

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
 Minute of meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2025,
 The Institute, Bridge of Earn at 6.30 pm

1.	Present				Action
	Chair, J Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny) M White (Forgandenny)				
	PKC Councillors: Cllr. Illingworth,				
	Members of Public: 10				
2.	Apologies: J MacKenzie, Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith				
3.	Declaration of Interest – JS				
4.	Adoption of Minute August 2025				
	Proposed	AM Losty	Seconded	P Vallot	
5.	Matters Arising – dealt with in main body of minutes.				
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund Accounts are now ready for auditing purposes prior to AGM.				JB
7.	Health				
i	GP/Health Hub Correspondence was sent to N Connor, Chief Executive, NHS Tayside (email 27th August 2025) regarding a request for an update on the provision of Primary Care for our expanding community. To date no reply Cc'd: Dr H Dougall, Clinical Director and Associate Medical Director PKHSCP Dr S Peterson, Lead GP for PKHSCP, Perth City Cluster Dr D Shaw, NHS Tayside Medical Director for Primary Care Jacquie Pepper, Chief Officer PKHSCP J Fairlie, MSP, L Smith, MSP P&KC Local Councillors D Illingworth, M Frampton, F Smith J Bruce, ECC Chair				PV/All
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities				

	Fairer Communities for All Overview (shared via ECC facebook page) <i>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.</i> <i>PKC are working closely with communities across Perth and Kinross to find real, practical solutions to the cost-of-living crisis. Together, we'll build fairer, stronger communities. By sharing your priorities and ideas to help with the cost of living, you can help shape the future of your community. We will collaborate with local community groups and organisations to bring your ideas to life.</i> To Date - Fairer Communities for All engagement survey. Communities across each council ward have shared their priorities, and local groups have come together to explore opportunities for projects that address the Cost of Living in their area. Applications are now open for Fairer Communities for All - the process for distributing the Community Investment Fund and Participatory Budgeting Funds for 2025/26. This process will also be used to allocate funds from the NHS Charitable Foundation for Health and Wellbeing projects. Warm Welcome funds have not yet been confirmed or allocated for this year. Communities are recommended that any projects aiming to provide warm spaces during the winter apply through the Fairer Communities for All process. How to Apply: • Application forms are available as both Word and PDF documents in the email attachments, or can be downloaded from: www.pkc.gov.uk/fcfa • The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 3rd October Next Steps: • Projects will be notified by Friday 24th October if they have been successful in progressing to the public vote. • Successful projects will receive further guidance on how to encourage local residents to vote. <u>Meeting for the Almond & Earn ward</u> was held in the Bridge of Earn Institute, Wednesday 17th September 6.30pm -8.30pm with A Mustard, CLD Worker PKC giving an overview/update on the FCFA. There were representatives from various groups across the ward to discuss various community projects collaboratively. Applications are now being planned and prepared for submission for Friday 3rd October, collaboratively and individually by groups represented at the meeting. <u>Public Voting (24th October)</u> once projects have been determined – ECC, (Bridge of Earn/Forcandenny/Forteviot), local communities/groups and the Lower Earn Churches Together will share further information on this funding process via social media and public noticeboards to encourage public voting for successful proposed projects on 24th October.	
8.	Infrastructure	
i	Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn	

