

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
 Minute of meeting held on Monday 26th January 2026,
 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 Whitehead (Forgandenny)					
	PKC Councillors: Nil					
	Members of Public: Two					
2.	Apologies: Cllr M Frampton, Cllr D Illingworth, Cllr F Smith					
3.	Declaration of Interest: Nil					
4.	Adoption of Minute 24th November 2025					
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5.	Matters Arising – Nil					
6.	Treasurers Report Updated accounts shared via email prior to the meeting. General Fund £537.40 (available)	JB				
7.	Health					
i	GP/Health Hub <u>Tayside Perth & Kinross Primary Care - Mental Health & Wellbeing drop-in at Bridge of Earn</u> Following a review of attendance over the past year and despite reducing the frequency and promoting the clinic locally, continued low or no footfall, this has resulted in the decision to bring the drop-in sessions to a close. Should anyone need to book any appointment with a mental health nurse they are advised to contact their GP, this has been circulated locally via posters.					
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities Fairer Communities for All <u>Fairer Communities for All /Green Living fund awards for Almond & Earn</u> Projects Awarded for Earn included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bridge of Earn Bowling Club 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dunbarney & Forgandenny Church – Support cosy space gentle exercise class & Youth Drop-in ➤ Social Flock – Re-distributing clothing across P&K ➤ STEM - Delivery of science-based activities for schools, groups, organisations. ➤ Forteviot Hall – General running costs ➤ Earn Community Council – What’s On pamphlet for the ward <p><u>Green Living Fund Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn Community Council - Community Leaflet <p>Launched 8th January via email inviting local groups/organisations to submit contact details on a ‘What’s On’ basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Name of Your Group/Organisation/Venue? You can share with us a little bit about your group if you wish.</i> ➤ <i>Where do you meet/How often do you meet?</i> ➤ <i>When do you meet? Day/Time</i> ➤ <i>Cost?</i> ➤ <i>Contact Details i.e. e-mail address and/or tel. no.</i> ➤ <i>Facebook and website links if applicable.</i> <p><i>Next Steps ...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Information Compilation</i> ➤ <i>Design Considerations – looking at background design/logo/colour etc</i> ➤ <i>Form a small team to brainstorm ideas/provide feedback</i> ➤ <i>Collaborate with printing company</i> 	<p>JS</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	
<p>i</p>	<p>Roads/Traffic – Bridge of Earn <u>Associated Issues & Parking Bridge of Earn</u></p> <p>a. <u>Road & Traffic Meeting - December 2025. Present: Niall Moran - Transportation Team, Craig Daly - Traffic Network Manager - Road Safety, Stewart Skene - Team Leader Parking and Civil Contingencies, Cllr Illingworth</u></p> <p><u>A912/Kintillo/Wicks</u> – Traffic Management Public Order (9th January 2026) to allow for a six-week consultation period.</p> <p><u>Back Street</u> - Re pinch points that affect the movement of large vehicles/HGV'S. C Daly, Traffic Network Manager – Road Safety will draw up a suggested plan following discussion along with photographic evidence affecting movement of vehicles.</p> <p>b. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL (BRIDGE OF EARN) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (VARIATION) (NO. 3) ORDER 202X (shared via ECC facebook)</p> <p>The Council proposes to make the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act1984.</p> <p>The effect of the Order shall be to install No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Kintillo Road and Wicks O’Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn to</p>	

