

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

A monthly meeting and AGM of Scone & District Community Council was held on Monday 27th October 2025 in the RDMI 7pm.

AGM: 7.00-7.10. followed by the monthly meeting

1. Welcome. Chair V. Shand H. Mackinnon (HM), J. Dunn. (JD) LL. Martin (LM) Cllrs C. Stewart (CS), H. Anderson, (HA) 11 public members.

2. Apologies. Cllrs J. Welch, G. Stewart (GS) J. Belch (JB)

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposer: (JD) sec: (HM) MA: amendment to date of SVA coffee morning from 24th to 15th November.

5. Treasurer's Report. All accounts back from auditor £229.39 this will be topped to £1000 by PKC.

6) Local Issues: 1) Fairer communities: initial bid's total exceeded available funding by £10000 but has now been sifted through and put online for public vote, 5 votes for local projects and 4 from the Green Living fund. 50 votes needed for success, no voting 5 times for the same project. 3 Scone projects Library crafting provision, pickle ball court RDMI and warm spaces event RDMI.

2) War memorial refurbishments. Handrail in place, painted by the Community Payback people. Planters to be provided by the prison service and plants thanks to Scone in Bloom. Rededication to take place on Remembrance Sunday 9th November.

3) Flooding: no progress until the SWMP is concluded, a public consultation will be held in April/May 2026. Farquarson Park continues to be a separate issue, caused by the installation of a path by PKC.

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. A meeting will be held to form a constitution, insurance and a committee. A grant of £500 given from SVA for working capital. Planting to start in the spring.

5) Core path ownership: no response from Dave Stubbs pkc. (CS) ownership will be transferred to developer, but core paths must be rerouted and not blocked off. (HA) PKC do not have money ring-fenced for maintenance, volunteer paths groups can be formed, core paths will be shown in the planning and developer can apply for variations.

6) Wildflower planting in the park, pkc will plant out a section of the park in the spring. Scone in Bloom will plant bulbs.

7) 1) Traffic monitoring results: tubes are now in place in Scone and villages along the A94 corridor. 2) Traffic restrictions on Stormont Rd both sides yellow lines to ease congestion from the A94 and increase safety. Issue raised re parking on Stormont Rd at the west end of the village causing congestion and inconsiderate parking when there are football matches in the park.

7) Planning: House extension in Abbey Rd.

Open spaces: House building in Netherlea continues to cause problems re core path access and noise.

8) CC matters. Liaison meetings: 3 dates have been offered to the CC. An agenda will include flooding, local place plan and core paths.

9) Councillors' Reports: (HA) after recess full council meeting soon, several changes of heads of department. Concern re rising cost of social care, more cash required from central government to avoid deficit, £4/5 million to fund social care department for both hospital care and care in the community. (CS) Health and Social care partnership costs increasing, £6/7 million this financial year, differing aspects of care changing i.e. increased dementia burden, £4 million deficit so this will be taken out of reserves leaving a gap for next year. Good local performance with hospital discharge, this benefits NHS, better than Scottish average but lack of money for home support. Comments: 1) the South St fire: who is paying? (CS) The disaster fund has been activated, normally for flooding etc. PKC pay the excess then Scot gov. Some residents insured,

some not, ongoing discussions with PKC, loss adjusters, owners and Scot gov. 2) Street beggars: becoming a problem outside supermarkets, police can do nothing unless causing an obstruction or a disturbance

10) SVA. Report. 1) Ongoing maintenance of the ball court, repaired floodlights and locks. Comment: dog walkers exercising dogs in the ballpark. Notice required. 2) Table tennis, singing for fun in RDMI. 3) New fitting on 2 lampposts for new pupil designed xmas motifs. 4) Defibrillator repaired. 5) Merkat Cross ongoing assessment. 6) Sone in Bloom: summer bedding removed, winter pansies will replace.

11) A.O.C.B. Library coffee morning raised £700. Tickets on sale for visiting author of the “Malt Whisky Murder” 19th November, Christmas cards to be sold in the library, introduction of crafting area, MSPs Angus Robertson and Mark Ruskell to visit Wednesday 10am, hopefully this will result in a more constructive action plan to save library closure.

Concern re A94 road closure and no parking on Stormont Rd for 2 weeks in December. Can Cllrs look into this?

12) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7.00 pm November 24th 2025. Meeting finished 8.35pm.