	<u>Associated Issues & Parking Bridge of Earn</u> <u>Ember Bus Service/Parking</u> <u>Parking</u> – Balmanno Park/A 912/Wicks o’ Baiglie Road. a) <u>Traffic Regulation Order</u> - Consultation on Proposed Waiting Restrictions Edinburgh Road and Wicks O’ Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn – Awaiting public consultation. b) <u>P&R Facility Bridge of Earn</u> PV/ECC 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. Correspondence sent via email to S Merone, Strategic Lead - Economy, Development & Planning, Perth & Kinross Council on 29th August 2025. <i>Cc’d Distribution List</i> <i>PKC Chief Executive Officer T Glen</i> <i>PKC Council Leader– G Laing</i> <i>PKC Roads & Traffic – F Crofts</i> <i>PKC Elected Members</i> <i>D Illingworth</i> <i>M Frampton</i> <i>F Smith@</i> <i>Ember Bus</i> <i>G S Brown</i> <i>MSPs</i> <i>Keith.Brown.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Jim.Fairlie.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Claire.Baker.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Roz.McCall.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Mark.Ruskell.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Alexander.Stewart.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Alex.Rowley.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot</i> <i>John.Swinney.msp@parliament.scot</i> <u>Responses to date</u> A Mason, Ember (reply received via email 30th August 2025) L Smith & J Fairlie supportive of ECC correspondence c) <u>Carmichael Cottages update</u> - 40mph limit before & after Carmichael Cottages from last week. Question raised whether initially the plan had been that speed limit would extend to The Smithy at Ballendrick, Cllr Illingworth confirmed otherwise. d) <u>Junction of B935 with Pitkeathly Wells road</u> - JS & AML had both contacted Cllr. Illingworth re double white lines being painted (rather than more signage) to prevent traffic overtaking at the junction & enable nearby residents to exit their property safely. Cllr. Illingworth indicated he would raise the matter at the next quarterly meeting of PKC Councillors with the Roads Dept.	PV/ECC Cllr Illing
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ii	Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School Rosyth Ferry	ALL
iii	Flooding The flooding on the west side of the bridge leaving the village into Perth has been as bad as ever now we have had wet weather. (47ml September up to 7th.- recorded on ECC rainfall spreadsheet for 2025)	JM
9.	Ecology a) Beavers – no report <u>Deich Burn, Land Ownership - ACTION</u> JS to follow up on the land ownership progression for the South Bank, Deich Burn with D Stubbs, PKC Greenspace. – No response to date b) Tree Strapping Victory Park –Photographic evidence forwarded to PKC Greenspace. Response via email from C Martin, “ <i>Greenspace will liaise with their Aborcultural Contractor who planted the trees and also our Tree and Woodland Officer.</i> ” JM reported only half of which had support changed from hard plastic to hessian. Further photographic evidence of damage being done to trees from hard plastic supports will be forwarded to Greenspace.	JS JM/JS
10.	Planning – Actions received or being undertaken only Craighead Wind Farm 24/01193/FLM Erection of 8 turbine windfarm and associated works Land 1.5KM Northeast 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. On going 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 - Ongoing 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 Southwest of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge of Earn – Comment 20 th June 2025 **Awaiting further details of sectional drawings from PKC, Case Officer G Peebles as per email of 19 th 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	

