

# EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

## Minute of meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Forgandenny Village Hall, at 6.30 pm

1.	Present				Action
	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: Three				
2.	Apologies: Cllrs M Frampton & F Smith, Chair/Treasurer, J Bruce (Dron), T Kearns (Oudenarde)				
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025				
	Proposed	AM Losty	Seconded	D Johnston	
5.	Matters Arising – Nil				
6.	Treasurers Report – No report available – report as of January 2025  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 where we are to date - Ongoing				PV
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities – next planned meeting for May date TBC				
8.	Infrastructure				
i	Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn  <u>Associated Issues &amp; Parking Bridge of Earn</u> – Ember Bus Service				

	<p><b>Traffic &amp; Network Manager C Daly</b> –A Traffic Regulation Order is to be prepared in regard to matters pertaining to Ember Bus stop – ongoing. (11/12/24 – ECC sent email to C Daly accepting offer to meet before TRO out for consultation.)</p> <p><b>Back Street, Bridge of Earn, signage</b> - Ongoing</p> <p><b><u>TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING</u></b> <b><u>B996 GLENFARG (PH2 9PZ)</u></b></p> <p>In order to permit <b>Amey Structural Repair works</b> I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the <b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> for a period of <b>eight weeks</b>.</p> <p>The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on both sides of the <b>B996 Glenfarg</b> 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 &amp; emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.</p> <p>The alternative route for vehicles is via – <b>A91 – A912</b> Pedestrian &amp; emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via – <b>U65 - A912 - WICKS O'BAIGLIE ROAD</b></p>	
ii	<p><b>Review Unnecessary Signage</b> ECC to identify unnecessary signage prevalent within the ward. Welcome comments from members of the public within the ward.</p>	ALL
iii	<p><b>Litter</b> – Noted particularly on slip road to M90 from A912 and A912 to Bridge of Earn.</p>	
iv	<p><b>Flooding</b> - Nil</p>	
v	<p><b>Defibrillators</b> – Perth First Responders have begun their monthly checks on the recently installed defibrillators.</p> <p>Insurance – PKC insurance Policy does not cover defibs.</p> <p>Oudenarde – Branston (Abernethy) Donation of Defib for Oudenarde.</p> <p>T Kearns (Oudenarde) working in collaboration with Branston (Abernethy) and Hilcrest Homes for suitable site, once location is identified then the defib will be installed.</p>	<p>PV/ AML</p> <p>TK</p>
vi	<p><b>Resilience</b> – Forgandenny and Forteviot identified as possible resilience centres. PV in conversation with PKC in regard to funding this project. GBEC working with PV on this project in relation to purchase and installation of generators.</p>	PV
vii	<p><b>Bus Shelter</b> – Ember Stop A912 installed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, waiting for Real Time Information to be installed.</p>	
viii	<p><b>Historical Book – Bridge of Earn</b> – nearing completion. Invoice received for payment (JB).</p>	JB

9.	<p><b>Ecology</b></p> <p>(i) Scottish Forestry- Oudenarde - SF Consultation Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12067 – Oudenarde – Consultation closes 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Comment to be submitted</p> <p>(i) Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme: <b>24FGS81500</b> Case Title: Ardargie Woodland Creation Business Name: Ardargie Forestry LLP JM reported that she had now concluded review of this application.</p> <p>(ii) Beavers – A representative group attended from Bridge of Earn in regard to the Deich Burn and associated beaver activity impacting the Diech Burn. Following an in depth discussion the following actions will be undertaken</p> <p>Ownership of the Diech Burn – <b>PV</b> will contact GS Brown about ownership/land management of the Diech Burn and surrounding area /PKC land management.</p> <p>Cllr Illingworth – Will undertake to arrange to facilitate a meeting with residents/Nature Scotland/SEPA/Scottish Water/MSP's</p> <p>Concerns raised: Loss of trees/loss of amenity/flooding/health &amp; safety to general public due to exposed tree stumps and associated stagnant water/expanding beaver population. Present legislation does not protect the homeowner.</p>	<b>PV/JB</b>
10.	<p>1. <b>Planning</b> – Actions received or being undertaken only</p> <p><b>Craighead Wind Farm</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update: Galileo applied for extension to application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Brunt Hill Wind Farm</b> Brunt Hill Wind Farm, Perth &amp; 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 &amp; Kinross.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update: With Scottish Office, changes being applied - reduction of turbines.</li> </ul> <p><b>24/01328/FLL</b>   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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – Ongoing</p> <p><u>25/00039/FLL</u>   Land To The North Of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge Of Earn   Erection of 6 dwellinghouses, landscaping and associated infrastructure (change of house type plots 36, 36, 40, 41, 49 and 50)</p> <p><u>25/00046/FLL</u>   Dupplin Estate Office Dupplin Estate Aberdalgie Perth PH2 0PY   Installation of ground mounted solar array</p> <p><u>24/01961/AMM</u>   Land To The North Of A912 At Oudenarde Bridge Of Earn   Erection of 43 dwellinghouses, landscaping and associated infrastructure (approval of matters specified in conditions of 02/01482/IPM)</p>	

