EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 25th November 2024,**

**The Institute, Bridge of Earn at 6.30 pm**

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| **1.** | **Present** | | | | **Action** |
|  | Chair/Treasurer, J Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), J McKenzie (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny) | | | |  |
|  | **PKC Councillors:** Cllrs Illingworth | | | |  |
|  | **Members of Public**: Five | | | |  |
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| **2.** | **Apologies:** CllrsM Frampton & F Smith, T Kearns (Oudenarde) | | | |  |
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| **3.** | **Declaration of Interest** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **4.** | **Adoption of Minute 28th October 2024** | | | |  |
|  | **Proposed** | P Vallot | **Seconded** | AM Losty |  |
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| **5.** | **Matters Arising** – Amended changes to Accounts noted within the minute following the October meeting due to the arrival of a late statement, accounts reaudited and signed as per year end. Accepted by PKC CC team. | | | |  |
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| **6.** | **Treasurers Report**  General Fund £2401.64 (£2000.00 CiF bus shelter funding)  12/11/24 Email from P&KC CC Team - Advising that Perth and Kinross Council’s payment of the top-up of grant due of £298.36 has been transferred to the Earn Community Council bank account. | | | |  |
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| **7.** | **Health** | | | |  |
| **i** | **GP/Health Hub**   1. Health Advisory Group – Ongoing | | | | **PV** |
| **ii** | **Almond Earn Stronger Communities** –  Next meeting  Date: Thursday 5th December  Venue: Methven Community Centre, Main Street (A85), Methven, PH1 3QB  Time: 11:00am-1:00pm | | | |  |
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| **8.** | **Infrastructure** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Roads/Traffic** – Bridge of Earn   1. **Balmanno Park / Muirmont Crescent / Wicks o’ Baiglie Road** – See Police Report   Parking Bridge of Earn – Ember Bus Service - Members of the public present expressed their real concerns regarding the growth in cars being parked not only on the A912 but also within local residential streets. Parked cars are making it difficult for residents to exit their own homes and main road junctions, A 912 has similar issues. With the introduction of a link to Aberdeen and buses now arriving every thirty minutes this is putting more pressure on on-street parking. With no parking restrictions in place individuals can park their car within the village and head off to the airport for a holiday/business/day trip with no parking fee/time limit attached.  Residents are also experiencing noise disturbance during the night as users come and go with the 24hr service and consider that the enjoyment of their own home is being compromised. Residents are calling for action in the short and long term. Cllr Illingworth is meeting with some residents on Wednesday 28th November.  JS had received an email from a resident expressing similar concerns and that of speeding tractors. A response had been made.  Pavement Sinking (Baiglie Triangle) - JB notes that the pavement at the Baiglie triangle which facilitates the Ember bus to enter the village is sinking due to not enough turning room at this junction into BoE and exiting onto the A912.  Action: ECC will correspond with P&KC on this matter.  LDP: 3 - Noted that the light industrial land at Oudenarde could be potentially zoned for the provision of a Park & Ride Facility.   1. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING   EARNGROVE – BRIDGE OF EARN (PH2 9BL)  Effective from the 22nd January 2025 for a period of one week.  The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on Earngrove, Bridge of Earn from its junction with Kintillo Road, to its junction with The Meadows  C417 RHYND ROAD - PERTH (PH2 8PZ)  Effective from the 30th January 2025 for a period of one week.  The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on the C417 Rhynd Road, Perth from its junction with private access to property known as Tigh Na Coille to its junction with private access to property known as Easter Moncreiffe  KINTILLO PLACE/PARADISE AVENUE – BRIDGE OF EARN (PH2 9AY)  Effective from the 27th January2025 for a period of five days. These works will be done in phases.  The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on the following length of carriageways;  Kintillo Place, Bridge of Earn from its junction with Kintillo Road to its junction with Paradise Avenue  Paradise Avenue, Bridge of Earn from its junction with Kintillo Place to its junction with Kilgraston Terrace   1. **Environment and Infrastructure - Pavement Parking Ban (Email 30/10/24)**   **(Info shared via ECC facebook)**  Under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, it is now illegal to:   Park on pavements   Double Park   Park at pedestrian crossing points (dropped kerbs)   Park on road verges, which lie between roads and pavements  This came into law on Monday 11 December 2023 and we will begin enforcement on 6 January 2025. There will be a period of soft enforcement carried out from 1 November 2024 which will allow us to educate drivers, residents and businesses.  