

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 25th August 2025 in the RDMI 7pm.

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand. H. Mackinnon (HM), J. Dunn. (JD) L. Martin (LM) J. Belch (JB) Cllrs C. Stewart (CS), H. Anderson, (HA) J. Welch (JW) 11 public members. A tribute was paid to Doug Sutherland who passed away He was a great contributor to village activities and a past member of the Community Council, the Scone Village Association, Men's Shed and RDMI and will be sadly missed by many.

2. Apologies. Cllr G. Stewart.

3. Police Report: no mention of Scone incidents this week.

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

5. Treasurer's Report. Balance: £355.79 this will be increased to £1000 by the grant from PKC.

Scone Community Fund: £1428.52. War Memorial Fund £2594:52 Virgin account has £2717. Accounts now with auditor.

6) Local Issues: 1) Flooding, Highfield Rd, update on July 24th meeting with PKC and RSKW who are looking at flooding and drainage problems in Scone and will help produce the Scone Water Management Plan (SWMP). Points raised included unmaintained, broken drainage pipes on Scone Estate's land leading to water ingress in adjacent houses and increasing flow into the Barrel Drain into which PKC is still adding housing drainage, both surface and groundwater flooding should be considered, in LDP1 groundwater conditions were included, these were removed in LDP2. PKC questionnaire only considered surface flooding after deluge in May 2024 from fields, the CTLR roundabout and road water runoff missing the SUDS pond with more water directed from this into the Annaty burn leading to flooding at the Burnside bridge as it is too low and forms an obstruction, the flooding team are not statutory consultees on planning permissions. Further info will be sent to RSKW and PKC re the residents' concerns. The barrel drain survey will form part of the SWMP report.

2) Road safety measures. All residential streets except private roads are 20mph, speed tables at the village exit and entrance were discussed, traffic monitoring of the effect of the CTLR on volume will be carried out in September. This will provide data re traffic changes. comments included : no decrease in traffic, speeding up into the village from the north after the roundabouts and into from Perth after the 20mph sign, other communities along the A94 corridor were focussed on for safety measures not Scone. Double yellow lines are to be painted at the junction of Stormont Rd and A94 to prevent queueing on the main road because of parked cars. Consultation ongoing until 19th September

3) Fairer Communities Fund and Community Investment Fund: this has changed into the Participatory Budgeting Fund for disadvantaged communities i.e.: Coupar Angus and Alyth, and the CIF, to apply for the CIF all village associations will have to produce a joint bid. Councillors' comments: (HA) £35000 available, (CS) fairer system will support more vulnerable in society, (JW) officers will be supporting less articulate communities, in the past similar organisations always applying, process will be simplified. Scone bid could include War memorial garden handrail, community orchard. The library consultation criticised; too long, too complicated, not all on Wi-Fi or social media, public will be updated on result.

4) War Memorial refurbishments. £3031.60 in fund, CC will ask through Scone in Bloom for planters from the Prison skills service, flowers baskets have been added.

5) Pharmacy consultation re moving the premise into a unit in the old furniture shop further down Perth Rd, open until later in the year,

6) Orchard project: Appletreeman visited ground is suitable, end of the year bare root planting, Church may waiver £10 yearly cost, (JW) watering is important, setting up rotas and easy access.

7) Chemical weed killer spraying: Glyphosate still used to spray path edges in the park, some countries have banned this, and clover edges would not need maintenance, could PKC notify the school when spraying? (JW) PKC attempting to move away from this, i.e. using a foam weed killer.

7) Planning: 1) concerns re positioning of sales cabin for Persimmon having an adverse effect on existing houses in Austin Way, workmen's vans causing parking congestion, advised residents to contact PKC enforcement officer. 2) Former Terkan premises to be converted into 2 houses and storage unit.

Open spaces: State of Scone park pond, (HM) will contact ranger. Concerns expressed re contractors working out with hours.

8) CC matters. Liaison meetings to be arranged, officers could attend cc meetings. Local place plan still to be finalised.

9) Councillors' Reports: (CS) charging points at the P&R still to be connected, wayleaves have to be obtained and electricity company contacted... Concerns re walkabout throughout the village to look into the success of the rewilding idea, many areas unattractive, community greenspace team have funding for shrubs and wildflower planting. Library meeting: October to discuss sustainability options, (VS) stated: not much progress so far. Usage will be measured and monitored with a report in December 2026. (JW) CPK re library: more momentum to reimagine and recreate other models of library usage. Environment and Infrastructure committee to discuss battery storage options, use of agricultural land and landscaping issues, good grid connections essential. Consultation ongoing re imposing a visitor levy, funds to be used for tourist infrastructure improvements. (HA) apologised for recent absences from meetings. Climate change issues re improvements to traffic volume in Perth centre. Bertha Park connections improvement through Sustrans cycle pathways. Lack of funding to fix local flooding concerns. (JW) concerned re lack of progress with Farquarson Park pathway flooding.

10) SVA. Report. SVA have donated £1k to Scone Thistle Community Club specifically to allow establishment of new groups within the Club over the coming year. We have paid £3334 for two new motifs and braids designed by two pupils at RDM Primary. It is hoped that all the children's designs past and present can be located on Stormont Rd and Spoutwells Rd in close proximity to the school. We are hoping that the ballcourt lines can be redone asap. We have been asking the company about it since January and had hoped to have it done before the school holidays started.

Destiny deadline dates: 21st November.

11) A.O.C.B. 1) CC have no information re the use of developer contributions for the local community. Land earmarked for a new school in Phase 3 of H29 could be used for community recreational space and playing fields if RDM has to be extended with greenspace, recreational land being built on. Planning conditions state that school not required until 300 houses have been built. 2) Comment from Stormontfield resident re Scone Palace Horse Trials, traffic management successful for the residents. Comment: not so successful from this area due to congestion build-up of traffic into the parking area at the racecourse. 3) Recycling issues due to lack of bin lorries. 4) Core path access to Green bridge still blocked by Persimmon, 1.5 mile detour. 5) Merkat Cross progress improvements funded by Scone in Bloom and Take a Pride in Perth, architects ARC are consultants and old cement has been removed to check condition of Cross.

12) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7.00 pm September 29th. 2025. Meeting finished 9.15.