	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 TBC <u>Concerns following 1st consultation</u> Breach of compliance Over development of the site Access Infrastructure/Roads/Transport/Bridge Flooding Education Health Cllr Illingworth noted the last four concerns publicly. <u>Consultation 2</u> – No confirmation as to the date for 2nd consultation or the final date for comment. 25/01329/FLL Formation of tennis court and erection of a fence at Bridge of Earn Tennis Club, Main Street, Bridge of Earn Comments 3rd October 2025 – No comment 25/01330/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at, Easter Elcho Farm, Rhynd, Perth, PH2 8QQ – No comment Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS Project Invitation (Email 31/07/25) - Invite to Public Exhibition Wednesday 27th August – Methven from 3.30 – 7pm. AML attended this public meeting. <u>Green Energy Projects P&K</u> A Joint CC Meeting was held Monday 15th September re influx of green energy projects within Perth & Kinross at Fowlis Wester Village Hall (JM attended) JM Report Present: Representatives from 10 c.c.'s plus Liz Smith, MSP and Cllr Frank Smith J McColl of East Strathearn CC, arranged a meeting of CC's after he attended a joint meeting of 50 CC's and parliamentary representatives of Highland region, representing 72,000 residents. Their region, like ours, has seen a huge increase of scoping and planning applications involving wind and solar generation as well as battery storage. Main points were:- 1. Lack of local democracy, where genuine concerns voiced by local communities are ignored by local and national bodies. 2. The proliferation of planning applications in the area of Perth and Kinross, especially north and west of Perth. If approved the effect on rural communities in terms of a drop in tourism, blight on the landscape and possible devaluing of properties as well as the disruption and	Cllr Illing/ALL AML JM
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	damage to rural roads due to the huge amount of infrastructure necessary. Several facts were given eg. - The generation from already approved applications and those already in the pipeline was more than enough to satisfy government targets for 2030, therefore there is no need for any more sites at the moment. Most of our power goes south and most of the profits abroad. - There is a huge cost in payments to production companies for shutting down turbines, when necessary, the hours this has happened in 2025 has far exceeded the whole of 2024. In Conclusion: - It was felt that there should be a moratorium on all planning applications regarding renewable energy until the government sets out a detailed, country wide strategy for renewable production instead of the piecemeal, scattergun approach at present. The immediate need is for modern, efficient infrastructure, transport and storage to cope with the energy already being produced, not for yet more production. - That a united group who share the same interests and concerns may have more clout with government and council bodies. 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 <u>Local Place Plan</u> – On going <u>PKC Development Plan Team</u> – Email 11/09/25 - Consultation - Draft Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Planning Guidance 2025 – Closes 17th October 2025 <u>Planning Alert UK</u> – Further consideration regarding administration of this system	JS
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: <u>BT Poles A912</u> 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.	JB

	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. JB reported that cables are now in place. <u>Green Living Fund</u> – 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 green spaces, building climate resilience, or engaging your community, this fund is here to help turn ideas into action. Further info on ECC & PKC facebook pages ECC will apply to this fund based on 'engaging your community' to produce a leaflet detailing "What's On" across the Earn ward. If successful, this project would commence in 2026 requiring engagement with all community groups to register for their details to be included in this community project. Scottish 4G Infill (S4GI) Community Fund – shared via mail with Forgandenny 7 Forteviot communities Royal Society of Edinburgh - 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People': Catalyst Awards offer up to £5,000 to support community-led research projects over 12 months. Applications are welcomed until noon on Thursday 4 December 2025. For more details on the award and to apply, the webpage is here: <u>'Healthy Planet, Healthy People': Catalyst Award - Royal Society of Edinburgh : Royal Society of Edinburgh</u> <u>PKC - National Planning Improvement Framework (NPIF)</u> - Peer Review (email 16/09/25) <u>00011325 – Amey OW Ltd (per Jacobs UK Ltd)</u> – Bridge Maintenance – M90 Friarton Bridge, Perth – Consultation – Response Required by 14 October 2025. Request for a marine licence. (email 16/09/25) Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards	
ii	Compliance – Perth and Kinross Council Community Council Elections -Thursday 6 November 2025 – email 20th August 2025 Notice of Election –Published on the Perth and Kinross Council, website www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncilselections Thursday 28 August 2025, marking the start of the 4-week nomination period which closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 25 September 2025. 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. - Information shared via facebook pages & local noticeboards by cc members.	

12.	Education <u>Dunbarney School Estate Management Plan</u> – Dunbarney School is one of several schools in PKC as identified as having a capacity constraint. ECC awaits further information from PKC Education as to plans for Dunbarney to accommodate and overcome constraint issues identified.	
13.	Reports	
i	Police Report – Report received prior to meeting, shared with all ECC members. Report detailed crimes from the end of August. Thirteen being recorded on Police systems, included vandalism, fraud, theft by shoplifting, threatening behaviour and traffic offences. Community Policing team – If your group would like a talk/visit from the police then they will do their best to accommodate your request. See email address at the end of this report. 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, <u>email: TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</u> 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> 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 <u>TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</u>	
ii	Commemorative Tree Planting – JB will facilitate this once autumn arrives.	JB
iii	Community News <u>ECC Presentation - Douglas Johnston 48 years of service to Earn Community Council</u> JB presented Douglas with a commissioned portrait to honour Douglas's dedication to the Earn Community Council. Douglas joined ECC at its inception in 1977 and has one of the original ratified signed Perth and Kinross District Council copies dated, 7th October 1977 In his time as a locally elected Councillor Douglas recalls the efforts to preserve the old bridge arch over the Earn River, the thatched cottages in Kintillo. Additionally, his recollections of wartime experiences and observations on the changes brought on by modern developments, such as the M90 and local wind	

