

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

A meeting of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 29th September 2025 in the RDMI 7pm.

1. Welcome. Vice Chair J. Belch (JB) H. Mackinnon (HM), J. Dunn. (JD) Cllrs C. Stewart (CS), H. Anderson, (HA) 11 public members.

2. Apologies. V. Shand, L. Martin, Cllr J. Welch

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposer: (JD) sec: (J.B) MA: (CS) Community organisations will be “encouraged “to produce joint bids for CIF not “have to” make a joint bid.

5. Treasurer’s Report. Accounts now with auditor.

6) Local Issues: 1) Fairer communities: cc will support bid by RDMI for Warm Spaces.

2) War memorial refurbishments. Handrail in production at MGarries in Perth, will advise when ready.

3) Battery Storage consultation open until 17th October on how pkc deal with planning applications. (CS) pkc dealing with 12 applications around Burrelton and Coupar Angus, questions arise on 1) how to balance using productive agricultural land for renewables, 2) how to balance net zero food transport and the cumulative effect of both. No community benefits such as from wind farms, Alyth receives £25000 annually from wind farm. Ideas suggested: crops and animals in same space, car park roofs used for solar panels, benefits should be paid to communities.

4). Community Orchard project: funding confirmed, progress being made with design and suggestions for types of trees required. Gannochy to be approached for assistance with watering and maintenance.

5) School land could be used for school playing fields if not required by builder, no decision as yet, not at maximum number of houses constructed, will be on the PKC liaison meeting. Core path ownership: discussion as to who now owns the H29 development land and the future of the core paths, these cannot be closed only diverted, cables for housebuilding now tunnelled under Highfield Woods core path making access difficult. (HM) to contact PKC re responsibility for maintaining core paths.

6) Flooding. PKC now conducting Scone Water Management Plan study. Discussion as to whether flooding caused by groundwater or surface water. Farquarson Park and new school path is a separate issue. (HA) Greenspace should put up a bund or planting to reduce this flooding. PKC suggest setting up flood resistance groups like the Burnside group.

7) Planning: Air-conditioning at Premier shop: plans withdrawn.

Open spaces: core path discussion as above. Path to the Green Bridge from lower Spoutwells area still closed.

8) CC matters. CC elections. One resignation from CC, 5 members, need 3 to be quorate at meetings. Leaflet drop in February to new housing schemes. 2) PKC liaison meetings to be set up. 3) Local place plan ongoing, no update. 4) What community benefits have Scone received from the CTRL of developer contributions from H29? FOI? PKC criticised in the press for its handling of FOI, may be an employment issue, Scot gov Commissioner satisfied with investigation.

9) Councillors’ Reports: (HA) pointed out difficulties with establishing core paths in Bertha Park new development, will source core path map of H29. 29th October will be next full council meeting, PKC change of leader, now have a city centre councillor. There are now no elected CC representatives in Perth city. New pods at Murrayshall not disabled friendly. (CS)PKC LDP3 workshops to discuss infrastructure required for new developments: i.e. health, sports, and education and leisure facilities. Developer contributions to be used for health, education and transport. Extra GP and dentist staffing are issues. Finance and Resources committee meeting allocated money for Warm Spaces with £58000 in CIF, so far very few applications. Participatory budgeting for Coupar Angus and Alyth. Projects submitted will be voted on using social media. Speed traffic monitoring not set up yet, library action plan progress slow. Meeting in Scone tomorrow.

10) SVA. Report. Coffee morning for the Christmas lights 23rd November

Destiny deadline dates: 21st November.

11) A.O.C.B. 1) Formal thanks to M. Houston for his attendance at the CC. 2) PKC councillor will call 24th November EGM to install new CC. 3) Scone in Bloom: Merkat Cross: all old cement render has been stripped off to reveal original cross, top of which may have to be replaced. Area of the Park to be set aside for wild flower planting; (CS) cuts to Bloom group funding has been reversed.

12) Date of Next Meeting and AGM: Monday 7.00 pm October 27th. 2025. Meeting finished 8.35pm. The meeting of Scone & District Community Council and the AGM was held on Monday 28th October 2024 in the RDMI commencing at 7.00pm.

AGM 2024

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand welcomed all attendees. H. Mackinnon (HM) J. Belch. (JB) L. Martin (LM) J. Dunn (JD) Cllrs. H. Anderson (HA) C. Stewart (CS). J. Welch (JW). 20 members of the public were present.

2. Apologies: none

1) Adoption of AGM May 2023 minutes. Prop (JD) sec (LM)

2) Chairperson's yearly report: SDCC representing views of local community, issuing surveys to gauge opinions on various topics. Retiree from the council, D. Dykes was thanked for his commitment to the CC for the past many years. The CC continues to monitor local issues such as Murrayshall planning, H29 development, village flooding concerns and many smaller issues. Thanks were given to committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

3) Treasurer's Report: As written and audited: £157.49 PKC will provide top up grant to £700, this total has remained the same for at least the last 12 years. Biggest costs are the room hire at the RDM, webhosting fee and poppy wreath. Bank of Scotland will change account to a Community Account and will charge a £4 monthly maintenance fee which is half business rate. Can PKC councillors look into this?

4) Election of officebearers

Chair: V. Shand

Vice Chair: J. Belch

Secretary: H. Mackinnon

Treasurer: Linda Martin

Planning convener: vacant

Data protection: H. Mackinnon.

Airport Consultative committee: vacant

Open spaces: J. Dunn

5) Provisional date of next AGM 27th October 2025. Meeting closed at 7.15pm.