

# EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

1.	Present				Action
	Chair, 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: Three				
2.	Apologies: Cllrs M Frampton & F Smith, Treasurer, T Kearns (Oudenarde)				
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025				
	Proposed	AM Losty	Seconded	D Johnston	
5.	Matters Arising – Nil				
6.	Treasurers Report  General Fund – Awaiting statement of account £2000.00 CiF bus shelter funding – invoice received due for payment £2820.00 RWE Lochelbank Grant Historical Board) – invoice received due for payment £5700.00 to conduct CAP				
7.	Health				
i	GP/Health Hub  1. <u>Health Advisory Group</u> – No updates				PV
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities – next planned meeting for May date TBC				
8.	Infrastructure				
i	Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn				

	<p><u>Associated Issues &amp; Parking Bridge of Earn –</u></p> <p><u>Ember Bus Service - Traffic &amp; Network Manager C Daly</u> –A Traffic Regulation Order is to be prepared regarding 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><u>Back Street, Bridge of Earn</u> – To be discussed when meeting with C Daly</p>	
ii	<p><b>Review of Unnecessary Signage</b></p> <p>A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School</p>	ALL
iii	<p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p><u>Consultation Flood Risk in Bridge of Earn with residents &amp; businesses</u> – Comment by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</p> <p>ECC submitted rainfall totals for the area over the last fifteen years, along with a log of flooding incidents within the community during 2023/2024 and pictorial evidence of flooding concerns.</p> <p><u>SEPA New Surface Water Flood Maps Published</u></p> <p>The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) have published new surface water flood maps.</p> <p>The new surface water and small watercourses flood maps can be accessed on SEPA's website via <a href="https://sepascot/flooding">sepascot/flooding</a>.</p> <p><u>Visit SEPA's flooding pages</u> for information on how to prepare for flooding as well as interactive maps and other data to check the risk of flooding. Receive free flood updates and advice for their local area available on the same webpage.</p>	
v	<p><b>Defibrillators</b></p> <p>Oudenarde – T Kearns (Oudenarde) - Hillcrest and Autism Awareness have agreed to a suitable site for defib, now waiting to be installed. Requiring electrician to install.</p> <p>Forteviot/Forgardenny Replacement pads for units – AML to make enquiries about replacement pads which will be held by A Jardine (Forgardenny).</p> <p>Aberdalgie – Suggestion for the phone box to be utilised for a defib within this area of the ward. (See 11. Administration) AML will look into the possibility of this idea.</p>	<p>TK</p> <p>AML</p> <p>AML</p>
vi	<p><b>Resilience</b> – Forgardenny Following a feasibility study of setting up a resilience centre in Forgardenny the community have opted not to follow through with this project, based principally on the cost versus benefit for residents.</p>	PV
vii	<p><b>Bus Shelter</b> – Ember Stop - Real Time Information will be installed at this shelter at a future date.</p>	
viii	<p><b>Historical Book – Bridge of Earn</b> – awaiting return of restored board/invoice has been raised for payment.</p>	

9.	<p><b>Ecology</b></p> <p><u>Beavers</u></p> <p>Cllr Illingworth facilitated a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 with attendees from K Jones, Nature Scotland, R Campbell-Palmer, Scottish Beaver Trust, R Forrester, Scottish Wild Beaver Group, D Stubbs &amp; C Martin, P&amp;KC Greenspace, plus 13 local residents, J Bruce (ECC chair), J Sloan (ECC secretary).</p> <p>This meeting was a watershed event bringing together for the first time all parties with concerns. A very open meeting commenced as a single group with various points raised and discussed including ownership of South Bank and how to manage/maintain it in the longer term, erosion/drainage/flooding/slippage of land/removal of fallen trees/removal of debris in the water to mitigate flood risk along with protection for trees/ prevention of bank canalizing of the water course/discussion to re planting of vegetation.</p> <p>The group then walked down the river looking at old and current Beaver impacts, the groups tended to divide and re-group so several conversations were being had simultaneously, so a variety of issues were discussed and various outcomes were determined.</p> <p>Nature Scotland made a request for any concerns/questions to be submitted by residents prior to the meeting (below are the questions submitted).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exploding, unmanaged beaver population within the Deich Burn, and Earn catchment. Development of welfare issues.</li> <li>2. Destruction of private property &amp; Greenspace at Balmanno Park.</li> <li>3. Lack of Accountability, Responsibility and Management of said Greenspace and said watercourse.</li> <li>4. Flooding, collapsing embankments, course alteration, water quality, and siltation to Deich Burn.</li> <li>5. Creation of obstacles in said watercourse and risk to infrastructure, services, and flood mitigation scheme.</li> <li>6. Health and safety concerns &amp; impact on human rights.</li> <li>7. Inadequate legislation and financial impact.</li> </ol> <p>A written response to the questions submitted is to be provided by K Jones (Nature Scotland).</p> <p><u>ACTION/OUTCOMES planned and to be undertaken (Nature Scotland, Beaver Trust, and PKC Greenspace) following the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March included.</u></p> <p>PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admit that the land has been disposed by GS Brown to PKC as evidenced by a settlement in favour of GS Brown, or,</li> </ul> <p>Obtain an authorised statement by GS Brown that they have no interest remaining in said land and that PKC may take on the land, or,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act on the assumption that by the passage of time, (being greater than 20 years), PKC are effectively the occupiers as they have undertaken all the greenspace management.</li> </ul>	Cllr III
----	--	----------

