

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
Minute of meeting held on Monday 23rd June 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), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny)				
	PKC Councillors: Cllr. Illingworth				
	Members of Public: One				
2.	Apologies: Cllrs F Smith & Cllrs M Frampton, Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), T Kearns (Oudenarde)				
3.	Declaration of Interest - Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute 26th May 2025				
	Proposed	P.Vallot	Seconded	A.M.Losty	
5.	Matters Arising – dealt with in main body of minutes.				
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund £375.40. JB noted that Foundation Scotland's recent payment had been credited to the incorrect a/c & will be transferred shortly. 3 invoices have been paid - £20 each for April & May to Forgandenny Hall along with £73 for insurance of tel. box & noticeboard.				
7.	Health Proposal to include Health Centre along with P&R using a satellite practice from one of the Perth practices – PV to send a letter to Tayside Health Board.				PV
I	GP/Health Hub 1. <u>Health Advisory Group</u> – PV advised no further correspondence since the recent report issued by the panel of which he was a member.				
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities Meeting held Thursday 29 th May Venue: Forteviot Village Hall, B935, Perth, PH2 9BT Time: 10:30am-12:30pm Minutes of this meeting shared with ECC members via email 13/06/25				

	<p>Brief resume –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger Communities Network: Next Steps – Discussion took place on the way forward. No decision made. • Spotlight on community groups – Bridge of Earn Lunch Club (RVS) and Tea @ Two – S Stewart gave an overview on the work of both of these groups operating within the Bridge of Earn community. • Community Updates shared • A McLeod, PKC Community Greenspace – Gave an overview of present initiatives happening within communities. • Health & Well Being Updates shared – suggestion for Health Fair to showcase Health & Wellbeing within the community. <p>No further meetings planned at the close of the meeting.</p>	
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/Parking</u></p> <p><u>Parking</u> – Balmanno Park/A 912/Wicks o’ Baigle Road.</p> <p>Report of meeting held Thursday 5th June 2025 (emailed 5th June)</p> <p>In attendance: Blair Watts – Road Safety/Traffic & Network Management PKC Naill Moran - Communities Moray Fraser - Public Transport Team Leader Craig Daly – Traffic & Network Manager PKC Police - PC A Duncan - B Samson J Bruce P Vallot AM Losty J Sloan One member of the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRO - to be prepared to allow for double yellow lines to be approved at junctions close to Ember Stop. Suggested August/September timeline for public consultation. • PV to compose correspondence for sending to local Councillors, MSP,s & MPs - in regard to planning/funding P&R. Actioned by PV via email at 07/06/25. • LDP 3 - P&R to be included in Call for Sites (31/07/25) <p>09/06/25 - Correspondence received (via email) from B Watts, PKC Road Safety/Traffic Network Team – re TRO plans – comments to be returned by 16th June 2025 – no comment submitted.</p>	PV

ii	Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School No comments made re above.	ALL
iii	Flooding <u>Consultation Flood Risk in Bridge of Earn with residents & businesses</u> JS shared email from Cllr Illingworth 20/06/25 with ECC. A community consultation will take place later this year to inform of the progress of the study and allow residents the opportunity to comment further on the study. Cllr Illingworth advised 784 flooding letters distributed & 24 responses received as per e-mail to JS of 20/06/25. Old Edinburgh Road, Back Street - Cllr Illingworth advised that a new drain had been completed for the Deich Burn on the Old Edinburgh Road. JB indicated that he had raised concern at the site meeting on 6 th June about there not being a proper drain at the junction of the Wicks o' Baiglie Road & Kintillo Road which led to frequent flooding; also parking encroaching at same junction.	
iv	Defibrillators Oudenarde – T Kearns (Oudenarde) provided & connected on 23/06/25. AML to contact TK to provide registration details for 'The Circuit' & Perth First Responders. Development Management (email 12/06/25) Aberdalgie Pay Phone removal decision – Remove telephone only – Landowner Dupplin keen for retention to house defibrillator. Forgandenny/Forteviot – AML had finalised protocol pertaining to maintenance of defibs within the communities. To be held on file within the community.	TK & AML
v	Litter/Fly Tipping - JB reported further concerns.	
9.	Ecology <u>Deich Burn, Land Ownership - ACTION</u> As a result of the meeting held at the Deich Burn on 21 st 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. <u>ACTIONS/OUTCOMES planned and to be undertaken (Nature Scotland, Beaver Trust, and PKC Greenspace) following the meeting of 21st March included.</u> PKC to obtain the capacity to manage the south bank by <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><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) – JS sent a follow up email 9/6/25</p> <p>Response received from D Stubbs, PKC Greenspace (10/06/25) – abbreviated</p> <p><i>This is already in hand, albeit progressing.</i></p> <p><i>The Council maintain the ground on the south bank, Balmanno Park, but do not own it. It would appear that the adoption of the land from the developer by the former District Council failed for some reason c. 1989. There is no record of what happened unfortunately. It would seem prudent to explore transferring the land over to PKC but would not plan to make major changes on our side of the burn going forward.</i></p> <p><i>The titles have been checked and there is no record of a disposal by GS Brown. PKC are working on the assumption that GS Brown will be willing to transfer ownership now. Site adoptions sit with another PKC team.</i></p> <p>JB reported new beaver damage.</p>	JB/JS
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 – J Morin, Galileo Empower (email 17/6/25). This application is being appealed via the Planning Appeals Division of the Scottish Government (DPEA) on the grounds that it has not been determined by the Council within the requisite timescale.</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</p> <p><u>25/00460/FLL</u> Erection of 39 dwellinghouses and associated works (change of house type and alterations to road layout) (Allocated site H14) Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge Of Earn – Comment 20th June 2025</p> <p>Awaiting further detail of sectional drawings from PKC, Case Officer G Peebles as per email of 19th June 2025, to allow ECC to comment.</p>	