	farms, reflect a profound understanding of how the community has evolved over time. <u>Earn Ward Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025</u> JS to order wreath	
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	Forteviot <u>Speeding</u> – Suggestion that speeding has been made worse by Google maps pointing drivers to the B935 when Broxden is particularly congested. <u>Traffic through Forteviot & environs</u> - JS & AML had both contacted Cllr. Illingworth after the last ECC meeting who advised that signage near Kildinny Farm would be unlikely to make any difference to traffic speeding. He recommended that the residents should continue to keep the driver's window down so as to listen for oncoming traffic when exiting to join the main road. Cllr Illingworth to request a speed monitor to be installed at Forteviot to establish factual evidence. <u>B935 Kintail Cottages roadworks (18th - 26th September)</u> - following communication by JS & AML with PKC Roads Dept., a satisfactory outcome had been achieved re transport provision for Forteviot residents during the times the road would be closed to traffic. <u>PKC 'Fairer Communities for All'</u> - concerns about management & effective operation of process after Collaboration meeting in BoE on 17th September & online support session on 18th September. <u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> - £365 raised on 20th September. <u>Burns Celebration</u> - afternoon of Sunday 12th October.	Cllr Illing
ii	Forgandenny - Nil	
iii	Bridge of Earn <u>Bottle Bank</u> – Victory Park, is this a long-term measure? Concern raised by residents re dogs walking on broken glass shards within the vicinity of the bottle bank. Reported via My Pkc <u>Pavement B935</u> – Reported overgrown vegetation on path from Bridge of Earn to Kilgraston Farm, because of this pavement becoming very narrow and pushing users closer to road. <u>Old Edinburgh Road</u> – Loose bollard	JM/JS JS

	<u>Disable Bay - Bridge of Earn</u> – Cllr Illingworth has made requests for two bays to be appointed.	Cllr Illing/JS
iv	Craigend <u>Speeding on U55</u> between Aberdalgie & Craigend – On going	Cllr III
v	Dron - Nil	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	
15.	PKC Councillors Cllr Frampton to have a discussion with PKC representatives re P&R for Bridge of Earn to support Ember bus services. – no response to date	CllrF
16.	Wind Farms	
I	<u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm</u> RWE Lochelbank Community Fund: ECC Panel member required for Earn due to a rolling retiral from the panel. <u>Applications</u> - See RWE Lochelbank website for further information on 'How to Apply' <u>Main Fund maximum grant-size (£5,000)</u> 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. Key dates for 2026 Applications TBC <u>Microgrants</u> 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 – Net Cash £1641.72 <u>Microgrant Applications</u>	

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	Dunbarney and Forgandenny Womens Group – Application for £350.00 to support celebratory event. - Approved Bridge of Earn, Wednesday Club – Application for £350.00 General running costs. Awaiting further information. Perth Floral Art Club – Application for £260 to support hire of hall to bring a Creative event to Bridge of Earn - Approved	
ii	Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd - Nil	
ii	Sustainability Group 1. Future dates: Thursday, 22 January 2026 – No meetings have been held since January 2025	
17.	AOCB	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting:

NEXT MEETING Monday 27th October 2025
6.30pm
The Institute, Bridge of Earn

This meeting will be preceded by ECC 2025 AGM

All members of the public are welcome to attend