EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Minute of meeting held on Monday 25th August 2025,

The Institute, Bridge of Earn at 6.30 pm

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| **1.** | **Present** | | | | **Action** |
|  | Chair, J Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), J MacKenzie (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny) | | | |  |
|  | **PKC Councillors:** Cllr. Illingworth, CllrM Frampton | | | |  |
|  | **Members of Public**: Two | | | |  |
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| **2.** | **Apologies:** CllrsF Smith | | | |  |
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| **3.** | **Declaration of Interest** - Nil | | | |  |
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| **4.** | **Adoption of Minute June 2025** | | | |  |
|  | **Proposed** | P Vallot | **Seconded** | J MacKenzie |  |
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| **5.** | Matters Arising – dealt with in main body of minutes. | | | |  |
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| **6.** | **Treasurers Report**  General Fund £375.40 | | | |  |
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| **7.** | **Health** | | | |  |
| **I** | **GP/Health Hub**  PV to send a letter to N Connor, Chief Executive, NHS Tayside regarding a request for an update on the provision of Primary Care for our expanding community. | | | | **PV** |
| **ii** | **Almond Earn Stronger Communities**  **Fairer Communities for All**  Fairer Communities for All is a new process for distributing the Community Investment Fund and Locality Participatory Budgeting Fund, designed to make it easier for communities to shape local projects and influence how local funding is spent.   | **Activity** | **Timescale** | | --- | --- | | Engagement with residents | Monday 23 June to Friday 8 August 2025 | | Screening ideas | Monday 11 August to Friday 29 August 2025 | | Collaboration meetings with local groups | Monday 1 September to Friday 12 September 2025 | | Voting opens to all residents | Monday 27 October to Friday 14 November 2025 |   **Join the next stage of Fairer Communities for All – (email)**  Invitation to community groups and organisations to explore the opportunity to fund projects that target the Cost of Living.  Almond & Earn - Bridge of Earn Institute, Wednesday 17th September 6.30pm -8.30pm. | | | |  |
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| **8.** | **Infrastructure** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Roads/Traffic** – Bridge of Earn  Associated Issues & Parking Bridge of Earn  Ember Bus Service/Parking  Parking – Balmanno Park/A 912/Wicks o’ Baiglie Road.  **Traffic Regulation Order** - Consultation on Proposed Waiting Restrictions  Edinburgh Road and Wicks O’ Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn – received via email 21st August. CC & residents affected by this order have three weeks to respond, before this then becomes a public consultation.  ECC to comment on this order highlighting the need for a disabled bay within the vicinity of the Ember Stop; and adding weight for a much needed P&R facility for this well received green transport link for our community and beyond.  PV to correspond with local Council, MSP’s requesting a multi-agency approach to collaboratively delivering a P&R for this green transport link from Bridge of Earn to Dundee – Edinburgh – Aberdeen.  **Resurfacing A912/Closure Side Bridge of Earn** – Works had all gone well  More Temporary closure/works notices being received regularly to support local gas work and BT Broadband role out. See ECC facebook for updates | | | | **PV** |
| **ii** | **Review of Unnecessary Signage**  A912 – Ice Sign  Roost Restaurant  Kilgraston School  Added Rosyth Ferry | | | | **ALL** |
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| **iii** | **Flooding - Nil** | | | |  |
| **iv** | **Defibrillators –**  Oudenarde – JS will follow up on provision of registration details for ‘The Circuit’ & Perth First Responders with T Kearns. | | | | **JS** |
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| **9.** | **Ecology**  Deich Burn, Land Ownership - ACTION  JS to follow up on the land ownership progression for the South Bank, Deich Burn with D Stubbs, PKC Greenspace.  Kirkton of Mailer Hill, Craigend – Friday 11th July trees, flora & fauna damaged caused by a wildfire. | | | | **JS** |
