

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
 Minute of meeting held on Monday 27th October 2025,
 The Institute, Bridge of Earn at 6.30 pm

1.	Present				Action
	Chair, J Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), D Johnston (Craigend), J McKenzie (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny) M White (Forgandenny)				
	PKC Councillors: Cllr. Illingworth				
	Members of Public: Three				
2.	Apologies: Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith				
3.	Declaration of Interest: J Sloan				
4.	Adoption of Minute 22nd September 2025				
	Proposed	P Vallot	Seconded	AM Losty	
5.	Matters Arising – dealt with in main body of minutes.				
6.	Treasurers Report General Fund £5964.90 (this includes £5700.00 grant funding for Local Place Plan/Community Action Plan) Audited accounts shared as per 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. Response Received from J Pepper, P&KC HSCP on behalf of N Connor, Chief Executive, NHS Tayside – via email 25 th September (shared with ECC members) <i>Highlighted comments.</i> <i>We recognise the ongoing concern around access to general practice services in Bridge of Earn, particularly in light of recent and planned housing developments. The Perth and Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and NHS Tayside shares your view that population growth must be matched with sustainable healthcare infrastructure, and</i>				PV/All

	<i>we remain committed to ensuring that residents can access safe, effective, and person-centred care.”</i> <i>Along with the Commitment, “to maintaining transparent communication with Earn Community Council as this work progresses. Updates, as they arise, will continue to be shared through the HSCP community engagement channels.”</i> <i>“Please be assured that NHS Tayside, the Integration Joint Board, and the HSCP take the concerns of Bridge of Earn residents seriously. We will continue to work collaboratively with the community to deliver solutions that are sustainable, equitable, and responsive to the needs of the population.</i> <i>Thank you once again for your letter and for your commitment to ongoing partnership.”</i>	
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities Fairer Communities for All To Date Applications for Fairer Communities for All /Warm Welcome/Green Living fund closed on Friday 3rd October. Public Voting commences 27th October 2025 ECC project to create a Community Engagement Leaflet that will serve as a vital tool for communication within the community has been accepted as part of The Green Living Fund and now enters voting stage. A Community Engagement Leaflet will be a great step towards fostering a more connected and informed community. JS to share information in relation to the Fairer Communities for All/Green Living fund voting campaign.	JS
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> - Edinburgh Road and Wicks O’ Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn – Work commenced w/b 27th October. Improvements to Baiglie Triangle junction and introduction of yellow lines. b) <u>P&R Facility Bridge of Earn</u> PV/ECC corresponded 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. <u>Responses to date</u>	PV/ECC

	A Mason, Ember (reply received via email 30th August 2025) L Smith & J Fairlie supportive of ECC correspondence Councillors Illingworth, Frampton & Smith all supportive <i>Cc'd Distribution List</i> PKC Chief Executive Officer T Glen PKC Council Leader– G Laing PKC Roads & Traffic – F Crofts PKC Elected Members D Illingworth M Frampton F Smith@ Ember Bus G S Brown MSPs Keith.Brown.msp@parliament.scot Jim.Fairlie.msp@parliament.scot Claire.Baker.msp@parliament.scot Roz.McCall.msp@parliament.scot Mark.Ruskell.msp@parliament.scot Alexander.Stewart.msp@parliament.scot Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot Alex.Rowley.msp@parliament.scot Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot John.Swinney.msp@parliament.scot <u>Update</u> - Correspondence from Jim Fairlie MSP ECC received via email on 22nd September 2025, commenting that he is “working to identify a viable solution”. Following this and in communication with J Rae <i>Senior Communications Officer to Jim Fairlie, MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire</i>, an initial scoping exercise is planned to identify viable solutions (short & long term). Subsequently a meeting will be arranged to communicate the outcomes with ECC and the wider community. Cllr Frampton – Email 27/10/25 received outlining similar as above. <u>Junction of B935 with Pitkeathly Wells Road & speeding</u> Cllr Illingworth & ECC received email correspondence from C MacDonald, a resident on this road with safety concerns on this stretch of road due to speed of traffic (long straight stretch with hidden dips) for all users. Email received from S Dow (01/10/25) re speeding concerns on the B935 as a local resident. ACTION - Cllr Illingworth confirmed that a survey on B935 from the junction to Pitkeathly wells to Forgandenny covering the new 40mph at Carmicheal cottages. <u>Update</u>- Speed monitors in place and active	Cllr Illing
ii	Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School Rosyth Ferry	ALL
iii	Flooding Storm Amy – No flooding recorded	

