

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Minute of meeting held on Monday 27th January 2025, Forgandenny Village Hall, at 6.30 pm

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				
2.	Apologies: Cllrs M Frampton & F Smith, T Kearns (Oudenarde)				
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute 25 th November 2024				
	Proposed	P Vallot	Seconded	A M Losty	
5.	Matters Arising – Nil				
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund £11078.60 (£2000.00 CiF bus shelter funding/£5700.00 to conduct CAP/£2820.00 RWE Lochelbank Grant Historical Board) ECC General Fund <u>Actual</u> Balance £558.60 (inc PKC top up grant of £298.36)				
7.	Health				
i	GP/Health Hub 1. <u>Health Advisory Group</u> – PV working on setting up this group. PV has been invited to next AESC (provisionally May/June2025) to provide a presentation.				PV
ii	• Almond Earn Stronger Communities – Thursday 5 th December, Methven Community Centre Minutes from this meeting were shared with ECC members via email on the 13/01/25. Notes from minutes: • Establish a Health Advisory Group				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to run with a Health & Social Care showcase event which might identify individuals interested in being part of a Health Advisory Group • Concern about solar farms raised by Frank Smith & need for oversight of total no. planned for P&K. • No BoE Gala Day in 2025. • Presentation by R Wills Planning PKC on the Big Place Conversation held in 2023 Summaries available of individual wards. • Ember bus in BoE - David Illingworth indicated P&R would not be ready for 5-10 years. • Carers' Centre - part of PKAVS. A very good presentation on their role of looking after carers and their needs. The numbers involved in unofficial caring roles was highlighted. • Health - 10% of people had no access to cars to attend medical appts. Frank Smith also mentioned difficulties in Methven of patients with chronic health conditions accessing care with one Perth practice able to provide timely appts. & another taking 5 weeks. Well-being Centre BoE - open to those living in P&K. • BoE Hub - patient leaflet to be updated to include availability of routine ECGs.. • 'Warm Spaces' - money still available. • Enable Works' - new employability network with up to 52 weeks support. • Next AESCN meeting - date to follow. Likely to be May 2025 with Forteviot Village Hall as the venue. 	
8.	Infrastructure	
i	<p>Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn</p> <p><u>a. Associated Issues & Parking Bridge of Earn – Ember Bus Service</u></p> <p>ECC Corresponded via email with various P&KC Teams & locally elected Councillors at 28/11/24</p> <p>Traffic & Network Manager C Daly – Response received via email 06/12/24. A Traffic Regulation Order is to be prepared in regard to matters pertaining to Ember Bus stop. C Daly suggesting to meet with ECC to discuss further, once TRO consultation drawing is issued.</p> <p>11/12/24 – ECC sent email to C Daly accepting offer to meet before TRO out for consultation.</p> <p>JB expressed concerns in terms of road safety, damage to pavements and associated parking with the Ember bus service.</p> <p>Review ownership of land adjacent to M90 as temporary car park for Ember service.</p> <p><u>b. Back Street, Bridge of Earn –Large vehicles accessing A 912 via Back Street/Dunning Street rather than using the one-way system via side Street.</u></p> <p>Could signage be improved? – Discussion when ECC meet with PKC Transport and Network Management (re TRO)</p> <p><u>TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING</u></p> <p><u>C416 AND U58 DRON (PH2 9HF)</u></p>	ALL

