

SCONE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Minutes

An EGM of Scone & District Community Council followed by the monthly meeting was held on Monday 24th November 2025 in the RDMI 7pm.

EGM: 7.00-7.10. followed by the monthly meeting

- 1. Welcome and introduction by Councillor Anderson.**
- 2. Appointment of chairperson:** proposed: H. Mackinnon. sec L. Martin
- 3. Newly elected chairperson.** V. Shand. **Appointment of vice chair:** J. Belch, **Secretary** H. Mackinnon, **Treasurer;** L. Martin. **Open spaces** J. Dunn, **Planning;** H. Mackinnon.
- 4. Data controller:** H. Mackinnon.
- 5. Adoption of Constitution, Standing orders and Code of Conduct.**
- 6. Financial statement:** BOS. £195.88 Virgin acc: £1365.54.
- 7. Meeting dates for 2026/27 tbc.**
- 8. AOCB:** none
- 9. Date of next meeting** 26th January 2026.

Monthly meeting:

- 1. Welcome by Chairperson** V. Shand, Cllrs. J. Welch, H. Anderson, C. Stewart, 6 members of the public. Thanks were given to retired members of the committee R. Macmaster, M. Houston. Special thanks given to F. Mailer for his continuing uploading of information to our website.
 - 2. Apologies.** J. Belch. Cllr. G. Stewart.
 - 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Adoption of October minutes, no MA. Proposer: (JD) sec: (LM)
 - 4. Treasurer's Report.** As above
 - 5. Police Report:** no mention of Scone incidents this week.
- 6) Local Issues:** 1) Fairer communities awards: voting has closed will be announced at teams meeting.
- 2) Remembrance Day commemorations and rededication of War Memorial after refurbishments. Large attendance, concern expressed re donation of £200 from Perth War Veterans and lack of cleaning of stonework. The CC had contacted the War Memorial Trust with description and photographic evidence re state of stonework, response was no cleaning required at present, would cause more damage and not necessary. The decision was taken to return the War veteran's donation, Councillor Ahern, was contacted to facilitate this, after which the CC was contacted by the War veterans' treasurer requesting we keep donation as there had been a misunderstanding by some members of the public.
- 3) Flooding: residents with flooding issues are being requested to form flooding groups in order to engage with PKC flooding department, Highfield Rd West and Stormont Rd being two. SWMP survey will be issued in April /May.
- 4). Community Orchard project: established as a charity, committee formed, plan of planting and design, funding of £4000 from PKC. Medicinal and herbal garden additions suggested.
- 5) A94 closure: councils apply for a longer closure but usually finish earlier, charged if works overrun. Concern expressed re rerouting of school buses, lack of communication from Stagecoach and schools. Can double yellow lines at Stormont Rd junction be included during the relining along the newly tarred A94 section?
- 6) Park and Ride closure: (JW) since 2009 no charge for use of land levied by AJS landowner, area is zoned for potential supermarket and employment use. AJS now asking for a commercial annual rent. (HA) remiss of PKC lawyers not to have set up a lease, £150000 spent setting up infrastructure, i.e. bus stance, parking bay lining, EV charging (which have never been connected) recycling depot, more cost to dismantle infrastructure. (CS) PKC could buy land? LDP3 zoned for employment. Recycling facilities best used in Perth and Kinross. Survey to suggest other venues for EV chargers.

7) Planning:

Open spaces:

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) Infrastructure and Economy committee discussion re tourist levy introduction in 2027. Marketing plan set up for Perthshire title Live Life Well. **(JW)** Visitor levy introduced by Scot Go will be ring-fenced to support local activities, not popular in some tourism sectors, £8/9 million, new money to support libraries, core path maintenance, local roads etc. Short term let legislation to be introduced in North and Eastern Perthshire to curtail amount of permissions granted for short term lets to protect communities i.e. in Pitlochry, Aberfeldy. Eg 30% houses in Dunkeld. Air b&b's inflate house prices and limit local availability, examples of big companies buying up multiple properties. **(HA)** In a survey 70% against visitor levy. **(CS)** Christmas lights switch on event? Is cost sustainable? **(JW)** Can fireworks be more eco-friendly? Nuisance to pets, air quality etc. Drones could be used instead.

10) SVA. Report. Scone Village Association would like to thank all the people who helped in any way with this year's coffee morning on 15th November. It was a fabulous community event and we are happy to report that on the day we raised £1380 from ticket sales, raffle tickets and home baking sales. Our thanks go to the local businesses that help us every year. We couldn't do it without everyone's support. This year is the best total raised with donations of £3500 from Persimmon Homes, £300 from The Hub committee and £100 from Premier Properties Perth taking our final total to £5280. An amazing result. We hope you all enjoy the festive lights and have a great Christmas when it comes.

11) A.O.C.B. timing of Christmas lights switching on and off? Waste of money if on all night? Cllr Welch to ascertain length of time lights are on. Scone Library: Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, for community support, customer service and highest fundraising in PKC. Warm Welcome day Friday 13th February.

12) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7.00 pm January 26th 2026. Meeting finished 8.40 pm.