	<p>allow access and clear sight lines, alleviate obstructive parking and improve the safety for all road users.</p> <p>Full details may be examined within normal office hours from 9/1/26 to 30/1/26 at:- Pullar House, Main Reception, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth; the Reference Section, AK Bell Library, York Place, Perth PH2 8EP; Bridge of Earn Post Office, Main Street, Bridge of Earn PH2 9PL; and on the following websites:- Perth and Kinross Council (https://www.pkc.gov.uk/tro) and Tell Me Scotland (https://tellmescotland.gov.uk/home/).</p> <p>Any objectors must state their reasons in writing by 30/1/26 to the Strategic Lead Legal & Governance Services, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH and/or to LegalServices@pkc.gov.uk.</p> <p>c. <u>Parking Facility for Ember Bus Service - Bridge of Earn</u></p> <p>Parking in and around the A912 continues to be a problem for residents and road users. Prior to the meeting Councillor M Frampton shared via email that there is a planned meeting to be held next month with elected MSP's, PKC representatives to allow for further discussion on cause/effect of the well-received ember service to local residents. JS to email Cllr Frampton requesting ECC has representation at this meeting.</p> <p>d. <u>Forgandenny Village</u> – PV shared that following a near miss incident signage is to be readdressed including extending 20 mph zone</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS/JB/PV</p>
ii	<p>Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School Rosyth Ferry</p>	ALL
iii	<p>Flooding</p> <p><u>Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study (SWFS)</u></p> <p>Bridge of Earn has faced repeated flooding in recent years and together with consulting engineers Binnies, P&KC have completed a draft Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study (SWFS) to identify risks and potential options for managing the risk where possible.</p> <p>Two drop-in sessions were held at Dunbarney Church Strathearn Hall, Bridge of Earn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 10 December 2025, 2pm to 8pm; and • Tuesday 13 January 2026, 2pm to 8pm <p>Public Deadline for comments - Friday 23 January 2026.</p> <p>Both events were well attended.</p> <p>Following a discussion reviewing the consultation paper/options ECC will draft comments for submission in due course. It was noted that the cause/effect of beavers has not been considered in the preparation of this engineered study. Sadly, SEPA was not present at either of the public events.</p> <p><u>ECC Flooding – Annual Rainfall (Spreadsheet Update)</u></p> <p>JS continues to record rainfall/cause effect around the local community.</p>	All

9.	<p>Ecology</p> <p>a) Beavers – no report <u>Deich Burn, Land Ownership – ACTION</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>Clarification of Legal Land Ownership. –ECC has received an email from a member of the public containing RoS details clarifying land ownership.</p> <p>b) <u>Tree Strapping Victory Park</u> – Trees are now in desperate need to have strapping removed, it was noted that the health of the trees is now being compromised. JS will email Greenspace.</p>	JM/JS
10.	<p>Planning – Actions received or being undertaken only</p> <p>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 – On going</p> <p>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</p> <p>Enforcement Order - Cargill Autos Main Street Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9PJ 25/00287/UNAUSE Received: Thu 27 Nov 2025 Status: Notice Issued Unauthorised change of use from vehicle sales to a fuel station Awaiting planning application</p> <p>Planning Appendix</p> <p>25/01739/FLL Erection of dwelling house with associated studio/work from home unit (live-work unit) Land 50 Metres West of Boatmill Forgandenny Perth PH2 9HR – No comment. (Local community have concern of project creep at this site this being third new dwelling).</p> <p>25/01676/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and installation of flue Dungavel Kirkton of Mailer Road Craigend Perth PH2 0SS APPROVED</p> <p>25/01636/FLL Siting of container unit for use as additional changing facilities and associated works Pavilion Victory Park Station Road Bridge of Earn APPROVED (with conditions)</p> <p>Agenda Planning Appendix - No comments raised for other weekly planning applications as per agenda.</p>	