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PKC to take advice from SNH on beavers, their behaviour, habitat management and planning for the eventuality of beaver saturation / welfare crisis when there is inadequate sustainable food growth in this site.</li> <li>• Granting the Beaver Trust contractors to SNH permission to assist in the planning and implementation of mitigating work.</li> <li>• The Beaver Trust to generate support for a community group to undertake works on the south bank to protect and enhance the landscape.</li> <li>• 2 water height monitors to be installed</li> <li>• 1 more flow dam device to be installed</li> <li>• Tree Survey be undertaken and a risk assessment to be undertake</li> <li>• Greenspace PKC to remove trees that have fallen into the Deich Burn - (Beaver Trust offered to do this work), declined by Greenspace</li> <li>• PKC Flood Mitigation Team to engage to take part in the long term planning of the site. Scottish Water to be reminded of the dysfunctional manhole cover over the sewer pipe, which is discharging effluent into the Greenspace</li> </ul> <p><b>JB</b> requested that Cllr Illingworth as facilitator provide a note for this meeting. Suggestion to engage with MSP's and include PKC flooding team going forward.</p> <p>Following the meeting (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March) a resident subsequently submitted photographic evidence to Cllr Illingworth, of their garden following recent rainfall, evidencing there was no flooding as the banks were visible. However, as the water level is so high as a direct consequence of the beaver dams the drainage system within the garden no longer functions.</p> <p><u>Further Discussion</u></p> <p><u>The Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill</u>, introduced on February 19, 2025 – this bill is currently at Stage 1 of the process to decide if it should become an Act.</p> <p>This bill may offer an opportunity for the Scottish Government to make and change laws relating to the Environmental Impact Assessments regime and the Habitats Regulations, such as riparian residential owners in an urban environment ie Deich Burn. As the law stands it is written in relation to open agricultural, forestry and fisheries landscape environments.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<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> <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>	

	<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   – Ongoing</p> <p><u>Scottish Forestry- Oudenarde</u> - SF Consultation Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12067 – Oudenarde – Consultation closes 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Comment submitted 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025</p> <p>25/00213/IPL   Residential development (in principle)   Land 25 Metres East Of Green Bank Heughfield Road Bridge Of Earn – comment submitted 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025</p> <p><u>25/00140/FLL</u>   Oudenarde Community Cabin Clayton Road Bridge Of Earn Perth PH2 9AG   Siting of community cabin and storage unit (for a temporary period)</p> <p>Dupplin Estate – Long Term Forestry Plan   Scottish Forestry (email circulated) comments by 20th April 2025</p> <p>SF Consultation Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12334 - East Munday – Dupplin – comments 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</p> <p>SF Consultation Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12335 - Gallows Park Wood – Dupplin – comments 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</p> <p>ECC to write to Scottish Forestry, in regard how information is accessed for consultation purposes.</p> <p>2. <b>Local Development Plan (LDP3)</b> – Ongoing</p> <p>3. <b>Local Place Plan</b></p> <p>Discussion took place in regard to undertaking LPP. Decision to leave in abeyance at the moment.</p> <p><b>JS</b> to review application form for CiF funding awarded and share with ECC members.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>i</p>	<p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting) General community information shared via ECC &amp; Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)</p> <p><b>Correspondence Noted:</b></p> <p><u>Green Living Fund</u> –Evaluation for request for grant received 2023/24 All Electric Inter City Bus Service – JS submitted 12/03/25</p> <p><u>Community Greenspace Volunteer Action and Networking Day</u> Friday 28th March 2025, 10am - 4pm Riverside Church, North Muirton, Perth, PH1 3BG</p> <p><u>New Intensive Support Provision (ISP) at Perth High School</u> – email 21/03/25 - Statutory Consultation</p> <p><u>Aldi</u> - Correspondence resubmission of the application to relocate their existing store from Glasgow Road to Necessity Brae.</p> <p>Aberdalgie – PKC Consultation request for removal of telephone box in Aberdalgie, Perth – AML to contact Dupplin estate to ascertain whether</p>	

