EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd*

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 23rd November 2020,**

**Held via Zoom Meeting at 7 pm**

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| **1. Present:** | J Bruce, J Sloan, P Vallot, D Johnston, AM Losty, E Law |
| **PKC Councillors** | Cllr K Baird, C Illingworth, Cllr H Anderson, |
| **Attending public** | Two |
| **2. Apologies:** | J Thomson, K Paterson |
| **3. Declaration of Interest** | None |

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| **4. (a) Adoption of Minute** | |  | | | **26th October 2020** | |
| **Proposed:** | P Vallot | | **Seconded:** | D Johnston | |  |

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| **5.** | **Matters Arising**  **Scottish Water** – Awaiting information on results of Integrated Catchment Study |
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| **6.** | **Treasurers Report** |
|  | **General Fund** – £365.80  **PV** has written to the P&KC Community Council Administration team regarding Administrative funding allowance. |

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|  | **Covid-19 - Nil** |  |
| **8.**  **I**  **ii** | **Health**  **Bridge of Earn Nurses Cottage**  Care and Treatment Service now operational from the former Nurses’ House. This service has started with the provision of a wound care clinic two days each week. With the ongoing recruitment of staff, it is intended to have the full range of Care and Treatment Services in place by the end of March 2021, including the management of minor injuries and dressings, phlebotomy, ear syringing, suture removal, chronic disease monitoring and mental health support.  **Letter to G Archibald Chief Exec NHS Tayside** – A response from G Paterson, Chief Officer/ Director – Integrated Health & Social Care  Perth and Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership had been received in response to PV correspondence to G Archibald, Chief Exec, NHS Tayside dated 28th October 2020. The correspondence outlined circumstances to date and recognised the need to progress and further discussions albeit with a variety of complex conditions involving GP medical service contracts.    PV will respond and accept the offer outlined to bring together all parties to discuss further and explore possible options and plan of action going forward. This could involve representatives from the Health and Social Care Partnership, NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council, with the involvement of the Earn Community Council and perhaps G.S.Brown. The potential for this meeting would not be until 2021, given current pandemic circumstances. | **PV** |
| **9** | **Infrastructure** |  |
| **i** | **Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust**  **Feasibility Project of shared use Path, A912** between Bridge of Earn and Newburgh  P&KCT sent a response (28th October 2020) to our concerns raised by their responses document. **JB** invited members to forward any comments they have in relation to this response. A further email of 13th November 2020 advised that the path had now been split into two sections – a shorter more urban section, west of the M90 flyover and the remainder. The email recognised that community consultation had been restricted due to COVID-19. There was a request to supply contact details for clubs, groups etc within ECC. GDPR rules would not permit this and the suggestion was made that ECC would be happy share consultation information via ECC facebook and earn community webpage. | **JB/JS** |
| **ii** | **Flooding Incidents – 12th August 2020**   1. **Back Street/Old Edinburgh Road, Bridge of Earn –** NRV’s **(**non return valves) Awaiting response from SW & P&KC 2. **Culteuchar Culvert C414** – **Cllr A** reported that work was progressing to date |  |
| **iii** | **Diechbank – Collapse of Retaining Wall adjacent to Deich Burn**  Reports have been received via email informing ECC on work to date from R Stewart, Engineer (Flooding) P&KC, at 13th November 50% of the work was complete. Ongoing |  |
| **iv** | **Scottish Flood Forum**  **Forgandenny – Community Resilience**  Following a meeting in Forgandenny with the Scottish Flood Forum, local resident P Marshall, shared with ECC an interest to set up a Community Resilience Group (CRG) within Forgandenny. Resilience groups can offer support to a variety of situations, ie extreme weather, health ie COVID-19, utility problems etc, a CRG would only be linked to community council in terms of establishing a constitution.  Work to Date - flyers have been delivered to households within Forgandenny, with 15 positive responses to further this project, a further meeting is planned for 24th November.  Funding - A Development Trust would offer a CRG the ability to seek funding to progress the work of the group.  JB indicated ECC interest to further this conversation in community resilience - Ongoing |  |
| **v** | **Scottish Water – Integrated Catchment Study Results (2019)**  An email was sent at 6th October to SW & P&KC to determine the responsibility for Non-Return Valves (NRV’S) in Back Street, Bridge of Earn ie Scottish Water or P&KC, no reply to date. Results of the Integrated Catchment Study still awaited. Scottish Flood Forum would be interested in being represented when a meeting with SW is arranged to hear the results of the ICS relative to Earn community. | **JS** |
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| **10** | **Ecology**  **Ashtree Dieback –** a woodland concern to our community and across Scotland  (Tayside Biodiversity Partnership would be a group offering support) |  |
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| **11**  **i**  **ii** | **Planning**  Lamberkine Trust 20/00667/IPM – Perth West- Development of land between A9 and A85 – now submitted  18/00012/PAN | Low carbon energy park comprising multi vector sources including solar, heat pump, biomass and combined heat and power generation, power distribution and storage with associated vehicle access and service infrastructure | Land At Cotton Wood, Lamberkine Wood, Coldwells Wood, Broxden Wood, Gallowspark Wood And East Lamberkin Farm Perth – Awaiting application – **JB** informed the meeting that an online public consultation will be held at a later date.  Binn Farm, Glenfarg – Erection of energy waste facility and associated works.    A response had been received from S Fraser, Head of Compliance, Binn Group, (via email 5th November) in response to ECC letter of concern submitted by PV. In this response, answers were provided to the specific queries raised by ECC and terms of practice which required to be adhered to by government planning legislative processes in the development of energy from waste facilities. | **PV** |