	<p>In order to permit BT Ducting Works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the 27th January 2025 for a period of one week.</p> <p>The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on both sides of the following roads;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. C416 Dron from its junction with private access to Dunbarney Cemetery (313504, 717227) to its junction with the U57 (314663, 716109), a distance of 1.67 kilometres or thereby. 2. U58 Dron from its junction with private access to The Old School House (314053, 716151) to its junction with the C416 (314663, 716109), a distance of 311.7 metres or thereby. <p><u>Emailed 7/10/25 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING</u></p> <p><u>B996 GLENFARG (PH2 9PZ)</u></p> <p>In order to permit Amey Structural Repair works I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the 24th February 2025 for a period of eight weeks.</p> <p>The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on both sides of the B996 Glenfarg from its junction with private access to property known as Glenhead Cottages (313975, 711710) to a point 658 metres north east (314376, 712216), a distance of 658 metres or thereby.</p> <p>Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.</p> <p>The alternative route for vehicles is via – A91 – A912 Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via – U65 - A912 - WICKS O'BAIGLIE ROAD</p>	
ii	<p>Review Unnecessary Signage</p> <p>ECC to identify unnecessary signage prevalent within the ward.</p>	ALL
iii	<p>Litter</p> <p>JB reported a good deed of an individual who regularly litter picks on the A912. Noted that bins are requiring collection along the A912. Irresponsible dumping and drive thru facilities are not helping this national problem.</p>	JB/Cllr Illing
iv	<p>Flooding</p> <p>Gullies Cleaned Monday 11th November 2024, Bridge of Earn A912 (noted on ECC spreadsheet) – South side gullies still causing problems and also flooding on the A912 at West Lodge and on the northbound A912 carriageway to Perth after crossing the bridge.</p>	
v	<p>Defibrillators –</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Forgandenny & Forteviot have plans/or making plans for 'Hot to Use' Defib.</p>	PV/ AML

	<p>AML following through final points of admin/invoicing in the progressing of this project with GBEC</p> <p><u>Oudenarde Defib</u> - Branston Ltd, Abernethy would like to donate a defib to Oudenarde community. T Kearns (Oudenarde) to follow this through</p>	TK
vi	Resilience – Discussion re provision of generator for Forgandenny Village Hall.	PV
vii	<p>Bus Shelter – Ember Stop A912</p> <p>Councillor Illingworth to make enquiries as to when this will be installed for ECC by PKC.</p>	Cllr Illing
viii	Historical Book – Bridge of Earn – Ongoing	
9.	<p>Ecology</p> <p>(i) Scottish Woodlands - Oudenarde – Correspondence received from Scottish Woodlands in regard to felling a strip of trees at Oudenarde. ECC responded via email 11/12/24 – no response to date.</p> <p>(i) Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme: 24FGS81500 Case Title: Ardargie Woodland Creation Business Name: Ardargie Forestry LLP New information received via email 27/01/25. JM/JB to follow this through</p> <p>(ii) Beavers – Deich Burn continues to cause concern to the community.</p>	JM/JB
10.	<p>1. Planning – Actions received or being undertaken only</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 </p> <p>2. Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Ongoing</p> <p>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) – <i>“May include notifying neighbouring properties to sites that are being considered for inclusion within the plan.”</i></p>	