	A 912 to Perth - JM reported flooding on the west corner after the bridge still posing problems. JM to submit photographic evidence of this via MyPkc	JM
9.	Ecology a) Beavers – no report <u>Deich Burn, Land Ownership – ACTION</u> ECC requested update from D Stubbs, PKC Greenspace (via email) with the option to provide a contact within P&KC who is responsible for actioning the process of ownership – no response to date b) Tree Strapping Victory Park - Further photographic evidence of damage being done to trees from rigid plastic supports was forwarded to Greenspace. JS to contact Greenspace with suggestion for community volunteering to re strap trees with hessian strapping.	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 <i>Planning Appeals Division of the Scottish Government (DPEA)</i> 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 <i>Scot Gov Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for determination</i>, 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 <i>Note.</i> Member of the Public emailed ECC with an Updated Letter of Objection to Brunt Hill Wind Farm Additional Information - ECU00004654. This was shared with ECC members. 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 20th June 2025 **Awaiting further details 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 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 Wednesday 29th October 16.00 -19.00 – Venue: Strathearn Room, Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church	Cllr Illing/ALL

	Further information/comments on the proposals can be submitted no later than Wednesday 5th November 2025 to Ryan Brown, Managing Director, GS Brown Construction Ltd, The Nurseries, St Madoes, Perth PH2 7NF Email: architect@gsbrown.co.uk <u>25/00010/PAN Report of Handling</u> – Planning & Placemaking Committee (8th October). Report details the potential forthcoming application in respect of a <u>major</u> development on land 100 Metres North of Clayton Road, Burnbank, Bridge of Earn. At the Planning & Placemaking Committee meeting on October 8th, Cllr Illingworth raised several critical points regarding the planning application under consideration. These comments are essential for ensuring that all relevant factors are considered in the decision-making process. The key areas of concern highlighted by Cllr Illingworth included: i. Education provision ii. Health services. iii. Construction traffic plan. iv. Flooding prevention; Water and sewage capacity v. That this site is not zoned for housing in LDP2. These points underscore the importance of thorough planning and community impact assessment in the development process. Cllr Illingworth's comments reflect the views of the community to ensuring that any new developments align with local needs and regulatory frameworks. Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) – Project to Deliver of 1000 Affordable homes across P&KC 2026 -2031 ECC's attention was drawn to 89 affordable homes at Captain's Glen contained within this plan. Email correspondence was sent to elected ward Councillors from ECC highlighting the lack of infrastructure in terms of Education & Health within Bridge of Earn, Cllr F Smith presented the concerns raised by ECC during the meeting of the P&KC Housing & Social Wellbeing Committee on 1st October 2025. ECC also engaged with N Sworowski, Place Strategies Manager & Chief Planning Officer. <i>Correspondence/and replies shared via emails 1st and 3rd October shared with ECC Cllr's.</i> ECC considers that in the delivery of affordable housing it must be balanced with the necessary infrastructure to support new residents effectively. Further actions should aim at ensuring that any new developments are accompanied by enhancements in educational and health facilities in the community. <u>25/01329/FLL</u> 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 ECC comment was submitted. Environmental Health has requested a NIA (Noise Impact Assessment) <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 Fowls Wester Village Hall (JM attended). Following this a further email has been received requesting whether ECC would be interested in attending further meetings to discuss the effects of future energy developments which affect our area. JM volunteered to be our representative. JS will email accordingly.	Cllr Illing
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	<u>Local Development Plan (LDP3)</u> – No further information <u>Local Place Plan</u> – On going <u>Planning Alert UK</u> – Further consideration regarding administration of this system <u>Local Landscape Area Review Survey</u> – emailed by P&KC Development Planning Team 08/10/25 – Closes 5th November <u>Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS)</u> - Are hosting a series of winter webinars, one of which is regarding battery storage and planning on 3rd December 2025, further details/registration information via website.	
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>Update on Wildflower Planting within Grow Wild Areas</u> – P&KC Greenspace correspondence received in regard to an update on plans for the provision of wildflowers within designated Grow Wild areas for Perth & Blairgowrie. <u>Help Shape Our Circular Economy Future – Have Your Say!</u> – Consultation Invited to take part to help shape the future of the Circular Economy in our region. The strategy will help change how we make, use, and dispose of items by reducing waste and recycling more. Closed 24th October PV submitted response on behalf of ECC <u>Local Community Events</u> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards	
ii	Compliance – <u>Perth and Kinross Council Community Council Elections -Thursday 6 November 2025</u> – email received 7th October with formal notice of those duly elected to Earn Community Council. JS will share this via noticeboard and facebook/earncommunity web page. Duly Declared: John Bruce - Dron, Douglas Johnston - Aberdalgie & Craigend, Anne Marie Losty- Forteviot, Jo McKenzie – Bridge of Earn, Janice Sloan - Bridge of Earn Paul Vallot – Forgandenny, Marcus Whitehead – Forgandenny. <i>Note - The first meeting of the newly elected Community Council will be called by a local elected member of Perth and Kinross Council within 28 days of the election (Thursday 4 December 2025). The first item on the agenda will be the appointment of a Chairperson, and the elected member will chair the meeting for this item only. For the purposes of ECC this AGM will be held prior to meeting planned for Monday 24th November 2025.</i> <u>ECC Insurance Renewal 2025 – 2026</u> - Completed	JS JS
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 – On going	JS
13.	Reports	
i	Police Report – Received and circulated prior to meeting. No Police present. JS to email A Duncan with concerns raised at the meeting. No data on number of calls, traffic issues & entering private premises. 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, email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@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 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	
ii	Commemorative Tree Planting – JB will facilitate this once autumn arrives.	JB
iii	Community News <u>ECC Presentation - Douglas Johnston</u> Local Press and The Dundee Courier ran an editorial article of Douglas Johnston 48 years of service to Earn Community Council. Douglas has been part of ECC since it was formed in 1977. <i>Douglas expressed his sincere thanks to those present, for the presentation of a personal portrait to mark his 48 years of service to Earn Community Council. In recent days he has also celebrated his Diamond Wedding Anniversary, with his wife Hazel, receiving a congratulatory card from King Charles III & Queen Camilla.</i> <u>Earn Ward Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025</u> Details of events across the ward were shared at the meeting.	

