

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Minute of meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023,

The Institute, Bridge of Earn, at 6.30 pm

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| 1. | Present | | | | |
| | J Bruce, D Johnston, AM Losty, J McKenzie, J Sloan | | | | |
| | PKC Councillors: Cllr D Illingworth, Cllr M Frampton | | | | |
| | Members of Public - One | | | | |
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| 2. | Apologies: Cllr F Smith, T Kearns, P Vallot | | | | |
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| 3. | Declaration of Interest - Nil | | | | |
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| 4. | Adoption of Minute 28th August 2023 | | | | |
| | Proposed | A M Losty | Seconded | J McKenzie | |
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| 5 | Matters Arising | | | | |
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| 6. | Treasurers Report | | | | |
| | General Fund £180.76 | | | | |
| | Accounts for 2022/2022 circulated prior to the meeting, there being no queries were then signed ready to be forwarded to the auditor for verification before lodging with P&KC CC admin team. | | | | |
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| 7. | Health | | | | Action |
| i | GP/Health Hub | | | | |
| | Strategic Delivery Plan for P&K Primary Care 2023-2026 - Consultative process | | | | |
| | <u>Health Care Needs Assessment – Community Engagement Plan/ Almond Earn Stronger Communities</u> | | | | |

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| <p>ii</p> <p>iii</p> | <p>Healthcare Survey</p> <p>PV reported via email that there are two meetings planned in early Oct to review final report.</p> <p>GP Premise Survey (Sept 11th to October 15th, 2023)</p> <p>This survey is for people registered with a GP practice in Perth & Kinross.</p> <p>Almond Earn Stronger Communities</p> <p><u>Health and Social Care Partnership</u></p> <p><u>Perth & Kinross Warm Welcome Fund October 23 -March 2024</u> (formerly cosy spaces/cost of living fund 2022/23)</p> <p>Almond & Earn funding available £12440.00.</p> <p>The objective of this funding offers communities to apply for funding on the following basis on the provision of.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A heated facility or venue which offers a warm welcome to members of the public at no cost • The warm space may also offer a social or other form of activity, and • The warm space may also offer refreshments or food <p>Following workshops of 30th August/19th September, Warm Welcome Fund Applications for Almond & Earn include:</p> <p><u>Dunbarney & Forgandenny Church (Collaborative application)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Venue - Dunbarney Church Hall</u> – Fridays (all Day) - Continued provision of Cosy Space as initiated in 2022/23, with the provision of a warm space, hot drinks, soup & social interaction, chair exercise class etc for the wider community at large, (free to all). • <u>Venue - The Institute - Bridge of Earn Baby Toddler Group -Tuesday AM</u> – Warm space, warm food & drinks for attendees. Funding will allow this to operate on a free to all basis for the community at large. • <u>Venue – Bridge of Earn Bowling Club – Wednesday Club</u> free to all – Social group offering opportunity to play cards, dominies, bingo. • <u>Bridge of Earn RVS</u> – 2/3 Social events to be held over the winter season, potentially Friday PM, (free to all). <p><u>Forgandenny Friends</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Venue - Forgandenny Hall</u> - Thursday PM – Warm space, hot drinks & social interaction for the community, (free to all). <p><u>Oudenarde Community Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provision of Warm Welcome Packs</u> – for Bridge of Earn, Kintillo & Oudenarde, available to collect from Oudenarde Cabin,(free to all). | <p>PV</p> <p>ALL</p> |
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| | <p><u>Social Flock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perth based group offering provision and supply of second-hand clothing packs across Perthshire - 30 packs to be made available and allocated to Almond & Earn Ward. <p><u>Decision outcome expected early October</u></p> | |
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| 8. | Infrastructure | |
| i | <p>Flooding</p> <p>Sealsbridge – Awaiting report following a CCTV survey of this area ECC will be updated when more information is available - Ongoing</p> | |
| ii | <p>Defibrillators – JS to seek clarification on planning permission for Forgandenny Hall to allow for installation of defib.</p> | JB |
| iii | <p>Bus Shelter – Ember Stop A912 – Cllr Illingworth informed ECC that the P&KC Community Investment Fund has allocated ECC a grant of £2000.00 for the supply/fit of bus shelter. The minimum required for a bus shelter is in the region of £4750 so further funding will be required to further this community project - Ongoing</p> | |
| iv | <p>Victory Park – Contact with D Stubbs, P&KC Greenspace has been made to ascertain an update on the plans for the refurbishment of Victory Park. JS will share information on receipt of update.</p> | |
| v | <p>PKCT Active Travel Project – Bridge of Earn to Newburgh</p> <p>PKCT Newsletter 7, August 2023, sharing an update on progress to date on the active travel project.</p> <p><u>Phase 1A</u> - Noted - Road safety audit stage 3 to be conducted at this junction.</p> <p><u>Phase 1C</u> – Noted - cycle path drainage via carriageway drainage compatibility</p> <p>ECC comments to be forwarded to PKCT and P&KC Transport Planning Dept in relation to the above phases.</p> | JS |
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| 9. | <p>Ecology</p> <p>Binn Wood - Felling Planning Application</p> <p>ECC to be notified on the progress of this application along with intended start dates.</p> | |
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| 10. | Planning | |
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| <p>ii</p> <p>iii</p> <p>iv</p> <p>v</p> <p>vi</p> <p>vii</p> | <p>22/00817/FLM - Erection of 110 dwelling houses, associated infrastructure, access, SUDS and landscaping, Site Land 150 Metres Southwest of Kintillo Cemetery (h14), Bridge of Earn – Ongoing</p> <p>Craighead Wind Farm</p> <p>Comments as follows re the consultation in Dunning, Thursday 31/08/23 No changes since 30/07/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the next month, on-site environmental assessment will be finalised & fed into design. • Additional feedback from Community Councils consultations will be fed back & given consideration. • Further exhibitions to take place in Oct.2023 with publication as close to the final design as possible. • Galileo is keen to explore shared ownership with communities - communities could receive 10% of the revenue. It is envisaged that Community Councils would have a joint shared ownership meeting later this year. • Energy storage is being considered as part of the Craighead project. • Further info. should be uploaded on the Craighead Wind