	<p>3. Local Place Plan</p> <p>P&KC Community Investment Fund – ECC Awarded £5,700.00 towards costs of administering a Local Place Plan – ongoing.</p>	
11.	<p>Administration</p> <p>ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting)</p> <p>General community information shared via ECC & Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)</p> <p>Correspondence Noted:</p> <p><u>14/11/24 Perth and Kinross Scalable Cities Project</u> – Local Community Generation Energy Project</p> <p><u>SSE - East Coast Community Benefit Fund</u> – Launched 25th November/closes 31st January 2025. Volunteer panel members are being sought for this fund. Information shared on ECC Facebook page</p> <p><u>ECC Web Designer</u> - S Summerton – Received email thanking ECC for honorarium 30/11/24</p> <p><u>Scottish Water</u> – Winter Stakeholder Engagement Newsletter (emailed 3/12/24)</p> <p><u>AMEY - Perth Eco Innovation Park</u> - Walking Cycling and Horse Riding Assessment and Equality and Fairness Impact Assessment (circ 17/12/24)</p> <p><u>Tactran People and Places Programme 2025/26</u> - Invitation to submit and Expression of Interest – shared via email 20/12/24</p> <p>Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	<p>Education – PV reported that he had followed through possible community use/buyout of Kilgraston School via a variety of Scottish funding channels . Unfortunately due to an imminent closing date being set, time has not allowed this conversation to continue.</p>	
13.	Reports	
i	<p>Community Policing – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Police Report – Received prior to the meeting and circulated to all members.</p> <p>Contact Community Wardens: 01738 476173</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) Alternatively, email: TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</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 taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kinross Police Office, 17 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW</p> <p>TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</p>	
ii	Commemorative Tree Planting – JB will arrange for this to take place.	JB
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	<p>Forteviot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall night time exterior lighting - AML had followed up earlier concern. Recommendation that anyone with mobility issues should use the Disabled entrance. 'Tea & Carols' on Sun.15th December - event had been very successful. Storm Éowyn - power outage in village & surrounding area on Fri.24th & Sat.25th January. Couple at Kildinny had an emergency evacuation owing to danger from swaying trees in front garden which later fell but luckily did not do so on cottage or nearby cars. Gratitude to be expressed to Allan Jardine for making Forgandenny Village Hall available for people to recharge phones & obtain hot water etc. Burns Celebration on Sat.25th January - postponed owing to power outage. Scottish Youth Cycle Tour - Tour de Forteviot on Saturday 12th April. AML to have further contact with Scottish Cycling re minimising disruption to Forteviot villagers. Serious concerns about large numbers of cyclists & spectators involved. Councillor Illingworth made aware of the implications of this event on this small community. Forteviot defibrillator training - AML to be in contact with Perth First Responders re training session to be held. 	<p>AML</p> <p>Cllr Illing</p>
ii	<p>Forgandenny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hogmanay Party – Successful community event funded by the RWE Lochelbank Fund - Raised sufficient funds to secure band for another year. Cinema Nights – Advertised vis facebook page Forgandenny Friends – meets Thursday afternoons in the Village Hall 	
iii	Bridge of Earn	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back Street – signage requests see 8. Infrastructure/Roads & Traffic 	
iv	Craigend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illegal dumping of caravan on entering Perth via A912 noted 	
v	Dron - Nil	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	
15.	PKC Councillors – Nil	Cllr Illing
16.	Wind Farms	
i	<p><u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</u></p> <p>NB. Increase to Main Fund maximum grant-size (£5,000)</p> <p>In the light of inflation, the standard maximum amount that can be requested from the Fund has been raised to <u>£5,000</u>.</p> <p>As before, grants in excess of this maximum and/or multi-year requests (up to 3 years) <u>can be considered in exceptional circumstances</u>. 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.</p> <p>Key dates for 2025 Applications</p> <p>Application deadline (for decision end April): 18/02/25</p> <p>Application deadline (for decision end Sept): 29/07/25</p> <p><u>Microgrants</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>ECC Microgrant Balance – £8575.05 (This balance includes £6538.00 funding vis Green Living Space for provision of Bus Shelter)</p> <p>Paid out £90.00 Brig in Bloom</p> <p>£120.00 G Bruce installation of Defibs</p> <p>Forgandenny cheque to cash for £10.00</p> <p>Actual Balance 2027.05</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications -</u></p> <p>Forgandenny Badminton – Application for purchase of equipment - £350.00 – Pending following request for further information on costings</p>	

ii	<p>Binn Wind Turbine Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>Binn Ecopark – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy OcE ltd)</p> <p><u>UPDATE</u>: Appointment of three directors has taken place</p> <p>Appointed, S Jack, A Swanson and C Wilkinson. Directors plan to visit CC's to introduce themselves and provide an update on matters pertaining to OcE Ltd.</p>	
iii	<p>Sustainability Group</p> <p>Thursday 23rd January 2025 – Cleish & Blairadam Village Hall JS attended/PV intimated apologies. Agenda items included:</p> <p>Welcome to Dunning CC to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update of Ochill windfarms - Both ongoing <u>Brunthill</u> (reducing number of turbines – re-application/public consultation) <u>Craighead</u> (Extension to determination applied for by Galileo to allow for outstanding objection from Historic Environment Scotland (statutory consultee) to the adverse impact on designated landscape) – b. Discussion re draft constitution – ‘Strategic Renewable Group’ – Identify Charitable purposes - ongoing c. Discussion re Scottish Gov consultation on Community Benefits from net zero development – Open for all to take part in (circulate with ECC & add to Agenda) Consultation closing date 11th April 2025. d. Overview of Ownership Experience from Glenfarg CC e. Memoranda of Understanding – reviewed & signed. f. Future dates: Thursday, 20 March, Thursday, 19 June, Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March & June meetings. g. External Updates – Kinross-shire Newsletter proposed 	
17.	AOCB	

**Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday February 2025 at 6.30pm
in Forgandenny Village Hall**