EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023,**

**Forgandenny Village Hall , at 6.30 pm**

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| **1.** | **Present** | | | |  |
|  | J Bruce, D Johnston, AM Losty, J McKenzie, J Sloan, P Vallot | | | |  |
|  | **PKC Councillors:** Cllr D Illingworth | | | |  |
|  | **Members of Public** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **2.** | **Apologies:** Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith, T Kearns | | | |  |
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| **3.** | **Declaration of Interest** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **4.** | **Adoption of Minute 23rd October 2023** | | | |  |
|  | **Proposed** | A M Losty | **Seconded** | P Vallot |  |
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| **5** | **Matters Arising** | | | |  |
|  | **Nil** | | | |  |
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| **6.** | **Treasurers Report** | | | |  |
|  | **General Fund** £180.76 (outstanding £38.40 Lady Haig, £5.50 Parking thereby total £136.86 to date.)  P&KC Admin grant statement emailed advising £519.24 payment received. | | | |  |
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| **7.** | **Health** | | | | **Action** |
| **i** | **GP/Health Hub**  **Strategic Delivery Plan for P&K Primary Care 2023-2026 - Consultative process**  **Healthcare Survey**  **PV** attended an online presentation on the draft report following the recent healthcare survey. The report will be made available to the public once finalised. An action being considered is the setting up of a ‘Working Group’ going forward.  . | | | | **PV** |
| **ii** | **Almond Earn Stronger Communities** – Next meeting planned for 18th January 2023 – Venue TBC | | | |  |
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| **iii** | **Perth & Kinross Warm Welcome Fund October 23 - March 2024**  Information poster details FREE Warm welcome activities across the ward. Advertised via facebook, ECC noticeboard etc  November Concert – November 30th, Dunbarney Church, 1.30pm - FREE | | | |  |
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| **8.** | **Infrastructure** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Flooding (Earn Ward)**  ECC sent an email (13th November) to respective Councillors for the ward with regards to ongoing repeat flooding; email response shared and noted from Cllr Frampton, with Cllr Illingworth responding verbally at the meeting.  Dates/Rainfall/affected areas - Bridge of Earn and Forgandenny;   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 26th October | 34mm | | 1st/2nd November | 17mm | | 13th November | 24mm |   Sealsbridge  Old Edinburgh Rd  A912/BoE to Perth – Rhynd Junction, carriageway flooding  West Lodge, Moncrieffe Estate  Forgandenny – B935 – Village Hall west - to Rossie Priory  ECC to correspond with P&KC/SEPA outlining;   * Logged data since Sept 2022 of dates/rainfall/areas affected. * ECC recognition of planned works to take place in the Sealsbridge area of Bridge of Earn (2024/2025); Flood Study (?) 2026; along with plans being made for a bridge over the railway as part of the Oudenarde development; all long-term projects. * Roads repeatedly flooding due to drainage issues, highlighting that roads/drainage are the responsibility of the local authority. (Sealsbridge, Old Edinburgh Road – Railway Bridge). * Cause and effect to home-owners and the wider community when the only access routes to the A912 are either closed or flooded.     **Flooding – Perth City October 2023**  Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - P&KC’s Scrutiny Committee, a public report is now available ahead of this meeting, reference made to Bridge of Earn. | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Defibrillators** – JB/PV still working on issues surrounding installation at Forgandenny Village Hall. JB in contact with Lochelbank Windfarm. | | | | **JB/PV** |
| **iii** | **Bus Shelter – Ember Stop A912** - £2000.00 grant awarded for this project (12mths hold on grant) – Grant has now been paid into ECC account as per BACS remittance advice. | | | |  |
| **iv** | **Sustrans in partnership with P&KC** –  Proposal for installation of bicycle storage near Ember bus stop, Bridge of Earn was shared via email from S Rae P&KC/SUSTRANS for ECC to comment on. Agreed | | | | **JS** |
| **v** | **Victory Park** - Nil | | | |  |
| **v** | **PKCT Active Travel Project – Bridge of Earn to Newburgh** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **9.** | **Ecology** – Nil | | | |  |
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| **10.**  **i**  **ii**  **iii**  **iv**  **v**  **vi**  **vii**  **viii** | **Planning**  **Craighead Wind Farm**  Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) 15th November, Dunning.  AML Report on the public presentation held at Dunning.  Of the 8 wind turbines now envisaged, 3 will operate at 180m height & 5 at 200m leading to a reduction in the visual impact.   * Planning application hoped to be submitted to PKC in early 2024 - power output of 48MW therefore less than the 50MW threshold for Scottish Govt. applications. Decision hoped by 2025.   Email to ECC following public presentation (20th November 2023);  *Information on the development is available on our dedicated website at www.craigheadwindfarm.co.uk, where there is the opportunity to view the consultation boards and provide feedback, if not done so already. The opportunity to provide feedback will be open until Friday 1st December.*    *We will be engaging further with the local community councils over the coming months, as we look to advance discussions in relation to our community offering – namely our proposed Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS), and community Shared Ownership, of which further information for both can be found on our website.