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| **10.** | 1. **Planning** – Actions received or being undertaken only   **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.  **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 - On going    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 | – 01/04/25 ECC received consultation Request notification in relation to Amended plans received in relation to this application – Approved  25/00460/FLL| 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  \*\*Awaiting further detail of sectional drawings from PKC, Case Officer G Peebles as per email of 19th June 2025, to allow ECC to comment.  ECC concerned about the topography for the site and the prominence of the development within the landscape setting for the village – On going  Residential development (in principle) Land 25 Metres East Of Green Bank Heughfield Road Bridge Of Earn  - Approved  25/00010/PAN | Land 100 Metres North of Clayton Road, Burnbank, Bridge of Earn – Notification of Pre-Application Public Event(s) received.  Consultation 1. Thursday 28th August  16.00 – 19.00 - Venue: Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church  Consultation 2 Thursday 16th October  16.00 -19.00 – Venue:The Institute, Bridge of Earn  **Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS Project Invitation** (Email 31/07/25) - Invite to Public Exhibition Wednesday 27th August – Methven from 3.30 – 7pm.  **Variation (Major) Application - Co-op, Main Street, Bridge of Earn (email).** Variation request for permission to allow home deliveries/click and collect service. Premises currently has the maximum off-sales hours of 10am to 10pm, seven days per week. – No Objection   1. **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.  ECC (JB) made submission at 29/07/25 for Park & Ride facility at Bridge of Earn   1. **Local Place Plan** – On going | | | |  |
| **11.** | **Administration**  ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting).  General community information shared via ECC & Forgandenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)  **Correspondence Noted:**  **RAMPS** –Service with-drawn. JS to look at Planning Alert UK as an alternative and report findings to ECC.  **BT Poles A912**  JB has written letter of objection (18/06/25) as per directive attached to poles.  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.  **Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust** – Newsletter 10 – JS shared with ECC and facebook.  **Green Living Fund** – Applications are open from 22 August to 3 October 2025  Community groups across Perth & Kinross can now apply for funding to deliver local projects that tackle climate change and support residents with the cost of living. Whether you're improving energy efficiency, promoting active travel, reducing waste, enhancing greenspaces, building climate resilience, or engaging your community—this fund is here to help turn ideas into action.  Further info on ECC & PKC facebook pages  The Climate Change Team will be hosting information webinars on 29 August or 8 September.  **Local Community Events** shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards | | | | **JS**  **JB** |
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| ii | **Compliance** –  **Perth and Kinross Council Community Council Elections -Thursday 6 November 2025 – email 20th August 2025**   1. **Notice of Election** – This will be published on the Perth and Kinross Council, website www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncilselections from **Thursday 28 August 2025**, marking the start of the 4 week nomination period which closes at **4.00pm on Thursday 25 September 2025**. 2. **Nomination Form** - Please note that all current community councillors, whether elected or co-opted, must stand for election if they wish to continue serving, regardless of their length of service or when the community council established. 3. Information shared via facebook pages & local noticeboards by cc members.   **ECC Forgandenny Representative** - M Whitehead completed application to join ECC representing Forgandenny | | | |  |
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| **12.** | **Education - Nil** | | | |  |
| **13.** | **Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Police Report –** Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC members.  PC B Samson reviewed the Police report which detailed crimes/offences/Traffic Statistics for the area. General discussion followed in regard to other incidents not recorded in the Police report.  ‘Forgandenny Coffee with a Cop’ request made.  **Contact Community Wardens: 01738 476173**  **Need to contact the police**  **Community Police Contact Details for sharing:**  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](mailto:email%3ATaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk)  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](mailto:taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk)  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.  Kinross Police Office, 17 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW  [TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk) | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Commemorative Tree Planting** – JB will facilitate this once autumn arrives. | | | | **JB** |
