

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
Minute of meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025,
Forgandenny Village Hall, at 6.30 pm

1.	Present	Action	
	Chair, J Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), , 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), J McKenzie (Bridge of Earn)		
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil		
4.	Adoption of Minute 24th March 2025		
	Proposed	P Vallot	Seconded AM Losty
5.	Matters Arising DJ questioned end date for Scottish Water project within Perth City. JS – responded via email 25/03/25 <i>M/Arising - <u>Shore Road Traffic Management</u> – “traffic management set up will be in place until the end of the project in Spring 2025.”</i>		
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund £488.60 (updated statement 28/04/25) Invoices for bus shelter £8538.00 & Historical board – £2820.00 Paid		
7.	Health		
i	GP/Health Hub 1. <u>Health Advisory Group</u> – No updates	PV	
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities Next planned meeting Date: Thursday 29 th May Venue: Forteviot Village Hall, B935, Perth, PH2 9BT Time: 10:30am-12:30pm		

	Almond & Earn Stronger community meetings are open to all members of the community to attend with the opportunity to hear about health-related projects and raise any affairs in relation to health & well-being matters of personal concern or the wider community.	
8.	Infrastructure	
i	<p>Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn</p> <p><u>Associated Issues & Parking Bridge of Earn</u> –</p> <p><u>Ember Bus Service</u> - Traffic & Network Manager C Daly –A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 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>Parking</u> – Balmano Park/A 912/Wicks o’ Baigle Road.</p> <p>ECC to contact C Daly, PKC Transport & Network Team following recent concerns being raised by residents (photographic evidence supplied) in regard to the ongoing parking which is of concern to all road users/pedestrians and residents alike. Enquire as to what stage the planned TRO is at to date.</p> <p><u>Back Street, Bridge of Earn</u> – Signage – This will be addressed through the meeting to be arranged by C Daly, PKC Transport & Management team in conjunction with parking issues related to Ember bus service and TRO.</p>	JS
ii	<p>Review of Unnecessary Signage</p> <p>A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School</p>	ALL
iii	<p>Flooding</p> <p><u>Consultation Flood Risk in Bridge of Earn with residents & businesses</u></p> <p>Concerns raised re as to ‘Who’ was contacted and made aware of the recent consultation on flood risk within Bridge of Earn. The online portal referred to ‘Blairgowrie’ rather than Bridge of Earn, with email documentation not having a link embedded directly to the consultation portal. JS had made A Smith PKC & Cllr Illingworth aware of these issues at the commencement of the consultation period.</p> <p>Cllr Illingworth agreed to find out how many responders there had been to this consultation.</p> <p>Old Edinburgh Road, Back Street – Cllr Illingworth to ascertain the works conducted to alleviate flooding in this area within Bridge of Earn.</p>	Cllr Illing
v	<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Oudenarde – T Kearns (Oudenarde) - Hillcrest and Autism Awareness have agreed to a suitable site for defib, now waiting to be installed. AML reported that TK had been in touch requesting contact details for G Bruce (Electrician)</p>	TK

	<p><u>Forteviot & Forgandenny defibrillators</u> - a set of spare pads & starter kit had been purchased for sharing between the two villages. They would be kept in Forgandenny with Allan Jardine as the custodian. Gratitude to be expressed to ECC for facilitating a microgrant to cover cost (£89.93). AML to devise a protocol.</p> <p>Aberdalgie – Suggestion for the phone box to be utilised for a defib within this area of the ward. AML working on this with Dupplin Estate. (consultation on removal of phone box ends 9th June 2025)</p>	<p>AML</p> <p>AML</p>
vi	Historical Book – Bridge of Earn – Compliance completed as part of grant funding – Final completion document submitted 15/04/25. ECC grateful to A Kemp for the taking down/transporting and putting back in situ as part of this restoration project.	
vii	Litter/Fly Tipping – Continues to blight the ward. JB reported fly tipping on the Wicks o' Baiglie Road, Cllr Illingworth made aware as this is no-man's ground.	Cllr III
9.	<p>Ecology</p> <p>Email (01/04/25) from C Martin PKC Greenspace Ranger, sharing a <u>summary of meeting held on Friday 21st March 2025 from K Jones SNH</u>. Noted that it was a positive meeting and that we can find a way forward.</p> <p>Summary of email headings included.</p> <p>Licensing</p> <p>Natal dam exemption</p> <p>P&KC Flood Team - Gabions failing/Valve opening</p> <p>Flow Device number 3</p> <p>Fish passage</p> <p>Water Level Monitor</p> <p>Serious Impact vs Serious Damage wording</p> <p>Long term beaver work</p> <p>Writing to MSPs</p> <p>Following this email ECC forwarded an extract (Item 9. Ecology/Beavers) from ECC March minutes in regard to this meeting to C Martin, PKC Greenspace Ranger for forwarding and sharing with K Jones, SNH, Cllr Illingworth was included in this correspondence.</p> <p><u>Deich Burn, Land Ownership - ACTION</u></p> <p>As a result of the meeting held at the Deich Burn on 21st March 2025 one of the action and outcomes requested to undertaken by PKC Greenspace was the land ownership of the Deich Burn, south bank. See extract from ECC March 2025 minute.</p>	JB/JS

