

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Minute of meeting held on Monday 26th April 2020,

Held via Zoom Meeting at 6.30 pm

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| 1. Present: | J Bruce, J Sloan, P Vallot, AM Losty, D Johnston |
| PKC Councillors | Cllr K Baird, Cllr D Illingworth, Cllr Smith |
| Attending public | Two |
| 2. Apologies: | E Law, K Paterson, Police |
| 3. Declaration of Interest | J Bruce |

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| 4. (a) Adoption of Minute | | 22nd March 2021 |
| Proposed: | P Vallot | Seconded: AM Losty |

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| 5. | Matters Arising - Nil |
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| 6. | Treasurers Report |
| | General Fund – £644.27 – Annual Insurance – £55.73 - Paid |
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| | Covid-19 |
| | Education - Cllr B gave an update on matters relating to the initial return to schools |

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| 7. | Health | |
| i | ECC has further engaged with G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director–Integrated Health & Social Care Perth and Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership in correspondence to identify an up-to-date NHS flow chart of the boards involved in the potential development of any new Health Centre/Multi-Agency Hub, that could address the wider health care needs of Bridge of Earn/Oudenarde/Forgardenny, perhaps with the inclusion of residents south of Perth going forward. | PV EL |
| 8. | Infrastructure | |
| | Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust | |
| i | Feasibility Project of shared use Path, A912 between Bridge of Earn and Newburgh Open public meeting will be held on Monday 10 th May at 6.30pm – to be publicised via facebook, website, press. | |
| ii | Flooding Issues An email was received from G Steel, SW at 30 th March regarding outstanding concerns raised by ECC (circulated to all members and P&K Councilors). Comments from the correspondence; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Water is responsible for draining foul water and surface water from roofs and paved areas of properties; and managing flood risk from the sewer network. • Perth & Kinross Council is responsible for road drainage and maintaining the road gully network; as well as being the flood authority managing the risk of flooding from surface water, river and coastal sources. • Perth Integrated Catchment Study (ICS) <p>Scottish Water and Perth & Kinross Council have been working in partnership in recent years to deliver an Integrated Catchment Study (ICS) for Perth, including Luncarty and Bridge of Earn.</p> <p>The modelling phase of the study was completed in December 2019 and has generally been successful in replicating known flooding patterns and allowing the interactions between different drainage networks and watercourses to be better understood across the whole catchment.</p> <p>While the strategic model has given us an improved understanding of flood risk in the Bridge of Earn area, it has also identified the need for further more detailed work to understand fully the complex interactions between the drainage systems and other sources of flooding. This further work is needed to enable the model to replicate witnessed historical flooding across a range of storm return periods and durations.</p> <p>We are still engaged with the council to consider the next steps for the village, following on from the ICS, as well as other areas across the catchment; and we will continue to work in partnership to fulfil our respective responsibilities and deliver joint projects for the highest priority areas, where appropriate. The need for further more detailed study does not prevent action being taken to address high priority cases of sewer flooding – although, at present, there are no properties in Bridge of Earn that are on our register of properties affected by internal sewer flooding due to incapacity in the sewer network.</p> | |

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| | <p>Addressing the Chairman's concern about the validity of the ICS over time, I can confirm that the strategic model itself is designed to be used and updated to assess the impact of new connections, and reflect additional flows where these go ahead, so it will continue to evolve and remain useful.</p> <p>Railway Bridge, Bridge of Earn (Old Edinburgh Road/Clayton Road junction) The Flooding Team at Perth & Kinross Council has been taking the lead in addressing flooding at this location to date. They carried out work in 2017 to install a flap valve on the outfall from the road drainage system which discharges directly into the Deich Burn. This is to prevent the burn (in spate) surcharging up the drainage pipe and flooding Old Edinburgh Road. It is believed that a flap valve would have been included when the Bridge of Earn flood scheme was constructed, but this appears to have been damaged. More recently, it was identified by the Council during an inspection that the flap valve was being forced open by the force of water during high flows. In February this year, the council installed additional measures to deflect the flow in the burn around the flap valve so that it remains shut during spates. This work should prevent the burn surcharging up the drainage pipe and reduce the frequency of flooding in the road.</p> <p>There remains a flow of surface water from the local area which cannot discharge to the burn and will 'back up' when the flap valve is closed. Currently, the proposal to install a pump in a chamber on Old Edinburgh Road that will pump the water to the Brontonfield Drive surface water system and discharge to the Yellow Burn. This would deal with any build up of water on Old Edinburgh Road during times when the flap valve is closed due to high flows in the Deich Burn.</p> <p>The ICS does also anticipate interaction between the Deich Burn and the sewer network at this location. This will be investigated further in a future study and I am exploring in the meantime if we can assess the condition of the sewer to see if any short-term remedial work is worthwhile. In addition to the insight from the ICS, progress with addressing the surface water drainage issues will make the extent of any residual sewer flooding apparent.</p> <p>Kintillo Road / Wicks O'Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn</p> <p>After discussion with PK&C, SW have not been able to find detailed records of flooding at this location. Intense rainstorms can overwhelm the design capacity of the road drains and/or the combined sewer system. In such cases, water will generally pool in the road and drain away once heavy rainfall subsides. Equally, there can be more localised causes (such as blockages or pipe defects) or the kind of complex hydraulic capacity challenges that the ICS seeks to understand, where the drainage networks are not achieving the level of service that we aim to achieve.</p> <p>If you can provide further information on when flooding has occurred at this location, its extent and whether any homes have been affected, that will help us to investigate further. Otherwise, we would encourage residents to report instances of flooding so that they can be investigated. The contact details for the Council's flooding team, as well as other information, are available at www.pkc.gov.uk/flooding. If floodwater is believed to be from the sewer, this should be reported to Scottish Water on 0800 077 8778 or (if less urgent) help@scottishwater.co.uk.</p> <p>One date identified and forwarded to G Steel; SW was 6th June 2016 the when sewage was flooded along with rainwater</p> | |
| iii | <p>Non-Return Valves (Back Street, Bridge of Earn) - Perth & Kinross Council have now acknowledged ownership of NRV's and also maintenance of ground cover plants, planted in conjunction with the flood wall on Diech Burn.</p> | |
| iv | <p>Dunbarney Gait - Legacy Vesting Case - Ongoing</p> | |