Farm site week w/c 03/09/23 www.craigheadwindfarm.co.uk <p>Brunt Hill Wind Farm - Ongoing</p> <p>23/00144/AMM Erection of 29 dwellinghouses, 11 detached garages, landscaping, and associated infrastructure (approval of matters specified in conditions of 02/01482/IPM) Land to The North of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge of Earn</p> <p>23/00145/AMM - Erection of 20 dwellinghouses, 4 detached garages, landscaping, and associated infrastructure (approval of matters specified in conditions 02/1482/IPM) Land to The North of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge of Earn</p> <p>23/00146/AMM - Erection of 17 dwellinghouses, 7 detached garages, landscaping, and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions 02/01482/IPM) Land to The North of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge of Earn</p> <p>23/00144/AMM23/00145/AMM23/00146/AMM - Planning Process Agreement to be determined no later than 29/11/23</p> <p><u>(The following are adjacent planning applications to Earn Ward)</u></p> <p>23/00192/FLL Change of use of vacant land to form EV charging hub and hydrogen refueling station including provision of amenity kiosk, charging apparatus and associated works Land 60 Metres West Of 5 Broxden Avenue Perth Ph2 0px</p> <p>23/00193/FLL Erection of office building (class 4) and two cafe/restaurant units (class 3) with drive through facilities, car parking, landscaping, and associated works Land 100 Metres Southwest of 5 Broxden Avenue Perth PH2 0PX</p> <p>23/00504/FLM Mixed use development comprising erection of 3 café/restaurant units (Class 3) with drive thru facilities, business units (Class 4), electric vehicle charging hub and formation of vehicular access, parking areas, landscaping, and associated works Site Land 90 Metres South Of 5 Broxden Avenue Broxden Avenue Perth</p> <p>22/02255/FLL Formation of 8 EV charging bays, installation of 2 jetwash bays, a substation, and associated works Broxden Services 2 Broxden Avenue Perth PH2 0PX</p> | <p>AML</p> |
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| | P&KC Planning Training – Awaiting dates from P&KC | |
| 11. | Administration | |
| i | ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting) General community information shared via ECC & Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards) Correspondence Noted; | |
| ii | Sustrans in partnership with P&KC – Proposal for installation of bicycle storage near Ember bus stop, Bridge of Earn. | |
| iii | Sustainability Group (Windfarm Action Group) – Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 28 th September, 7.30 pm, Glenfarg Village Hall. Note of initial meeting 10 th August 2023 was circulated. | |
| iv | <p>Scottish Water – Annual Consultative Meeting</p> <p><u>Report from AML following online attendance.</u></p> <p>Scottish Water is publicly owned unlike water companies in England.</p> <p>Various useful statistics were given -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainfall 13% more than 100 years ago & can come in surges. • Scotland uses 1.5bn litres of water daily. • Each person in Scotland uses 180 litres of water daily which is higher than the UK average. • Scotland has just under 100 000 km (60 000 mls.) of pipes. • 87% waterways are rated as ‘Good’ or better. • 25% reduction in environmental incidents; also 10% reduction in flooding incidents. • Introduction of ‘Top Up Taps’ thereby greatly reducing no. of water bottles. • Carbon footprint 6% less last year compared to previous year. • Future projects including using wastewater to generate ‘hydrogen’ electricity. <p><u>Question submitted by ECC to Scottish Water</u></p> <p><i>“Does Scottish Water know if there is any professional body from whom companies manufacturing wipes etc. need authorisation before they can be produced? Currently, there is increasingly problems in sewage systems with blockages as a result of items being incorrectly disposed.”</i></p> <p><u>Response form SW</u></p> <p>“Many thanks for submitting a question to Scottish Water’s Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM) 29/08/23.</p> <p><i>Items being incorrectly flushed is a problem that Scottish Water deals with on a daily basis. We have invested in several public information and behaviour change campaigns to tackle this issue. The most recent – the Nature Calls campaign – was launched in February 2022 which calls on customers to only flush the 3Ps</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>(pee, poo & toilet paper). All other products should be put in the bin. Wet wipes containing plastic don't disintegrate when flushed and therefore appear in 80% of blocked pipes that our engineers have to clear. As many wipes contain plastic, they not only block pipes but harm nature. As part of the campaign, Scottish Water led the call to ban wipes made with plastic and we are delighted that the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is currently looking at legislation that makes this possible, with the Scottish Government also supportive of change.</i></p> <p><i>The WRC (Water Research Centre) provide testing and certification for wet wipes that are plastic free; fully break down; and do not cause sewer or environmental damage. The "Fine to Flush" Specification (Water Industry Specification 4-02-06) is now recognised as the most effective means for manufacturers to showcase to customers their commitment to the environment through the adaptation of their toilet wipe products to meet this challenging standard. However, the Fine to Flush standard is currently only voluntary, not mandatory for manufacturers. This is why we believe an outright ban on non-conforming products will be the most effective solution".</i></p> | |
| v | <p>P&KC Review Scheme of Establishment Community Councils 2024 -2028</p> <p>Response received from P&KC Community Council Officer to ECC comments on the consultation taking place on the Review Scheme of Establishment Community Councils 2024 -2028.</p> <p>The following proposal to be submitted to P&KC CC Admin team.</p> <p><u>6. Membership of Community Councils</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECC to propose a change to membership under Almond & Earn Local Action Partnership Area - Ward 42 Earn <p><u>Change from Membership 7Min/13Max</u> – propose 6Min/13Max</p> <p><u>Sub-Areas</u> – Propose change to amalgamate Aberdalgie & Craigen (2) Other sub areas remain as proposed per Scheme of Establishment 2024 -2028</p> <p>JB expressed concerns that ECC comments raised in relation to this consultation are not being fully appraised. Cllr M Frampton is willing to look at our comments for further consideration with P&KC.</p> | |
| vi | <p>Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Education –</p> <p>UNISON Strike Closures –Detail on local schools affected shared.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>Reports</p> | |
| i | <p>Community Policing – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Police Report – This was received prior to the meeting and circulated to all members.</p> | |