| **iii** | **Community News**  **St Andrews Church Forteviot** – G MacKay, Session Clerk, Aberdalgie and Forteviot Churches corresponded with ECC advising of the impending Church of Scotland closure of St Andrews Church in 2028 as part of Perth Presbytery mission plan.  **Lack of Volunteers** - Where have all the volunteers gone**?** ECC received an email in in regard to shortage of volunteers in Bridge of Earn, yet we have a population of 4000 residents within this vibrant community. | | | |  |
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| **14.** | **Community Councillors Reports** | | | |  |
| **i** | **Forteviot**  Strawberry Tea - event on 5th July had been v.successful & raised £348 for Hall funds.  Traffic through Forteviot & environs - owing to frequent speeding, need for signage near Kildinny Farm for residents exiting on to main road.  PKC ‘Fairer Communities for All’ - v.positive meeting held in Forteviot on 15th July with Ashleigh Mustard, PKC Community Officer, leading to submission of application for funding under the categories ‘Community Events’, ‘Physical & Social Wellbeing’ & ‘Warm Spaces in Winter’. Energy costs continue to be a major concern when holding Hall events during the winter months.  Aberdalgie & Forteviot Churches - update from Aberdalgie & Forteviot Church Session Clerk, G Mackay on the proposed closure (2028) of St Andrews Church in Fortveiot.  Macmillan Coffee Morning - Saturday 20th September.  Junction of B935 with Pitkeathly Wells road - nearby residents would like consideration to be given to a ‘No Overtaking’ sign on both sides of the B935 before & after the junction so that they can exit their property safely. | | | | **Cllr Ill**  **Cllr Ill** |
| **ii** | **Forgandenny**   1. Summer BBQ in the Park held on Saturday 23rd August | | | |  |
| **iii** | **Bridge of Earn**  **Tree Strapping Victory Park** – JM noted that the straps on recently planted trees now restricting growth movement of trees. Photographic evidence to be forwarded to PKC Greenspace.  **Bottle Bank** – Victory Park, is this a long term measure?  **Side Street Closure (Gas works)** – Engagement with Earnbank residents had facilitated extra parking at due to closure, greatly appreciated by all.  **Victory Park Update** – Football Club looking to install Welfare Cabin, planning permission is required – Tennis Club submitting plans for hitting wall | | | | **JM/JS**  **Cllr Ill** |
| **iv** | **Craigend**  Concerns raised about speeding on U55 between Aberdalgie & Craigend – On going | | | | **Cllr Ill** |
| **v** | **Dron**  Litter, Helium balloons | | | |  |
| **vi** | **Aberdalgie -** Nil | | | |  |
| **vii** | **Oudenarde**  Community Councillor(s) - With forthcoming elections for 2025, it would be good to have a representative from Oudenarde on ECC following T Kearns, resignation due to moving. | | | |  |
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| **15.** | **PKC Councillors**  Cllr Frampton to have a discussion with PKC representatives re P&R for Bridge of Earn to support Ember bus services. | | | | **CllrF** |
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| **16.** | **Wind Farms** | | | |  |
| **I** | RWE Lochelbank Windfarm  RWE Lochelbank Community Fund:  ECC Panel member required for Earn due to a rolling retiral from the panel.  **Applications** - See RWE Lochelbank website for further information on ‘How to Apply’  Main Fund maximum grant-size (£5,000)  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.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Key dates for 2026 Applications** |  | |  |  | | TBC |  |   Microgrants  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.  ECC Microgrant Balance – £2437.12 (As per April 2025 statement of accounts) less pending cheques paid (£795.00)  Microgrant Applications  Dunbarney and Forgandenny Womens Group – Application for £350.00 to support celebratory event. Further information required.  Bridge of Earn, Wednesday Club – Application for £350.00 General running costs. Further information required. | | | | **JM**  **JM** |
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| **ii** | **Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd - Nil** | | | |  |
| **ii** | **Sustainability Group**   1. Future dates:   Thursday, 18 September, Thursday, 22 January 2026 | | | |  |
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| **17.** | AOCB - Nil | | | |  |

**Date of Next Monthly Meeting:**

**Monday 22nd September 2025 at 6.30pm**

**The Institute, Bridge of Earn.**