	<p><u>ACTIONS/OUTCOMES planned and to be undertaken (Nature Scotland, Beaver Trust, and PKC Greenspace) following the meeting of 21st March included.</u></p> <p>PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by.</p> <p>PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admit that the land has been disposed by GS Brown to PKC as evidenced by a settlement in favour of G Brown, or, <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,</p> <p>or</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> - ECC to email to PKC Greenspace to ascertain if this action has been or in the process of being addressed.</p> <p><u>Tree Wrapping, Deich Burn - 10th April 2025 – C Martin, PKC Greenspace</u></p> <p>Successful tree wrapping session was held led by the Beaver Trust, PKC Greenspace and members of the public, due to school holidays and good weather there was a good community response to this event.</p>	
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><u>24/01328/FLL</u> 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 – 01/04/25 ECC received consultation Request notification in relation to Amended plans received in relation to this application – Comment submitted 21st April 2025</p> <p><u>SF Consultation</u> Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12334 - East Munday – Dupplin – comments 21st April 2025</p> <p><u>SF Consultation</u> Request for Felling Permission: Ref:FPA-12335 - Gallows Park Wood – Dupplin – comments 21st April 2025. ECC Comment submitted for both above SF applications at 15/04/25 based on the type of commercial tree being replanted. Acknowledgement of comment received and appreciated from Scottish Forestry.</p>	

	<p><u>SF Consultation</u> – Consultation Ref FPA-12447 Invermay Estate</p> <p>The Invermay Estate wishes to conduct woodland operations to fell an area of woodland. The site resides between Dunning and Forgandenny and is within the Local Landscape Area of the Ochil Hills and the Garden Design Landscape Area of Invermay. Felling notes, restocking notes & maps provided. Comments 23rd May 2025. Comment of 'no comment' to be made.</p> <p>2. Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Call for Sites Perth and Kinross Council has commenced the Call for Sites stage for the next Local Development Plan (LDP3). The Call for Sites provides an opportunity for communities, developers, landowners, and other interested parties to suggest sites that they believe should be considered for allocation in LDP3.</p> <p>Open for consultation 22nd April – 20th June 2025</p> <p>All ECC councillors to review their own community plans as per LDP 2 and consider any changes/additions that could potentially be made through the LDP 3 call for sites procedure.</p> <p>JS to contact A Finlayson, PKC Development Planning Team, regarding the CC administration of this procedure.</p> <p>3. Local Place Plan</p> <p>Discussion took place in regard to undertaking LPP.</p> <p>Reviewed application form for CiF funding. Agreed to look at placing further information about Local Place Planning reaching out to the public domain to gain appetite for carrying out an LPP. AML/JS to draft article.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>AML/JS</p>
11.	<p>Administration</p> <p>ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting) General community information shared via ECC & Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)</p> <p>Correspondence Noted:</p> <p>Perth and Kinross Council (40mph Speed Limit) (Variation) (No 36) The effect of the Order shall be to introduce or amend a 40mph speed limit Carmichael Cottages (B935), Order – Carmichael Cottages, Forgandenny Road, B935</p> <p>Tayside Biodiversity Partnership e-newsletter – JB (email), shared via ECC facebook.</p> <p>Small Holdings Development – Path. Correspondence received from residents (representative group in attendance) re concerns of public path which traverses this development to connect Todd Palace with Kintillo Road.</p> <p>PKC Community Minibus Transfer Scheme (email 25/04/24) – Information shared via ECC facebook - applications now being received from local community groups who may be interested in this scheme.</p> <p>My Place Awards – (Email from PKC Community Team) closes 30th April 2025</p>	<p>JM</p>