Parking attendants have powers to issue fines to vehicles illegally parked and these can be issued instantly at the national level of £100 but reduced to £50 if paid within the first 14  days.  The most up-to-date information, including a report, about the new rules at can be found at [www.pkc.gov.uk/pavementparking](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/pavementparking).   1. Bridge of Earn - Path – JB suggested creation of a path linking the route from the Institute back round to Heughfield Road. | | | | **JS/ALL** |
| **ii** | **Flooding**  Gullies Cleaned Monday 11th November 2024, Bridge of Earn A912 (noted on ECC spreadsheet)  Kintillo Road/Earngrove – Cameras used to inspect drains, 20th November 2024  Deich Burn – Beavers – JB had made a sight visit to the Deich Burn to evidence the damage/effect being caused by beavers in this vicinity. Concern was shared to the damming of material building up at the grated underpass on this water course. Concern that this engineered system could easily be compromised from foraged material as a result of beavers activity further upstream thereby blocking the underpass. This underpass is presently checked every six months by the P&KC flooding team. JB to correspond on this matter with P&KC and statutory agencies accordingly.  Cllr D Illingworth provided the following via email after the meeting:  To remove beavers the landowner requires a licence.   1. The first test requires there to be a *clear licensable purpose* - the licensable purposes for which NatureScot typically issue licenses are: *preserving public health or public safety or preventing serious damage to agriculture, forestry, or fisheries* 2. The second test – *There must be no satisfactory alternative* 3. The third test - *The pr*opos*ed action must not be detrimental to maintaining the species at 'favourable conservation status.’*   Cllr Illingworth following up on the account of flood risk to homeowners/community affected by beaver dams. | | | | **JB**  **Cllr Illing** |
| **iii** | **Defibrillators** – Finally installed in Forteviot and Forgandenny, ECC is extremely grateful for the services of GBEC (Gary Bruce Electrical Contractors) for installing both these units on behalf of the community.  JS has emailed Perth First Responders to request that these machines be added to their matrix for checking/maintenance of units and request for a community event to demonstrate to members of the community on ‘How to Use’ a Defib.  AML will arrange for a card to be sent to GBEC on behalf of ECC expressing our thanks on behalf of the wider community. | | | | **JB/PV/**  **AML** |
| **iv** | **Victory Park** – Officially opened by Provost Xander McDade on Friday 8th November. Work to upgrade the play area at Bridge of Earn's Victory Park has been completed, thanks to partnership working between the local community (Chair of the Victory Park Development Group, Myra McShannon-Kefford) and Perth and Kinross Council.  Money was secured from the RWE Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, Co-op, Avondale, the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and Foundation Scotland. The Council supported the project through our own budgets, the Community Investment Fund, and the Community Environment Challenge Fund, with additional money coming from the Scottish Government. | | | |  |
| **v** | **Bus Shelter – Ember Stop A912**  P&KC are in the process of procuring the bus shelter and hope to install early in the new year. (Info as per M Fraser, P&KC, Public Transport) | | | | **JS** |
| **vi** | **Historical Book – Bridge of Earn** - Ongoing | | | |  |
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| **9.** | **Ecology**  Scottish Forestry - **Case Title:** 24FGS81500 Ardargie Woodland Creation – Consultation (email 13/11/24) – no comments  Scottish Woodlands - Oudenarde – Correspondence received from Scottish Woodlands regarding felling a strip of trees at Oudenarde. Comments to be made on the proposal by Friday 13th December 2024. Further information required. | | | | **JS/ALL** |