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| | <p>Concerns to be shared with Police via email following the meeting.</p> <p><u>Brig in Bloom Vandalism</u> - Real concern in the community and beyond that the much appreciated voluntary endeavours of Brig in Bloom are being targeted and vandalised by individuals.</p> <p><u>Speeding - Bridge of Earn</u> - problems with traffic driving too fast at junctions of Main Street with Manse Road & Heughfield Road.</p> <p>Need to contact the police</p> <p>Community Police Contact Details for sharing:</p> <p>Should you have any questions or any issues you wish to address please feel free to contact us by calling 101 (report any youths or other suspect persons) and asking for Constable Samson and he will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, <u>email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</u></p> <p>Should you wish to receive crime prevention advice for your premises, whether that be physical security, CCTV, secure key storage options or anything else related to keeping your premises safe, please contact our Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Department by email at <u>taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk</u></p> | JS |
| ii | Commemorative Tree Planting - Caledonia Housing, Bridge of Earn – JS to meet with representatives on Wednesday 27 th September 2023 to discuss this project further. | |
| iii | Forteviot Phone Box – update on refurbishment process to be ascertained. | AML |
| 14. | Community Councillors Reports | |
| i | <p>Forteviot</p> <p><u>Open Doors' Weekend</u> - Forteviot Church participated on Sunday 17th September.</p> <p><u>'Circles'</u> - a community brochure has been distributed to all households in the village & environs. Pilot project initiated by Gordon MacKay (Aberdalgie & Forteviot Church) involving Forteviot, Aberdalgie & surrounding area.</p> <p><u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> - the event held on Saturday 23rd September was very successful. Fewer people attended compared to last year but the w/e was a busy one with other events happening elsewhere.</p> <p><u>B935 Roadworks</u> - poor communication by PKC re road closure south of Forgandenny between Horselea Farm & Carmichael Cottage from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October 8.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. Alternative arrangements still to be advised for No.17 bus going through Forgandenny & Forteviot. School bus routes also need to be diverted.</p> | |
| ii | <p>Forgandenny</p> <p><u>Forgandenny Village Hall</u> - had another film night on Sat. "Some like it hot" with Marilyn Monroe.</p> <p><u>Coming up</u> film nights, pub night and craft fair.</p> | |