14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	Forteviot <u>Traffic in vicinity of Kildinny Farm</u> – <u>Traffic in vicinity of Kildinny Farm</u> – No speed monitor to be placed in the environ of the entrance to Kildinny Farm. Cllr. Illingworth intimated he felt speed monitoring would not solve the problem of vehicles travelling at excessive speed. <u>Burns Celebration</u> - £155 raised for Hall funds on 12th October. <u>Friends of Forteviot Facebook</u> - recently established to promote the village & its environs. <u>PKC 'Fairer Communities for All'</u> - Forteviot Hall advised that they had been shortlisted for public vote for 'Cost of Living' award. Decision awaited re grant from 'Warm Welcome' Fund. <u>Christmas Fair</u> - Saturday 15th November.	
ii	Forgandenny <u>Forgandenny Friends</u> – PKC Digital Inclusion event was held, worthwhile event. <u>Film Nights</u> continue to be successful <u>Craft Fair</u> – Sunday 2nd November, Forgandenny Village Hall – 2 – 4pm	
iii	Bridge of Earn <u>Bottle Bank</u> – Victory Park. Bottle banks were re situated with in confines of the park due to broken glass posing a risk to children as they entered the nursery. Concern remains for those who use the park for dog walking. Cllr Illing indicated that they would remain. <u>Macmillian Coffee Morning</u> – Held in the Bowling Club raised £1718.50. <u>Back Street/Side Street Bridge of Earn</u> Email received regarding large vehicle unable to exit Back Street via Side Street due to parked vehicles restricting turning into Side Street. The only alternative route to access the A912 is to continue on Back Street and exit via the one-way system operating on Dunning Street. Cllr Illing and police made aware. Likewise, a large vehicle was unable to enter Back Street from Dunning Street due to cars being parked on double yellow lines at the corner. Email to P&KC roads to be submitted.	JS
iv	Craigend <u>Speeding on U55</u> between Aberdalgie & Craigend – On going <u>Road Closures</u> – DJ intimated the frustration of residents having many road closures in this stretch over recent times that at times were unnecessary.	Cllr III
v	Dron - Nil	

vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	
15.	PKC Councillors - Nil	
16.	Wind Farms	
I	<u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm – Community Benefit Fund</u> Notes following recent meeting of the panel. <u>ECC Panel members</u> – JM indicated that there are now two new panel members for the Earn ward. <u>Grant Applications</u> - Dunbarney & Forgandenny Church & Bridge of Earn Bowling Club were awarded grants in this latest round. <u>General Note</u> - A further change in administrative staff has taken place with Foundation Scotland regarding RWE Lochelbank Windfarm. JS will request a poster for forthcoming application/decision dates for 2026. <u>Applications</u> - 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) <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. <u>Key dates for 2026 Applications</u> (<i>As per web page</i>) 20th February 2026 Decision end of May 2026 <u>Microgrants</u> Microgrants, offering smaller grants with more frequent decision-making time limits, 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 £1651.72 (£620 – Act £1031.72) <u>Microgrant Applications</u> Bridge of Earn, Wednesday Club – Application for £350.00 General running costs. Awaiting further information	JM
ii	Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd - Nil	

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ii	Sustainability Group 1. Future date: Thursday, 22 January 2026	
17.	AOCB – JS intimated an invitation from Kathleen Baird to attend Presentation of Order of British Empire Medal, Friday 28 th November 2025, Perth Civic Hall.	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting:
NEXT MEETING Monday 24th November 2025
6.30pm

The Institute, Bridge of Earn

This meeting will be preceded by PKC EGM 2025 AGM. All members of the public are welcome to attend