	<p>Helium Balloons, Fly Tipping – JB emailed ECC members re concerns on the use of helium balloons and fly tipping which continues to be a problem.</p> <p>Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	Education - Nil	
13.	Reports	
i	<p>Community Policing – No police present, as notified by email prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Police Report – Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC members. Noted - Concern of reports of Youths at the Dunbarney School and Victory Park.</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 make contact with Caledonian Homes, to allow for mulching to be incorporated into where the tree will be planted	JB
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	<p>Forteviot</p> <p><u>Forteviot & Forgandenny defibrillators</u> - a set of spare pads & starter kit had been purchased for sharing between the two villages. They would be kept in</p>	AML

	<p>Forgandenny with Allan Jardine as the custodian. Gratitude to be expressed to ECC for facilitating a microgrant to cover cost (£89.93). AML to devise a protocol.</p> <p><u>Scottish Youth Cycle Tour</u> - Tour de Forteviot on Saturday 12th April had been a great success. However, concerns raised re B935 not being fully re-opened until nearer 6.30 rather than 6.00p.m. - the finish time had already been extended this year from 5.00p.m. Also, several concerns raised re unscheduled practices on the Friday afternoon & evening. Question of event being biennial rather than annual had been raised with AML. Donation of £90 from Scottish Cycling had been greatly appreciated.</p> <p><u>Foundation Scotland Cost of Living Award</u> - an unexpected 'Cost of Living' grant of £500 had been made to Forteviot Village Hall on 22nd April for which the Hall Committee is very grateful.</p> <p><u>'Recent Travels in Nepal & Bhutan'</u> - talk by Vicky Sherwood on Sunday 18th May at 2.30p.m. in Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Parking in Bridge of Earn</u> - concern about large no. of cars frequently parked in front of & beyond Cargill's garage on A912 thereby restricting visibility for drivers of oncoming traffic.</p>	
ii	Forgandenny - Nil	
iii	<p>Bridge of Earn</p> <p><u>Trees Victory Park</u> - PKC Greenspace removed the plastic strapping from the avenue of Birch trees in Victory Park and replaced with the hessian straps. They will continue to monitor the situation.</p>	
iv	<p>Craigend</p> <p>A912 Craigclowan to Bridge of Earn – Broken Road surface</p> <p>Email to be sent to D McKeown, PKC Roads, highlighting the broken carriageway surface, with road users now swerving to avoid the large areas of the broken surface.</p>	DJ/JS
v	Dron - Nil	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	
15.	PKC Councillors	Cllr Illing
	<p>PV submitted the following concerns to Cllr Illingworth re Forgandenny: responses received via email (26/0325) <i>in italics</i></p> <p><u>Kinnaird Road</u> – Signage requiring replacement (<i>Advised to report via MyPkC</i>)</p> <p><u>Kinnaird Road</u> – Burn requiring to be cleaned out. <i>Will be viewed and assessed shortly</i></p>	

	<p><u>Village Hall</u> – request for sandbags <i>Suggested that the hall purposes this project independently</i></p> <p><u>Path</u> – Park to School – request for uneven/dangerous surface to be resurfaced, danger of slipping/fall. <i>Awaiting response</i></p> <p><u>Station Road</u> – request for more signage to reduce speeding. <i>Awaiting response</i></p> <p>Ashtree Dieback – Cllr Illingworth shared with us that PKC is due to discuss this at full council.</p>	
16.	Wind Farms	
I	<p><u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</u></p> <p><u>Cost of living award from Foundation Scotland</u></p> <p>Trustees at Foundation Scotland have chosen to award Earn Community Council an additional £500 cost of living increase. This funding has been made possible through Foundation Scotland's own unrestricted funds, which the Trustees have allocated to help strengthen support for organisations during this challenging period.</p> <p>This funding is unrestricted, which means it can be used in any way that supports your organisation's work — whether that's helping with rising core costs, supporting your team, or contributing to service delivery.</p> <p>There is no additional reporting required on this award, and any update you wish to share can be included in your original end-of-grant reporting.</p> <p><u>Applications</u> - See <u>RWE Lochelbank website</u> for further information on 'How to Apply'</p> <p><u>Main Fund maximum grant-size (£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 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 – £2437.12</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications</u> - Nil</p>	

ii	Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd The first tranche of funding has been forwarded to the LET (Lower Earn Trust)	
ii	Sustainability Group a. Scottish Gov consultation on Community Benefits from net zero development – ECC made a submission on 10 th April 2025. J Sloan, AM Losty & PV reviewed the consultation questions. b. No minute received following meeting held on 28 th March 2025 c. Future dates: Thursday, 19 June, Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March & June meetings.	
17.	AOCB	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday 26th May 2025 at 6.30pm

in Forgandenny Village Hall