Dykes and G. Clark.

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposer : L.Martin sec: J. Belch.

5. Treasurer's Report. Balance remains £322.36 SCF £372.50. Accounts now with auditor.No reimbursement from PKC for road safety meeting. Plans proposed to hold hybrid meetings.

Local Issues: 1) 20mph proposed for all village roads by end of 2025. More monitoring if to be effective. Traffic calming measures to be introduced along A94 routes due to increase from CTLR., traffic modelling showed a decrease of 6/100 cars through Scone. CC to contact several regular lorry groups using the village as a through route. Future survey results to include population percentage.2) no pkc response to emails asking for activation of VAS sign on Stormont Rd. **Cllrs to chase up.** 3) Cllrs to update on progress with cycle route to Airport and Balbeggie.

2) Flooding update: Resilience group formed. Funding available for sandbags, storage, etc. Burn dredged partially along Burnside, no change in bridge level. Road flooding: PKC and Scottish Water can advise farmers on best practice with direction of furrows, which led to extensive flooding along A94 combined with CTLR drainage not being sufficient, SUDS pond bypassed and many blocked drains needing attention.

3) No. 7 bus North Scone withdrawal of services.: Email contact made in May by representatives of affected area with Cllrs and Stagecoach, one Cllr response, Stagecoach customer service unhelpful. Reasons given: low usage in North Scone and Park & Ride, cost of 3 buses to North Scone £160,000, Perth depot lost £1,000,000 last year. Park & Ride a waste of time, buses do not have to use time going into this. Stagecoach consultation prior to changes was by digital online form, social media, local press and notices on buses.No consultation with local Community Council re changes and cuts. No bus timetables available before, after or during changes. Bus company feedback indicated positive reaction to increased frequency of service, no mention of cutting all services to North Scone. Stagecoach suggestion for North Scone to use 30 minute no 57, this does not continue all day, does not go near library, school, surgery or RDMI, can be full downstairs by the time it reaches Scone. New bus timetables cannot keep to time: Perth to Scone return, 29 mins allowed with 26 stops of 1 min, 16 mins for Scone loop, 2x20mph zones, not possible. Bus frequency uneven throughout village: North Scone 2 x no57 per hour 60% of day, foot of Goshen/Perth Rd. 6 to 7 busses hourly, Spoutwells Drive, Hanover Gardens, Stormont Rd. 4 to 5 per hour. Residents in North Scone greatly disadvantaged in connecting with rest of village for social, medical and learning amenities. Suggestions: Stagecoach to attend Community Council meeting, topic to remain on SDCC agenda and bus company to agree to consider counter proposals.

4) H29 Core path changes: meeting with Kenny Mitchie, Scone Estates to discuss a gate for safety of path users. CC still asking for plans for greening of the CTLR. Will put in a participation request or formal request to ombudsman.

5) School land : no plans yet, developer will have final decision on use in future, must apply through planning process.

6) RDM park: rewilding project: comments: overgrown, neglected, harbouring ticks, rubbish, toxic weedkiller sprayed along path edges destroying not encouraging biodiversity.

7) Request for reopening of postbox ignored.

8) Library closure: retained for a year funding to March 2025. An action group to be formed, suggestions for keeping open ie reduced hours, unmanned, survey to be done of all library users. It is a statutory duty to provide library services.

Planning P1) Local Place Plan: communities can fill in survey until Jan 25 to inform council what facilities, development, housing, industry etc. for inclusion in future planning. CC will hold a meeting with maps etc to encourage villagers to suggest improvements for the village. 2) Murrayshall: Pods planning expected to come before September planning committee. 3) Woolcombe Square residents put out survey to assess interest in pursuing community buyout.

Open Spaces: no report.

8. Councillors' Reports: (HA) 2 concerts planned for Scone Palace and Blair Horse Trials booked for next year. Decisions to be taken on future plans for Dewars', Bells Sports centre, swimming pool (PH20), buying Pullar House and construction of Perth High School. (CS) All weather response to be set up by PKC not only for severe weather.**9. SVA. Report.** None.

A.O.C.B Mansfield Park noticeboard request. **Cllrs to ask AJS..11. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 7.00 pm. September 30th.