	<p>ECC concerned about the topography for the site and the prominence of the development within the landscape setting for the village. JS to e-mail for clarification.</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>Cllr Illingworth to give a 'steer'. JB asked about 2 small fields within the perimeter of Bridge of Earn. Submission of a proposal being contemplated for Brickhall Farm being developed for infrastructure to include a Health Centre & petrol station. JB will approach landowner before any further action is taken.</p> <p>3. Local Place Plan – On going</p>	Cllr Illing
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>RAMPS – Subscription Proposal Fee (email 29/05/25)– JS responded via email 31/05/25 with ECC considerations (shared with all ECC members). Suggestion for PKC to pay on behalf of Community Councillors.</p> <p><u>Kirkton of Mailer Road (Craigend) – Speeding Concern</u></p> <p>VAS would be the ideal outcome, alongside increased standard signage such as “please drive slowly/carefully” and/or “farm traffic” warning signs – please see Craigend for update.</p> <p><u>BT Poles A912</u></p> <p>JB has written letter of objection (18/06/25) as per directive attached to poles.</p> <p>The cable could and should be buried. They are a new structure on undeveloped land. The poles are excessively tall. The poles create a significant negative impact on open landscape. Poles on the east side, south-bound, carriageway will be of less impact due to the presence of trees.</p>	DJ

	<p><u>Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust</u> – Newsletter 10 – JS shared with ECC and facebook.</p> <p><u>ECC Facebook Comment</u> re Consultation Flood Risk Study and concern in regard to a tree that was in danger of falling, due to beavers on the south of the Deich Burn (Burnbank area). Cllr Illingworth agreed to ask Greenspace about tree concerned.</p> <p>Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	Education – Cllr Illingworth indicated need for funding for laptops & iPads for Dunbarney PS. JB indicated this might be something with which LET could help.	
13.	Reports	
i	<p>Community Policing</p> <p>Police Report – Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC 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, <u>email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</u></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 <u>taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk</u></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><u>TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</u></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	
14.	Community Councillors Reports	

i	Forteviot <u>Forgandenny & Forteviot defibrillators</u> - protocol finalised & distributed to relevant parties. <u>Traffic through Forteviot & environs</u> - further concerns raised re volume of traffic on B935 & speeding at Forteviot 'bends'.	
ii	Forgandenny Recent successful Film Night. Barbecue planned for summer.	
iii	Bridge of Earn A912 the stretch from the wet wood to Horsemill has been resurfaced JM hopes the next section to farm shop will follow. The giant hogweed behind the dyke towards Horsemill has been dealt with. Green Space team have made a good job of tidying the long grass where needed and left a range of wild spaces where appropriate. Main St. Bridge of Earn to be resurfaced in August; also consultation re yellow lines. JB indicated concern at the height of the beech trees at the junction of the back drive to Moncreiffe House.	JM
iv	Craigend Concerns raised about speeding on U55 between Aberdalgie & Craigend had been raised with DJ. Initial response from correspondence by resident with PKC had been disappointing as well as dismissive. DJ reported recent accident at Craigend Corner involving motorcyclist who had been lucky to escape unharmed.	
v	Dron – more fly tipping.	
vi	Aberdalgie	
vii	Oudenarde ECC Community Councillors – Informative leaflet produced for sharing to raise awareness of the role of CC's and 'Becoming a Community Councillor'. .	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 – £1937.12</p> <p>Bridge of Earn AFC – application for share of repair to mains water supply to club houses. Approval given to £350 microgrant. JB indicated that LET might be able to provide support in the future.</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications</u> – no new applications.</p>	
ii	<p>Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd – further tranche of funding paid to LET.</p>	
ii	<p>Sustainability Group</p> <p>a. Future dates: Thursday, 19 June, Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 – JS intimated apologies for March & June meetings.</p> <p>Meeting 19th June – No agenda/previous minutes received for this meeting which PV had been unable to attend.. Nothing received to date by PV.</p>	

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th August 2025, 6.30pm - Venue TBC