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| v | <p>Community Resilience</p> <p>SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2021 – Applications close at 10th June 2021. JS will look further into the detail of this fund and application process - Ongoing</p> | JS |
| vi | <p>Temporary 20 mph Speed Limit Consultation</p> <p>Online public consultation due to close on 28th April 2021. ECC to submit a written response in relation to the considerations of Bridge of Earn, Forteviot and Forgandenny Police to be included in our response.</p> | POL |
| vii | <p>Fly Tipping</p> <p>Fly tipping continues to plague our ward. P&KC Councilors acknowledge that this continues to be a problem. Prosecution fails to deter individuals from the act of fly tipping.</p> | POL / CLL RS |
| viii | <p>Road Safety - Bridge of Earn A912/Station Road/Co-op</p> <p>Police have been informed that this area within Bridge of Earn continues to cause concern for all users. Police have advised that members of the public can phone 101 at the time and quote any information or registrations.</p> | POL |
| 9. | <p>Ecology</p> <p>Noxious Plants – Concern raised at Forgandenny re Hogweed; this is to be reported using the MyPKC portal available on the P&KC website.</p> <p>Further information can be found at: www.pkc.gov.uk/groundsmaintenance</p> <p>Cllr Illingworth reminded ECC and shared the following information obtained in 2018 in relation to noxious plants.</p> <p>Q. 1. What is the procedure to be followed by a member of the public when a noxious plant is discovered, even when it is not on council owned land? I.e., is it notifiable and if so, who is it notifiable to?</p> <p><i>If it is identified on council land then please contact PKC directly and we'll make arrangements for the plant to be chemically controlled. The earlier we know of the plant the better, we can then treat it before it seeds. We are currently implementing an online grounds maintenance reporting portal that will include an ability to report just this issue. If it's private land then they should contact SEPA and SNH. The seeds can be windblown but, in our experience, they are predominantly spread via water courses. Given that a mature plant can produce many seeds the scale of the problem regarding uncontrolled plants becomes obvious.</i></p> <p>Q. 2 When the Council find Giant Hogweed on its own land, what is done to remove the plant? E.g., is the plant injected with weedkiller?</p> | PV |

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| | <p><i>Over the years we have tried different methods of control and have settled on systematic, sustained chemical control over many years. Apart from the many seeds produced they can lie dormant for 10+ years and while we are fastidious about control other landowners are less conscientious. We can eradicate invasive weeds completely from a site over a number of years then find that after a winter flood the area is covered once more. When reported we spray as quickly as possible prior to the plant seeding. Where sites are identified as particularly problematic, we will spray early prior to seeding and also later in the summer in case plants have germinated under the canopy of mature plants. In some particular sites we have been undertaking yearly chemical control for 10+ years and only containing the spread without any hope of eradicating it. The most obvious example is the Earn at Broich and Moncrieffe Island in Perth. But each year the winter floods bring a further fresh influx of seeds and rhizomes from properties further upstream</i></p> | |
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| 10. | Planning | |
| i | <p>Lamberkine Trust 20/00667/IPM – Perth West- Development of land between A9 and A85</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| ii | <p>West Kinfauns, Perth, PH2 7XZ – PAN Proposed planning permission in principle for a mixed-use development comprising museum, hotel and holiday lodge accommodation incorporating ancillary support functions, including retail, and potential park and ride facility.</p> <p>Earn Ward is a neighbor to this proposed plan and for this reason is included in the sharing of information. Website westkinfaunsconsultation - On Going</p> | |
| 11. | Administration | |
| i | <p>ECC Correspondence</p> <p>Development Trust Association Scotland - Development Trust Network Meeting – An Invitation to attend a local Development Trust Network Meeting on 13th May 2021 with DTAS members in Perth & Kinross – email to be forwarded to ECC members.</p> | JS |
| ii | <p>Earn Community Website Development</p> <p>JS had raised a problem with the developer of the ECC website. JB noted that EEC have not received an invoice for annual fee – Ongoing</p> | |
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| 12. | Education – Nil | |
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| 13. | Reports | |

