

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
Minute of meeting held on Monday 26th May 2025,
Forgandenny Village Hall, at 6.30 pm

1.	Present				Action
	AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), T Kearns (Oudenarde), J McKenzie (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny) <i>P Vallot welcomed members to the meeting and acted as Chair in the absence of J Bruce.</i>				
	PKC Councillors: F Smith				
	Members of Public: Two				
2.	Apologies: Cllrs Illingworth & Cllrs M Frampton, Treasurer, Chair, J Bruce (Dron),				
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute 28 th April 2025				
	Proposed	AM Losty	Seconded	P Vallot	
5.	Matters Arising				
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund £488.60 (as per last meeting)				
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 Speakers for this meeting include Sheila Stewart, Bridge of Earn Lunch Club (RVS) & Tea @ Two, Alistair MacLeod, Community Greenspace Coordinator. Poster shared via ECC facebook and noticeboard. 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</p> <p><u>Parking</u> – Balmano Park/A 912/Wicks o' Baigle Road.</p> <p>C Daly, PKC Traffic & Network Manager – Invitation to a Site meeting to include Road Safety, Public Transport and Transport Planning arranged for Thursday 5th June 2025, 2pm Confirmed attendees are – Daryl McKeown (Traffic & Network), Robert Wills (Planning) and Niall Moran (Transport Planning), Moray Fraser from the Public Transport. (Circulated to all ECC members for attendance + one member of the public).</p> <p>Other areas for discussion include -</p> <p>A912 – <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> <p>A912 <u>Craigclowan to Bridge of Earn</u> – Broken Road surface (JS emailed D McKeown – emailed forwarded to Roads Maintenance colleagues)</p> <p><u>Back Street, Bridge of Earn</u></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> <p>Response awaited from Cllr Illingworth</p>	Cllr Illing

iv	<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Oudendarde – T Kearns (Oudendarde) provided and update – On going</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>Forgandenny/Forteviot – AML drafted and shared protocol pertaining to maintenance of defibs within the communities. To be held on file within the community.</p>	<p>TK</p> <p>AML</p>
v	<p>Litter/Fly Tipping – noted in the presence of Police present</p>	
9.	<p>Ecology</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> <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><i>PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by.</i></p> <p><i>PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Admit that the land has been disposed by GS Brown to PKC as evidenced by a settlement in favour of G Brown, or,</i> <p><i>Obtain an authorised statement by GS Brown that they have no interest remaining in said land and that PKC may take on the land,</i></p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><u>ACTION</u> - ECC emailed PKC Greenspace to ascertain if this action has been or in the process of being addressed. Action taken via email 9th May 2025 (JB/JS) – No response to date.</p>	<p>JB/JS</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>25/00213/IPL Residential development (in principle) Land 25 Metres East Of Green Bank Heughfield Road Bridge Of Earn – An updated visual documented presentation was provided for this application at the meeting.</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 – Call for Sites stage for the next Local Development Plan (LDP3) has been extended. Submissions will now be accepted until <u>17.00h of Thursday 31st of July</u>.</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>Forgandenny – Local community plan to respond to consultation in regard to potential sites around and within the community.</p> <p>Bridge of Earn – Park & Ride facility major consideration</p> <p>3. Local Place Plan – On going</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Small Holdings Development – Path. Following ECC last meeting residents have engaged with PKC planning. b) 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. c) 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. d) SEPA consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS) - a fair way to report on performance. <p>SEPA online information session for communities on EPAS - 4 June at 7pm – forwarded to JB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) PKC Community Greenspace - Grow Wild Virtual Information Sessions – email invitation to join virtual open information sessions, providing detail about what Grow Wild means and what it will look like in our area. 	

	<p>AML & JMcK attended an online session.</p> <p>f) Help to shape the future of bus transport in Perth and Kinross</p> <p>Perth and Kinross Council is inviting residents to share their views and experiences of local bus travel as part of a new public consultation aimed at developing a transport model to help improve public transport across the region.</p> <p>The consultation seeks input from anyone who currently uses, has previously used, or would like to use local bus services. Feedback gathered will play a vital role in designing a new, community-focused public transport model for Perth and Kinross that is integrated, accessible, reliable, efficient, and effective.</p> <p>This initiative is part of the Council's Public Transport Transformation Project, which was approved by councillors to support the development of a proposed transport model to meet the needs of local communities now and in the future.</p> <p>The aims of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing social and economic inequalities • Tackling climate change • Enhancing health and wellbeing • Supporting an inclusive local economy <p>Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	Education - Nil	
13.	Reports	
i	<p>Community Policing – PV extended a warm welcome PC A Duncan and B Samson to the meeting.</p> <p>Police Report – Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 Calls (inc Traffic Offences) • 8 Crimes • Report of youths at the Dunbarney School and Victory Park – Police aware • Parking concerns discussed relative to Ember service – Police aware and monitor the situation when in Bridge of Earn • Fly Tipping – ECC made police present aware of the increase in fly tipping. If it happens in a public place this is reportable to PKC via MyPkc. Vigilance is required. <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)</p>	

	<p>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
iii	Community News – Douglas Johnston, ECC serving member for Craigend shared some of his life story and involvement with Community Councils since their inception. Douglas could be the longest serving member of Community Councils in Perth and Kinross and rather suspect Scotland. Suggestion to record Douglas's story.	
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	<p>Forteviot</p> <p><u>Forgandenny & Forteviot defibrillators</u> - draft protocol for consideration circulated.</p> <p><u>Scottish Youth Cycle Tour</u> - Scottish Cycling had contacted AML re the possibility of the 2026 Tour de Forteviot being held on a Sunday rather than a Saturday. She had taken 'soundings' & reported back. Cycle Tour likely to be w/e of 11th/12th April.</p> <p><u>'Recent Travels in Nepal & Bhutan'</u> - very enjoyable talk given by Vicky Sherwood on 18th May.</p> <p><u>Culteuchar Culvert</u> - AML had been in contact with PKC re completion of outstanding works.</p> <p><u>Strawberry Tea</u> - planned for afternoon of Saturday 5th July.</p> <p><u>Traffic through Forteviot</u> - significant increase in volume owing to all too frequent congestion at Broxden roundabout; also continued concerns re speeding.</p>	AML
ii	<p>Forgandenny</p> <p>Village Hall – Boiler replacement, PV explained the logistics of siting new boiler relative to the hall being a listed building. Cllr D Illingworth to be made aware.</p>	
iii	Bridge of Earn	
iv	Craigend	

	DJ questioned PKC Cllr F Smith re the recent news that PKC sanctioned a £3 million overhaul on the 20 year old Perth Concert Hall.	
v	Dron - Nil	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	<p>Oudendarde</p> <p>TK indicated that was seeking a CC replacement but to date no success.</p> <p>ECC Community Councilors – Informative leaflet to be produced for sharing to raise awareness of the role of CC's and 'Becoming a Community Councilor'</p>	JS
15.	PKC Councillors	
16.	Wind Farms	
I	<p><u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</u></p> <p>RWE Lochelbank Community Fund:</p> <p>Panelists required for Earn & Glenfarg application by 24th June 2025, information shared.</p> <p><u>Applications</u> - See RWE Lochelbank website 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></p> <p>Bridge of Earn AFC – Share of repair to mains water supply to club houses. JM to seek further information.</p>	

ii	Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd - Nil	
ii	Sustainability Group a. Future dates: Thursday, 19 June, Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March & June meetings.	
17.	AOCB JS – Apologies in advance of June meeting.	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting: Monday 23rd June 2025 at 6.30pm

in Forgandenny Village Hall