| **12**    i  ii  iii | **Administration**  **ECC Correspondence**  **Brig in Bloom** – ECC will act as applicant to allow for planning permission to be sought for installation of new poly tunnels at a new site within Bridge of Earn. Ongoing  **Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church**  Community Christmas Advent Activity 2020  This community event will take place in Bridge of Earn and Forgandenny communities supported by the local primary schools. ECC noticeboard in Bridge of Earn will be used to display information as will Earn Community website. Information will also be shared across facebook pages.  **Bridge of Earn – 20 mph Speed Restrictions** – An email had been received from a resident, with concerns in relation to 20 mph signage installed during this COVID-19 pandemic, by SUSTRANS. A request for the VAS sign to be recalibrated to allow for new speed restrictions in force. **Cllr B** will investigate this matter. |  |
| **ii** | **Earn Community Website Development –** JB to contact web designer re snagging issues. | **JB** |
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| **13** | **Education** – Nil |  |
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| **14** | **Reports** |  |
| **i** | **Community Policing**  **PC A Mitchinson**  PC Mitchinson is relocated to Kinross Police Station and will be covering Kinross too, but will remain our community contact officer.  **Traffic** – Parking/congestion within Bridge of Earn, particularly Main Street/Primary School. The Police are in liaison with the School and P&KC in relation to this matter. Traffic wardens have visited the village recently.  **Youths** – Problems in and around Main Street, Bridge of Earn – Police vigilant.  PV raised concern of the increase of area being covered by PC Mitichinson.  Members of the public advised to **contact the Police on 101** if they see anything that is of concern. |  |
| **ii** | **Community News** - Nil |  |
| iii | **Facebook - Nil** |  |
| iv | **Earn Community Conversation – Final Outcomes**  Monday 16th November – Earn Community Council and the Way Forward.  A note of this meeting had now been shared (see foot of minute) and the presentation slides available on the evening now shared with attendees. JS will endeavor to upload these onto the earn community website for wider viewing.  Outcome - Following this public meeting ECC will pursue the option to develop a Community Action Plan and further the conversation of a Development Trust for the community.  Actions   * Community Action Plan - Engage with C Roxburghe, STAR Developments * Develop a Steering Group (8 -12 members of community) | **JS/PV/JB** |
| **v** | **Community Initiatives** **Almond Earn Stronger Communities****Meeting Tuesday 10th November (virtual)**  **Agenda Items relative to our ward** **Digital Literacy (DL) –** Online sessions (November) on the use of technology to combat social isolation have been advertised across social media. Z Garvie, is presently developing a DL booklet template of information for sharing wider across our communities. **Voluntary Transport Scheme ECC** – Due to lack of response this initiative will not be pursued further, perhaps re visited post COVID-19.  **Community Updates (Bridge of Earn & Forgandenny)** – Rev A Wilson gave an update on community response and where we are at to date.  **Oudenarde** – S McAuley, similarly updated the group on Oudenarde. Flooding issues is a concern for Oudenarde residents in the light of the recent floods in August 2020, when this settlement once again became cut off due to flooding at Railway Bridge and Back Street. JS reassured SM that ECC had this matter on their agenda and will be part of talks when we engage with Scottish Water in relation to the Integrated Catchment Study report.  **Christmas Bells** – A suggestion for the ringing of bells on Christmas Eve throughout our communities. | **JS** |
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| **15** | **Community Councillors Reports**  Following the recent P&KC by election process, Earn Community Council, Chairman JB welcomed AM Losty, CC representative for Forteviot and E Law CC representative for Forgandenny, at the beginning of proceedings at this meeting. |  |
| **i** | **Forteviot** –  Due to the significant amount of traffic travelling through Forteviot including very large lorries, using the village as a detour from coming off/going back on to the A9 in order to avoid the Broxden roundabout, AM Losty reported that she had received an email from D MacKeown detailing;  *‘As part of the ongoing Spaces For People project, we plan to introduce 40mph buffers on the approaches to the rural 20mph speed limits.  At the west of Forteviot, this will be extended to include the bridge.  A priority system over the bridge is not considered necessary based on the current traffic volumes but this can be reviewed in the future if traffic flows increase.’*  AM Losty accorded her thanks to Cllr A in assisting with this matter |  |
| **ii** | **Forgandenny**  **Boulles Court** – PV reported that Wooden statues requiring removal before works can commence |  |
| iii | **Bridge of Earn**  **Christmas Advent Calendar 2020** see item 12 (ii) |  |
| iv | **Craigend**  Network Rail – **DJ** was in receipt of correspondence from Network Rail re forthcoming work on the line between Friarton and Perth Harbour. Noise will be the main cause for concern. |  |
| v | **Dron** – Nil |  |
| vi | **Aberdalgie** - Nil |  |
| vii | **Oudenarde** – See flooding comment item 14 (v) |  |
| 16 | **Community Councillors Reports** - Nil |  |
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| **17** | **Wind Farms** |  |
| **i** | **Lochelbank Windpower Community Fund**  Fund Support Facilitator - Catherine Francis, Foundation Scotland  Lochelbank Panel met on Tuesday 10th November 2020  Agenda items included;  **Review of Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU)  Following circulation of draft document, ECC approved the MoU  (Approved by Chair, J Bruce and Treasurer, P Vallot), Foundation Scotland in receipt of this. The panel awaits approval from Glenfarg CC.  **Review of Terms of Reference –** The panel reviewed this draft item and approved  **Grants applied for;**   * Bridge of Earn Bowling Club – Installation of new boiler - Awarded * Perth College Development Trust - To fund scholarships that will benefit students from the Fund area – Declined   Panel Decision   * Village Halls – Funding assistance during COVID-19   Dunbarney Church Hall £1,845.00  Glenfarg Church Hall £666.00  Forgandenny Village Hall £645  Forteviot Village Hall £495  Glenfarg Community Centre £1,673  Bridge of Earn Institute £2,438.00  **Lochelbank Panel Important Dates 2021**  **Application Deadline Panel Meetings**  21st January Wednesday 24th March  23rd June “ 25th August  29th September “ 1st December  <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/lochelbank/>  **Microgrant Balance –** £1253.97  **Microgrant Application** – Nil |  |
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| **ii** | **Binn Wind Project at the Binn Eco Park, Glenfarg – Greencat –**  Ongoing |  |
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| **18** | **AOCB** |  |

