

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 31st March 2025 in the RDMI 7pm.

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand. M. Houston (MH) H. Mackinnon (HM), J. Dunn. (JD) Cllr C. Stewart (CS), 10 public members.

2. Apologies. J. Belch (JB) J. Welch (JW). L. Martin (LM)

3. Police Report: no Scone crime incidents reported. Media reports of a house fire in Goshen and one at Tramway court.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposer: (J.D) sec: (MH)

5. Treasurer's Report. Balance: £494.78 costs: Balance made up to £700 annually by PKC, (CS) grant has been increased, will be topped up to £1000. Thanks to the independent group in council asking for increase.

6) Local Issues: 1) Local Place Plan. 100 comments on the survey monkey, will be on agenda for LDP 3 evidence report, discussion at PKC. Scone CC first CC to submit one. (HM) to contact Alasdair Finlayson re acknowledgement.

2) Resumption of liaison meetings with pkc officers. Disappointing response re resumption of meetings, no resources to extend meeting availability to other CC's. Kinross pilot scheme update: (CS) will look to progress.

3) Core path update. Core path at Netherlea in danger of being washed away due to tree removal and damage by housebuilder, maybe replaced by steps down steep banking. Change of plans re sewage, now to be into soakaways down into the Den. Concern expressed re state of old quarry below new house site and adjacent to core path. Advice is to send photos to PKC.

4) CTLR opening. Successful opening ceremony. Traffic calming measures for Scone will be 20mph over all residential roads, no humps as in other villages along the A94 corridor. 4 motorists caught driving over 20 mph in Stormont Road in front of school, given warnings. Effect of CTLR not apparent as yet, will be monitored. Increased traffic at the Inverlmond and Broxden roundabouts may affect usage of the CTLR.

5) Flooding issues. Concerns re Farquarson Park progress, Scottish flood forum to visit householders and offer advice, PKC have funding to set up resilience groups, but Stormont Rd flooding affects only several individuals and the cause requires fixing so a group set up is not required. Concerns expressed re fencing around SUDS ponds for safety.

H29 drainage: (HM) to ascertain cost of retaining the services of a hydrologist to study the village drainage system. More housing proposed for fields below the A94 SUDS pond.

6) VE80 commemorations: Afternoon tea and various activities on May 5th. Money raised will go towards the War memorial refurbishments and benches.

7) Pavement parking: exemption available for a few private roads where ground in front of houses is classed as frontage, not public footpath. Traffic parked on roads in villages acting as traffic calming measures.

8) Community orchard meeting April 1st..

.7) Planning: Netherlea house drainage change of plans.

Open spaces: Graffiti removed from the Green Bridge. Flytipping along top of Goshen park. Report to PKC, may be on private land.

8) Councillors' Reports: (CS) Budget meeting 26th Feb set council tax at 9.5% for 25/26, 9.5% for 26/27 and 6% for 27/28. Independent group proposed 7%, 7%, 3%. A 1% rise raises £100,000. 4 cuts to budgets reversed: 1) after successful public demonstrations and campaigning, rural libraries with ongoing engagement as to making best sustainable use of service, 2) instrumental music service, 3) no increase in garden waste removal service for 2 years, no cuts to : Bloom and Paths groups, increased verge cutting, project funding IE Merkat Cross. CIF funding cut from £300,000 to £200,000, CC funding up from £700 to £1000. Greenspace to liaise with local communities on rewilding policy, wild meadows rather than long unkempt grass and weeds. LDP3 asking for sites identified for development. Questions/Comments re use of derelict buildings, change of use from commercial to residential, enforced purchase by PKC only if health and safety issues. Final cost of CTLR? Not yet known. Increase in councillors' allowance in line with national rates.

9) SVA. Report. none.

Destiny deadline dates: 23rd May, 25th July, 19th September, and 21st November.

10) A.O.C.B. Contact ranger re crumbling state of pond. Anomaly of change of name on section of Murrayshall Road and reversal to section of Bonhard Road. Can this be changed? Too big a confusion for postal services etc.

11) Date of Next Meeting : Monday 7.00 pm 28th April 2025