*    *A second round of consultation events will be undertaken in January 2024, on Tuesday 23rd between 3.30pm and 7.30pm at Carnbo Village, and at the same times on Tuesday 24th at Dunning Village Hall, where we will seek to incorporate, where possible, feedback from the first series of events. A further newsletter will be circulated to the local community in advance of this.*  **Brunt Hill Wind Farm** - Email received (13/10/23) informing ECC that the application will be formally submitted around the end of November (but there is a chance it could be early next year)  **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  **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  **23/00146/AMM** - Erection of 17 dwellinghouses, 7 detached garages, landscaping, and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions02/01482/IPM) Land to The North of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge of Earn  **23/00144/AMM23/00145/AMM23/00146/AMM -** Planning Process Agreement to be determined no later than 29/11/23  **23/01721/AML** - Erection of a dwellinghouse (approval of matters specified in conditions of 22/00015/IPL) at Land 30 Metres East of Orchard Seat Forgandenny Road Bridge of Earn - 02-Dec-23  **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  An email to D Littlejohn, P&KC Head of Planning has been submitted (09/11/23) outlining ECC issues in relation to this planning application.   * Issues with a proposal which does not comply with LDP2 2019 * Issues with Procedure * Specific Planning Items   ECC received email (17th November) from S Ponton, Development Management P&KC, in noting our issues as recorded in a stage 1 complaint. ECC will comply with the staged complaint procedure.  Education – An email from G Lindsay questioning the financial contributions to education in respect of site H72 (now complete) and H14 (now granted), around how developers education contributions received by P&KC Education Department can be best deployed and actioned with immediacy for the benefit of Dunbarney School growing capacity.  Cllr D Illingworth shared that monies from educational financial contributions (H72 & H14) will allow for the build of an extra classroom at Dunbarney School following commencement of site H14.  (The following are adjacent planning applications to Earn Ward)  **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  **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  **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&KC Planning Training** – Awaiting dates from P&KC | | | | **JB** |
| **11.**  **i** | **Administration**  ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting)  General community information shared via ECC & Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)  **Correspondence Noted;** | | | |  |
|  | 1. **Green Living Fund - Participatory Budget** – Closing date 15th December 2023   The Green Living fund is a new opportunity for community groups to apply for a grant to make a positive difference around climate change and cost of living.   1. **P&KC Insurance** – Form completed and returned, Forteviot Phone Box and ECC Noticeboard declared. 2. **Scottish Community Council** – Good Practice Information circulated via email to ECC members. 3. **Youth Tour Scotland 2024** – 5th – 8th April 2024   Correspondence received regarding this event returning to our area, taking place in and around Forgandenny & Forteviot. AML & PV will engage with this correspondence accordingly. | | | | **AML/PV** |
|  | **Local Community Events** shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards | | | |  |
| ii | **Compliance** | | | |  |
|  | **Earn Community Council Bank Account Receipts**   1. **P&KC administrative grant -** received £519.24 (*see 6 Treasurers Report)* 2. **P&KC Community Investment Fund** - £2000.00 received (*see 8 Infrastructure iii)* | | | |  |
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| **12.** | **Education**  Forgandenny Primary School, New Head Teacher, Mrs K Binnie | | | |  |
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| **13.** | **Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Community Policing** – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.  **Police Report –** This was received prior to the meeting and circulated to all members.  Vandalism continues to be a concern within Bridge of Earn, noted in Police Report.  **Contact Community Wardens: 01738 476173**  **Need to contact the police**  **Community Police Contact Details for sharing:**  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, [email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:email%3ATaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk)  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 taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Report of Meetings** | | | |  |
| **a.** | **P&KC Development Forum**  Wednesday 25th October 9.30 am, George Hotel, Perth – Planning Users Forum (PUF) – A report of the inaugural meeting of the Planning Users Forum was circulated to ECC members via email, as per P&KC Development Management, K Smith.  Request for thoughts on the following to feed into the agenda for the next meeting.   * What would you have liked to hear about, or what was missing? * What topics would you like to hear about from or discuss with PKC Planning, Developers, Community Organisations? * What topics could you share experience about or lead a discussion on?   One action taken away from the meeting was to provide a link to the Community Council Planning Portal - Perth & Kinross Council (pkc.gov.uk) which has been updated with links to useful information.  Provisional date of next meeting 24th April 2024.  The Big Place Conversation – LDP3  Event reports are now available for community bodies. ECC to request reports pertaining to events held in our area if they are available. | | | | **JS** |