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.00pm**

**\*\*Notes\*\* Agenda item 14 (iv)**

**Earn Community Council – The Way Forward**

**Monday 16th November 2020**

**Panel Members**

Sandra MacAskill – Place Standard – Earn Community Conversation

Colin Roxburghe - STAR Developments, Community Action Planning

Catherine McWilliams – Development Trust Association Scotland

Notes

**Place Standard – Final Outcomes – Sandra MacAskill**

Sandra MacAskill presented the final outcomes for the Place Standard ‘Earn Community Conversation’ via a slide presentation covering the ECC background, the consultation process, the responses, key actions and identifying the next steps.

Next steps …

* Develop a comprehensive action plan
* Explore a community body to take the action plan forward

**Community Action Planning – Colin Roxburghe**

Colin Roxburghe, STAR Developments, gave a general overview of Community Action Planning. The Place Standard already undertaken could be enhanced and updated in the process of developing a CAP. A CAP would allow us to develop a specific community profile, provide facts & figures, detail on population, history & heritage, environment, economics etc

A community action plan, is a participatory planning tool that develops a framework for implementing what a community wants to achieve, decided by the community itself.

Community Action Planning – A planning process that lead to a community led and developed plan for the people that live in a place. The community should be the main actors in preparing their own community action plan.

**What is required;**

Formation of a steering group, ideally 8 -12 people would be formed representative of the community (ie business, community organisations, age/gender, geographical spread etc)

STAR Development will provide 30/35 days of support and would look for local community workers for assistance too.

A CAP is community owned. Another option raised was a Local Place Plan.

**Development Trust Association Scotland - Catherine McWilliams, DTAS**

Developments Trusts are independent, owned and community led

**Aims** – aim to bring about social, economic and environment renewal,

creating wealth in communities and keeping it there …

**Have 4 distinct characteristics**

Independent and community owned and led; Engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area;

Committed to working in partnership arrangements that are initiated by the

community and;

Enterprising

**Developing a Development Trust**

Establish informal Steering Group

Consult with wider community

Organisation established/ refined

Draft Community Action Plan

Look for and deliver quick wins

Promote / grow membership

Deliver more ambitious projects

Trading to generate own income

**Why set up a Development Trust?**

To get things done - unlocking the capacity of the community to act in an entrepreneurial way

Creates added value in hard-pressed times

Access to funding AND sustainability

Most important - a new form of local democracy, at its best enriching the effectiveness of local government in achieving national goals

**DTAS’s role:**

Support and strengthen established development trusts;

Promote and represent the interests of development trusts and;

Encourage the growth of new development trusts*.*