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| | Forgandenny Park – Barrier between Park and Main Road still requiring replacing, Cllrs made aware of this issue | Cllrs I & F | | | | |
| iii | <p>Bridge of Earn</p> <p><u>100 Years in the Brig - Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church</u> hosted a celebration of 100 Years in the Brig on Saturday 23rd September 2023. The exhibition represented 100 years of local history; this was followed by a Musical & Memories evening hosted in Dunbarney Church.</p> <p>Dunbarney Church shared plans for a refurbishment program which will see the sanctuary being repurposed for the future.</p> <p><u>Warm Welcome Space</u> – Dunbarney Church re-commencing Friday 29th September.</p> <p><u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> – Friday 29th September, Caledonia Housing, Bridge of Earn, 10 -12noon.</p> | | | | | |
| iv | Craigend -Nil | | | | | |
| v | Dron - Nil | | | | | |
| vi | <p>Aberdalgie –</p> <p>G MacKay provided ECC with an update on the Community Hub & Greenspace being developed within the derelict walled garden at Aberdalgie Church.</p> <p><u>'Circles'</u> A Community Connection publication – This publication has been delivered to communities connected to or around Aberdalgie & Forteviot sharing information regarding the community hub and greenspace on offer for wider interaction and community use.</p> | | | | | |
| vii | Oudenarde - Nil | | | | | |
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| 15. | <p>PKC Councillors</p> <p><u>Traffic Lights A912 Perth</u> – Cllr Illingworth – Lights to be removed for a trial period to see whether traffic can flow freely itself with junction of Shore Road to A912 whilst SW undertake works on Shore Road/Tay Street Perth</p> | | | | | |
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| 16. | Wind Farms | | | | | |
| I | <p>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application Deadline</td> <td>Lochelbank Fund Panel Meeting Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 26th September 2023</td> <td>Tuesday 28th November 2023</td> </tr> </table> | Application Deadline | Lochelbank Fund Panel Meeting Date | Tuesday 26 th September 2023 | Tuesday 28 th November 2023 | |
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| | <p>J McKenzie shared notes from the Panel Meeting held on 29th August 2023.</p> <p>A meeting was held in Forgandenny Hall on 29th Aug at 6.30pm. There were six panel members present and Malcolm Jack from Foundation Scotland. A training session was held for the new Panel Portal which will be used to hold all applications, awards, and financial information. Panel members will use this to read applications and comment, where necessary, before the subsequent meetings.</p> <p>Fund Value as of 21st. Aug. 2023 (before grant making decisions)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Available £46,867.00 Closing balance £57,127.00 Pending £10,260.00</p> <p><u>Grant Decisions.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge of Earn Rainbows - for twelve in-door tents for camping in a safe indoor environment. Approved. • Dunbarney Parents Council - to refurbish and improve the outdoor play area of the primary school. Deferral. • Arngask Hall - interior decoration and renovations. Approved. <p><u>Community Buildings Grant - update.</u></p> <p>There has been no response from Bridge of Earn Institute, Forgandenny Village Hall, or Bridge of Earn Scouts.</p> <p>Forteviot and Arngask have received funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microgrant Applications - Nil • Microgrant Balance – no statement available | |
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| ii | Binn Wind Turbine Community Benefit Scheme - Nil | |
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Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd October 2023 at 6.30pm
The Institute, Bridge of Earn

2023 AGM, Agenda and Minutes of 2022 AGM will be circulated in advance.
AGM will follow the business meeting.