	<p>there would be interest to use this phone box for housing a defib (<i>see item 8. infrastructure/Defibs</i>). 90 days consultation.</p> <p><b>Local Community Events</b> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	<b>AML/JS</b>
ii	<b>Compliance</b> - Nil	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Education</b> - Nil	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
<b>i</b>	<p><b>Community Policing</b> – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Police Report</b> – Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC 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>	
<b>ii</b>	<b>Commemorative Tree Planting</b> - Nil	<b>JB</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Community Councillors Reports</b>	
<b>i</b>	<p><b>Forteviot</b></p> <p><u>Scottish Youth Cycle Tour</u> - arrangements ongoing re Tour de Forteviot on Saturday 12th April. Gratitude to be expressed to Cllr. David Illingworth for his help &amp; support.</p> <p><u>Forteviot defibrillator</u> - following the awareness session delivered by Perth First Responders on 1st March, it was discovered that the defibrillator cabinet only held one set of pads &amp; one starter kit rather than two of each. PFR advised it was also</p>	<b>AML</b>

	<p>the case for Forgandenny. Contact was made with JS who advised that a second set of pads &amp; starter kit be purchased &amp; shared between Forgandenny &amp; Forteviot. AML suggested that 'spares' be kept in Forgandenny.</p> <p>'Forteviot in Bloom' - group being established. Grateful thanks to Elspeth Bruce, PKC Environmental Initiatives Officer, for all her help &amp; ongoing support.</p>	
ii	<p><b>Forgandenny</b></p> <p>Successful <u>Film Night</u> (all ages).</p>	
iii	<p><b>Bridge of Earn</b></p> <p><u>Trees Victory Park</u> – JM reported on the staking/support of trees at Victory Park. To be reviewed evidenced by supply of photographic evidence.</p> <p><u>Victory Park</u> – Tennis Club in discussion with Victory Park Trustees re positioning of tennis hitting wall. Record of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February was received from B Latta, Chair.</p>	JM/JS
iv	<p><b>Craigend</b> – DJ questioned end date for Scottish Water project within Perth City. JS will research and update</p>	
v	<p><b>Dron</b> - Nil</p>	
vi	<p><b>Aberdalgie</b> - Nil</p>	
vii	<p><b>Oudenarde</b> - Nil</p>	
15.	<p><b>PKC Councillors</b></p>	Cllr Illing
	<p>PV submitted the following concerns to Cllr Illingworth re Forgandenny:  <u>Kinnaird Road</u> – Signage requiring replacement (Advised to report via MyPkC)  <u>Kinnaird Road</u> – Burn requiring to be cleaned out.  <u>Village Hall</u> – request for sandbags  <u>Path</u> – Park to School – request for uneven/dangerous surface to be resurfaced, danger of slipping/fall.  <u>Station Road</u> – request for more signage to reduce speeding.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Wind Farms</b></p>	
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) 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.</p> <p><b>Key dates for 2025 Applications</b></p>	

	<p>Application deadline 29/07/25 (decision end Sept 2025)</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 – Awaiting statement of account</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications</u> - Nil</p>	
ii	<p><b>Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd</b></p> <p>Community owned turbines at Binn Ecopark, constructed and operated by Greencat Renewables. There are four turbines of which two (2.3 MW) are community owned by Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo &amp; Gateside/Abernethy/Glenfarg/Earn CC's. Ownership and profits shared equally amongst the four neighbouring community council areas.</p> <p>Newly appointed Directors S Jack and A Swanson attended and provided an overview of Our Community Energy Ltd. The overview provided detail on appointment of the directors, community ownership; financial predictions/cashflow/distribution; operational matters relating to turbines; production of electricity generated followed by a Q&amp;A session. The directors plan to provide updates on a tri/biannual basis going forward for all communities involved (Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo &amp; Gateside /Abernethy/Glenfarg/Earn CC's).</p>	
ii	<p><b>Sustainability Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Scottish Gov consultation on Community Benefits from net zero development – Consultation closing date 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025. ECC working on comments</li> <li>b. Future dates: Thursday, 20 March, Thursday, 19 June, Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March &amp; June meetings.</li> </ul>	
17.	<b>AOCB</b>	

**Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm  
in Forgandenny Village Hall**