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| **10.** | 1. **Planning** – Actions received or being undertaken only   **Craighead Wind Farm**  24/01193/FLM | Erection of 8 turbine windfarm and associated works | Land 1.5KM North East Of Earnieside Farmhouse Dunning Glen Dollar FK14 7LB  7th October 2024 (email) – Press Release: LOCAL BUSINESSES SET FOR ECONOMIC WINDFALL FROM CRAIGHEAD WIND FARM  **Brunt Hill Wind Farm**  Brunt Hill Wind Farm, Perth & Kinross - Section 36 application submitted on 08/05/24 to Scot Gov Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for determination, consent to construct and operate Brunt Hill Wind Farm (with includes a battery energy storage system) located approximately 5km northwest of Kinross and 3 km north of Cambo within Perth & Kinross.    **Scotia Homes** – On Monday 11th November 6.30pm, The Institute. R Laird, Scotia Homes, presented an update on the latest proposed changes being made via applications 24/001328/FLL / 24/001330/FLL. 21 members of the public attended. A separate note of the meeting was made and subsequently shared with R Laird, Scotia Homes.  **24/01328/FLL** | Erection of 35 dwellinghouses (change of house type) and associated works (Allocated site H14) | Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge Of Earn | Comment submitted 21st November 2024  **24/01330/FLL** | Erection of 37 dwellinghouses (change of house type) and associated works (Allocated site H14) | Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge Of Earn | Comment submitted 21st November 2024  *Email - 17/11/24 from a member of the public detailing their concerns**‘that planning for more homes is being granted for Bridge of Earn. The lack of infrastructure ie roads, health care and schooling to mention but a few it seems the local community is be disregarded in this respect why is the community council allowing these developments to proceed without the basic needs of the community being met.’*  *Response - Community Councils are statutory consultees to planning applications and that it is PKC who decide what to support and approve.*     1. Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Ongoing   Local Development Plan review: participation statement October 2024 received via email and shared with all ECC members. The following has been noted.  LDP3 Evidence Report has now been extended by six months 30 September 2024 to March 2025.  Call for Ideas and Sites: April – May 2025  Method of Engagement (Page 9) – *“May include notifying neighbouring properties to sites that are being considered for inclusion within the plan.”*   1. P&KC Planning - Community Council Training Session   Thursday 7th November, 6 pm, Council Chamber, Perth. AML & JS attended this session.  Going forward, ECCsuggested further training based on:  Development Management – The process, and what it involves.  From first contacts, then the application process, onto delivery phases and subsequent monitoring.  The inclusion of 'How to Comment' and a look at the new NPF4 regulations would be helpful for CC's*.*   1. Local Place Plan   P&KC Community InvestmentFund – ECC Awarded £5,700.00 towards costs of administering a Local Place Plan   1. **Planning Democracy - Winter Webinars - The Nature of Planning**   The theme of joint online webinar series with Planning Democracy this winter is Biodiversity and Planning. They start in November and run monthly, culminating in an in-person day event in March. (email forwarded to ECC members 23/09/24) | | | |  |
| **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:**  Craigie Hill planning reference 24/01421/IPM  ECC received an email (2nd November) from Janice Haig, Chairperson, Perth Community Flood Aid via facebook messenger.  She was looking for support from ECC to object for this planning application (deadline November 3rd).  I responded indicating that we had not been notified on this application as outside the ECC boundary.  PKC Consultation on draft Perth Air Quality Action Plan – Consultation information shared via email 07/11/24  P&KC Residents encouraged to give their views on the future development of Perth - Online consultation. There have been a few articles about this in the local press.  14/11/24 Perth and Kinross Scalable Cities Project – Local Community Generation Energy Project  Defib - Oudenarde - Branston Ltd, Abernethy would like to donate a defib to Oudenarde community. T Kearns (Oudenarde) to work on this kind offer.  National Planning Improvement- Customer and Stakeholder Survey emailed shared 19/11/2024 with CC’s  East Coast 400kV Upgrade Project - Community Benefit Fund  SSE - East Coast Community Benefit Fund – Launched 25th November/close 31st January 2025. Volunteer panel members are being sought for this fund. Information shared on ECC Facebook page | | | |  |
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|  | **Local Community Events** shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards | | | |  |
| ii | **Compliance**  **Data Protection Renewal** - 2024/25 – PKC CC Team received email confirming that JS will be recorded as Data Controller for 2024/2025. | | | |  |
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| **12.** | **Education** - Nil | | | |  |