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| i | <p>Community Policing - No police present – Report sent prior to the meeting</p> <p>Members of the public advised to contact the Police on 101 if they see anything that is of concern.</p> <p>Crimes noted included scams, youth gathering's, damage to Defib, Main Street, Bridge of Earn. Recently there have been forty-five traffic related incidents in the nearby area of Bridge of Earn.</p> | |
| ii | <p>Community News</p> <p>Perth & Kinross Lord Lieutenant has recently corresponded with local individuals supporting the work carried out within our communities during the Covid pandemic</p> | |
| iii | <p>Facebook - Nil</p> | |
| iv | <p>Community Action Plan (CAP) - Ongoing</p> | |
| v | <p>Community Ownership Support Service/ DTAS –</p> <p>Bridge of Earn - Victory Park Trustees/The Institute – work ongoing in relation to modernisation of legal documents</p> | JS |
| vi | <p>Community Initiatives - Grit Bins</p> <p>ECC have now submitted details of identified grit bins within Bridge of Earn and Forgandenny.</p> | JB |
| viii | <p>Almond Earn Stronger Communities - Next Meeting Tuesday 18th May 10 am, Microsoft Teams. Agenda shared across facebook and website</p> <p>This networking community group is open to all residing in the Almond Earn Ward. The aim of the group is to network and discuss all matters pertaining to health, social care and general well-being within our communities for all ages.</p> <p>Contact F Angus PKC Community Engagement Worker Email: FAngus@pkc.gov.uk</p> | JS |
| 14. | <p>Community Councillors Reports</p> | |
| i | <p>Forteviot – Village Hall – Query on entertainment licence – CLLR I to provide further assistance on this matter</p> | CLLR I |
| ii | <p>Forgandenny - Nil</p> | |

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| iii | <p>Bridge of Earn</p> <p>Brig in Bloom – Story Board, Main Street, BoE This historical storybook is again falling into disrepair. To this effect it is proposed to replicate and improve the historical account in a modern-day material designed with low maintenance and longevity in mind. The Story book could also be moved to a more public area of interest - Ongoing</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| iv | <p>Craigend – A912 - Road surface opposite Craigclowan School, continues cause for concern for all road users. Cllr B informed that this is planned for repair.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| v | <p>Dron - Nil</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| vi | <p>Aberdalgie - Fallen Tree, Aberdalgie – DJ reported on this accident</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| vii | <p>Oudenarde - Nil</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. | <p>Community Councillors Reports - Nil</p> | | | | | | | | | |
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| 16. | <p>Wind Farms</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| i | <p>Lochelbank Windpower Community Fund</p> <p>The panel met in April.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenfarg Tennis Club awarded grant to address surface problems • Memorandum of Understanding – Requires to be signed on behalf of Community Council • Proposal – to develop Covid Recovery Funding for local groups for 2021 • Bridge of Earn 14th Perthshire Scouts – to be offered loss of income (as provided for villages halls within the Lochelbank catchment) <p>Fund Support Facilitator - Catherine Francis, Foundation Scotland</p> <p>Lochelbank Panel Important Dates 2021</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Application Deadline</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Panel Meetings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21st January</td> <td>Wednesday 24th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23rd June</td> <td>“ 25th August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29th September</td> <td>“ 1st December</td> </tr> </table> <p>Microgrant Balance – £1253.97</p> <p>Microgrant Application – Nil</p> | Application Deadline | Panel Meetings | 21 st January | Wednesday 24 th March | 23 rd June | “ 25 th August | 29 th September | “ 1 st December | <p>JB</p> |
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| ii | Binn Wind Project at the Binn Eco Park, Glenfarg – Greencat Ongoing | |
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| 17. | AOCB DJ apologised for not being able to attend ECC recently due to other commitments | |

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 24th May 2021 at 6.30pm