	<p>25/00213/IPL   Residential development (in principle) Land 25 Metres East Of Green Bank Heughfield Road Bridge Of Earn</p> <p><b>2. Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Ongoing</b></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><b>3. Local Place Plan</b></p> <p>Scottish Community Councils are running a series of LPP online training webinars: Project managing your Local Place Plan. Six week programme starting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 5.30pm (1 hr) – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March. AML &amp; JM registered.</p> <p>P&amp;KC Community Investment Fund – ECC Awarded £5,700.00 towards costs of administering a Local Place Plan – ongoing.</p> <p>CAP - Correspondence from L Martin, PKC External Funding Team – Funding available for Community Action Plan. JS will respond informing L Martin that we do not have the capacity at this time to undertake a CAP.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Administration</b>	
<b>i</b>	<p>ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting)</p> <p>General community information shared via ECC &amp; Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)</p> <p><b>Correspondence Noted:</b></p> <p><u>Fossoway &amp; District Local Place Plan</u> – email received 2<sup>nd</sup> February from Fossoway and District CC in regard to formal notification of their LPP now available for comment before submission to P&amp;KC. Comments by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</p> <p><u>R100 Broadband Evaluation</u> – Request for sharing this evaluation process across the community. Shared via ECC facebook page. Closes 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.</p> <p><b>Local Community Events</b> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
<b>ii</b>	<b>Compliance - Nil</b>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Education</b> – Kilgraston School notice of closing date for sale was 6th February 2025. Currently under Offer.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	

i	<p><b>Community Policing</b> – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Report received via email 06/02/25 – Rural Watch Scotland – Information regarding recent incidents across Scotland involving the theft of quad bikes.</p> <p>Report received prior to the meeting detailing recent crimes within the ward. Shared with all ECC members and elected Councillors.</p> <p><b>Police Report</b> – Received prior to the meeting and circulated to all members.</p> <p><b>Contact Community Wardens: 01738 476173</b></p> <p><b>Need to contact the police</b></p> <p><b>Community Police Contact Details for sharing:</b></p> <p>Should you have any questions or any issues you wish to address please feel free to <b>contact us by calling 101</b> (report any youths or other suspect persons) Alternatively, <a href="mailto:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk">email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</a></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 <a href="mailto:taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk">taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk</a></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><a href="mailto:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk">TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</a></p>	
ii	<b>Commemorative Tree Planting</b> - Nil	<b>JB</b>
14.	<b>Community Councillors Reports</b>	
i	<p><b>Forteviot</b></p> <p>Scottish Youth Cycle Tour - meeting held on 20th February with SC &amp; Forteviot residents as well as Dupplin Estate re Tour de Forteviot on Saturday 12th April. Issues raised included large nos. involved - cyclists (220 to date), marshalls (32) &amp; family members of entrants (150 approx.); also suitable parking provision. Ongoing.</p> <p>Saturday 1st March - talk on 'Sleep' to be given by Professor Ian Morrison at 3.00p.m. in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Forteviot defibrillator awareness session - Perth First Responders to hold an awareness session in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th March after the monthly lunch. Further session(s) to be arranged. PFR have also begun their monthly checks of the defibrillator with info. passed to AML for submission to 'The Circuit'.</p>	<b>AML</b>

ii	<b>Forgandenny</b> <b>Film Night</b> – Another success	
iii	<b>Bridge of Earn</b> - Nil	
iv	<b>Craigend</b> -Nil	
v	<b>Dron</b> - Nil	
vi	<b>Aberdalgie</b> - Nil	
vii	<b>Oudenarde</b> - Nil	
15.	<b>PKC Councillors</b> – Budget approaching	<b>Cllr Illing</b>
16.	<b>Wind Farms</b>	
I	<p><u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</u></p> <p><b>NB.</b> 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><b>Key dates for 2025 Applications</b></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 – No Report available</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications</u> - Victory Park Premise (Club House)– Tennis Club/Football Club/Bowling Club – Application for three individual microgrant applications to assist covering the cost of water leak within the premise. JM to request detail of quote and latest set of annual accounts.</p>	

ii	<p><b>Binn Wind Turbine Community Benefit Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Binn Ecopark – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy)</b></p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Three Directors appointed, S Jack, A Swanson and C Wilkinson. Directors plan to visit communities to introduce themselves and provide an update on matters pertaining to Oce Ltd.</p>	
ii	<p><b>Sustainability Group</b></p> <p>a. Scottish Gov consultation on Community Benefits from net zero development – Consultation closing date 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025. ECC has received Fossoway &amp; Dunning comments for this consultation. JS to circulate comments for ECC to consider.</p> <p>b. Future dates: Thursday 20 March, Thursday 19 June, Thursday 18 September, Thursday 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March &amp; June meetings.</p>	
17.	<b>AOCB</b>	

**Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6.30pm  
in Forgandenny Village Hall**