| **13.** | **Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Community Policing** – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting. (See note item 8 Infrastructure Roads/Traffic.)  **Police Report –** This was received prior to the meeting and circulated to all members.  **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](mailto:taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk)  Police report received prior to ECC meeting – No Police Present  Officer comments  From 28th October 2024 (last meeting) there has been approximately 35 calls to Police from the Bridge of Earn; Forgandenny area. There has been 17 crimes recorded on Police systems within this period (including traffic). Some calls are multiple calls in relation to an RTC or similar.  Traffic Statistics  Community Officers will continue to review areas where speeding complaints have been made in and around Bridge of Earn; Forgandenny. PCs Duncan and Samson are actively working to carry out speed checks in the area.  Roads Policing Officers continue to monitor the M90 and have dealt with various RTC’s and traffic related calls. There have been various crimes recorded including driving with no insurance and driving whilst using a mobile phone.  Community Team Activity  Kinross CPT are aware of complaints in relation to parking on Wicks O’ Baiglie road. We continue to monitor this whilst on patrol. Contact has been made with Perth and Kinross Council who have made their roads team aware to assess placing road markings.  We often post on our Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us:  Kinross Police Office, 17 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW  T: 101 E: ashleigh.duncan@scotland.police.uk / TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Commemorative Tree Planting** – JB will arrange for this to take place. | | | | **JB** |
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| **iii** | **Community News** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **14.** | **Community Councillors Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Forteviot**  Village Hall night time exterior lighting  - AML to follow up a concern raised.  Christmas Fair - bad weather on Sat.23rd November resulted in Fair being cancelled. May be rescheduled.  ‘Tea & Carols’ - afternoon of Sun.15th December.  Burns Celebration - afternoon of Sat.25th January.  Scottish Youth Cycle Tour - Tour de Forteviot on Saturday 12th April 2025. AML in contact with Scottish Cycling re minimising disruption to Forteviot villagers. | | | | **AML** |
| **ii** | **Forgandenny** –  Film Night Friday 22nd November – Village Hall, another good night.  Pub Night – Friday 29th November  Donation to Village Hall – Kindly received from R Smith | | | |  |
| **iii** | **Bridge of Earn**  Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 21st November  Re-opening Dunbarney Church following refurbishment Sunday 1st December 11.00am  Advent Trail – Starting Sunday December 1st | | | |  |
| **iv** | **Craigend** - Nil | | | |  |
| **v** | **Dron** - Nil | | | |  |
| **vi** | **Aberdalgie** - Nil | | | |  |
| **vii** | **Oudenarde** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **15.** | **PKC Councillors** – Nil | | | | **Cllr Illing** |
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| **16.** | **Wind Farms** | | | |  |
| **I** | RWE Lochelbank Windfarm  **NB.** Increase to Main Fund maximum grant-size (£5,000)  In the light of inflation, the standard maximum amount that can be requested from the Fund has been raised to £5,000.   As before, grants in excess of this maximum and/or multi-year requests (up to 3 years) can be considered in exceptional circumstances. Such applications should be able to demonstrate strong community support and the potential for significant impact. If you wish to apply for more than £5,000, please contact us to discuss your proposal before completing the application form.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Key dates for 2025 Applications** |  | | Application deadline (for decision end April): | 18/02/25 | | Application deadline (for decision end Sept): | 29/07/25 |   Microgrants  Microgrants, offering smaller grants with more frequent decision-making timeframes, remain available up to £350 from Glenfarg and Earn Community Councils, respectively. Unlike the Main Fund, un-constituted groups and individuals may apply for microgrants.  ECC Microgrant Balance – £8785.05 (This balance includes £6538.00 funding vis Green Living Space for provision of Bus Shelter)  Microgrant Applications **-**  Brig in Bloom – Application for purchase of compost - £90.00 – Approved  Forgandenny Badminton – Application for purchase of equipment - £350.00 – Pending following request for further information on costings | | | |  |
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| **ii** | **Binn Wind Turbine Community Benefit Scheme**  **Binn Ecopark – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy)**  Directors – G Catto, Greencat confirmed via email on 29th October that three strong candidates have come forward regarding appointment of Directorship for Oce Ltd the community benefit company for Binn Wind Farm. (Should there be no update by January 2025 JS will make contact via email). | | | |  |
| **iii** | **Sustainability Group**–  N/meeting Thursday 23rd January 2025 – Cleish & Blairadam hosting | | | |  |
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| **17.** | **AOCB** | | | |  |

**Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday 27th January 2025 at 6.30pm**

**in Forgandenny Village Hall**