| **b.** | **Planning Aid Scotland** – Webinar Series (4) on Understanding Planning: Local Development Plans, NPF4 and Greenbelts – information shared with ECC members – ECC members are enrolling as per email.   * Local Development Plans – 15th November 2023 (online) – slides shared following event. * NPF4 How things have changed – 6th December 2023 * Greenbelts and NPF4 – 17th January 2024 * Have a Say in the future of your area – 31st January 2024 | | | |  |
| **c.** | **Community Empowerment Forum** - Webinars  Thursday 9th November 10 – 1pm or Thursday 23rd November 1 - 4pm  AML reported:  DRAFT feedback from the workshop on 09/11;  A transcript of the workshop will not be available but ‘jamboards’ & slides should be circulated.   * The Community Empowerment Act has given more control into local hands since 2017. * Most participation requests are made by Community Councils rather than by individuals. * Community Councils are regarded as key players. * Community Development workers need to be more involved. * Support available from Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC). https://www.scdc.org.uk   Evidence to be collated on the need for change leading to draft ideas followed by a proposal in early 2024. | | | |  |
| **iii** | **PKC Bridge of Earn Online Profile** – Removed from P&KC portal following communication with P&KC. | | | |  |
| **iv** | **Community News** | | | |  |
| **a.** | **Commemorative Tree Planting** – on going | | | | **JS** |
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| **b.** | **Forteviot Phone Box** –Repairs to be completed Spring/Summer 2024. ( Material costs for repair to be recovered via microgrant see item 16/I d). | | | | **AML** |
| **c.** | **Armistice 2023**  Forteviot  A wreath was laid on behalf of ECC at the service on 12th November Forteviot Church, represented by AML.  Bridge of Earn    Armistice Day - Saturday 11th November - There was a short Act of Remembrance at Bridge of Earn War Memorial. A group of Gurkhas heading back to base after their Lands End to John O’Groats cycle laid their remembrance wreath at the War Memorial, they received a warm welcome from Rev A Wilson and other members of the public present.  Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023 - Following a well-attended inter-generational Remembrance Service held in Dunbarney Church, wreaths were laid at the War Memorial, Bridge of Earn by Dunbarney Church, P&KC (Almond Earn Ward Councillor M Frampton) along with and the Bridge of Earn uniformed organisations represented by Girl Guides and Scouting. | | | |  |
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| **14.** | **Community Councillors Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Forteviot**   * Christmas Fair - Saturday 25th November, 10.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. in the Village Hall. * Scottish Youth Cycle Tour - this will take place from 5th to 8th April 2024. The races around Forteviot village will take place on Saturday 6th April with the surrounding roads being closed from 8.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Forgandenny**  Forgandenny Park Barrier – Cllr Illingworth shared (via email) that this matter is now in discussion with Greenspace, with suggestion to install a barrier within the park and widening the footway around it. | | | | **Cllrs ILL** |
| **iii** | **Bridge of Earn**  Dunbarney School – Damage to safety barrier  This was logged via MyPkc in August 2023. JS will email P&KC requesting further information regarding planned works for repair.  Dunbarney PS – Logged this via internal system (not part of school estate) – ECC in correspondence with the School. | | | | **JS/Cllr Ill** |
| **iv** | **Craigend** -Nil | | | |  |
| **v** | **Dron - Nil** | | | |  |
| **vi** | **Aberdalgie** – Nil | | | |  |
| **vii** | **Oudenarde** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **15.** | **PKC Councillors** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **16.** | **Wind Farms** | | | |  |
| **I** | **RWE Lochelbank Windfarm**  **Foundation Scotland Grant Reporting Request as follows.**   1. Defibrillators – Information of permission to allow for installations and access for supply of electricity. 2. Microgrant Reporting  * **Microgrant Applications**  1. Bridge of Earn Tennis Club – Support Tennis after school club (P7 S2 groups), provision of coaching and purchase of racquets - £250.00   Further information required   1. Bridge of Earn WI – Outing to Japanese Garden, Dollar. Request for assistance with cost of transport - £350.00 – APPROVED 2. Forgandenny Village Hall – Purchase of hall tables £277.81 – APPROVED 3. Forteviot Phone Box – Repair materials to be claimed – APPROVED -Awaiting invoice on completion of repair.  * **Microgrant Balance** – £982.29 – Following the allocation of outstanding (£350.00 FVH Hogmanay) payment and grants approved will leave a balance of £4.48 | | | |  |
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| **ii** | **Binn Wind Turbine Community Benefit Scheme** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **17.** | **AOCB**  Sustainability Group (Windfarm Action Group)– Next meeting Tuesday 21st November, information shared via email to ECC members.  ECC logo | | | |  |

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22nd January 2024 at 6.30pm**

**The Institute, Bridge of Earn**