	<p><u>Dupplin Solar Project</u> – 2nd Exhibition was held on Wednesday, 3rd December from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm/Online presentation 5th December 2025.</p> <p>AML shared presentation documents with ECC following attendance at public meeting held on 3rd December. The Battery Energy Storage System now removed i.e. project is for solar panels only, <i>with the number of solar panels now reduced by 1/3.</i></p> <p><u>Green Energy Projects P&K</u> - No further meetings have taken place with this group.</p> <p><u>Local Development Plan (LDP3) – email 04/12/25</u></p> <p>The <u>LDP3 Call for Sites Submissions (2025) Map</u> has been prepared to provide transparency and show the sites that were suggested. These sites will now be assessed as part of the preparation of LDP3.</p> <p>Indicative timeline for the next stages is as follows.</p> <p>Site assessments: December 2025 – January 2026</p> <p>Identification of draft spatial strategy: January – February 2026</p> <p>Focussed public engagement on places following on from these key elements: February – March 2026</p> <p>Please note: Inclusion on this map does not mean a site will be allocated for development. All sites are currently undergoing appraisal, and only those considered suitable will be taken forward to the Proposed Plan stage. There will be a formal opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan when it is published in 2026.</p> <p>All information is available to view on the PK&C website – Emerging Local Development Plan LDP3</p> <p><u>Local Place Plan</u> – On going</p> <p><u>P&K Planning Hyperlinking</u> – Following an email by ECC to Development Management, PKC are now hyperlinking all weekly planning notifications.</p> <p><u>Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS) –</u> Wednesday 3rd December Webinar - Battery Storage Policy and decision making in the Planning System.</p> <p><u>Scottish Forestry - Dupplin Estate</u> (email 23/12/2025) The Dupplin Estate wish to change the restock of Gallows Park Wood which is just southwest of Perth on the other side of the M90. The woodland was to be entirely Restocked with Norway Spruce but the estate now wishes to diversify with Douglas Fir and Mixed Broadleaves added to this restock plan.</p> <p><u>ECC Email response 07/01/25 - Dupplin Estate Amendment - change the restock of Gallows Park Wood south west of Perth</u> Earn Community Council comment - <i>"This change of plan is to be welcomed for its diversity and selection of species."</i></p>	<p>JB/JM</p>
<p>11.</p>	<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><u>New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils</u> emails 27/11/25 - 20/01/26 - Newsletter 2/3,</p> <p><u>Perth and Kinross Budget Consultation 2026/2027</u> (08/12/25 email) Closed 16th Jan 2026</p> <p><u>Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment</u> - Public consultation – Consultation closes March 2026</p> <p><u>SSEN</u> – Invitation to Stakeholder Workshops (via email)</p> <p><u>Local Community Events</u> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	
ii	<p>Compliance – <u>ECC Data Controller</u></p> <p>Confirmation received of renewal for Earn Community Council's entry on the Data Protection Register which also details the Community Council's allocated Registration Number. (email 23/01/26) Also enclose general advice and guidance for Community Councils about compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) prepared by Perth and Kinross Council's Information Compliance Team</p>	
12.	<p>Education</p> <p><u>Dunbarney School Estate Management Plan</u> - Response</p> <p>Strategic Lead: Education and Learning (Chief Education Officer)</p> <p>Response received 13/01/2026 (email) sharing information on the official capacity for Dunbarney School.</p> <p>Currently there are no timescales for the provision of a Primary School at Oudenarde, with the catchment for Oudenarde currently based on Inchview Primary.</p> <p>PV to respond with concern that there are no timescales for the provision of a school at Oudenarde.</p> <p>Back In 2020, the final comment contained within the Scot Gov Place Standard that ECC consulted on stated, <i>"Build a new primary school in Oudenarde for the whole village so all the kids go to school together and use old school site for a new health care facility"</i>.</p> <p>Oudenarde will have no heart without a school at the centre of its community. Schools are more than just places for academic learning; they serve as vital hubs for social interaction and community engagement. They bring together families, foster relationships among residents, and create opportunities for local events and activities. A strong educational institution not only nurtures the minds of our children but also strengthens the fabric of our community. Without a school, we risk losing a vital space for connection, support, and shared growth. To ensure the heart of Oudenarde beats steadily, we must prioritise the establishment and support of our local school as a cornerstone of community life.</p>	PV
13.	Reports	

i	<p>Police Report – Received and circulated prior to meeting. No Police present</p> <p>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.</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, 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	<p>Commemorative Tree Planting – JB to facilitate.</p>	<p>JB</p>
iii	<p>Community News</p> <p><u>Bridge of Earn – Brig in Lights</u> – Very successful ‘light up’ event took place on Sunday 23rd November, a torch light procession and lights switch on by Rev A Wilson, despite a cold damp evening. This project has been well supported by residents, businesses, and in-kind donations.</p> <p><u>Lower Earn Trust</u></p> <p>Grant Awards - The Lower Earn Trust held its first grant awards' meeting on 20th November 2025.</p> <p>The Trustees were delighted to make awards to totalling £2,810 to two successful applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brig in Lights, Bridge of Earn • Green Shoots Community & Learning Centre, Aberdalgie <p>Further information can be found on the Lower Earn Trust website.</p>	
14.	<p>Community Councillors Reports</p>	
i	<p>Forteviot</p>	

	<p><u>PKC Fairer Communities for All</u> - Forteviot Village Hall was successful in being awarded a Cost of Living grant of £2,000 in late November.</p> <p><u>Dupplin Solar Project</u> - AML attended the second exhibition in Methven on 3rd December & later circulated relevant slides. Battery storage system now removed from project & no. of solar panels reduced by a third. It is hoped application will be submitted to PKC in February. Neil Lindsay, MD of BLD Energy, willing to speak to ECC about which JB & JS earlier apprised.</p> <p><u>Action to Protect Rural Scotland</u> - AML & JMCK attended the webinar on 'Battery Storage Policy & Planning' on 3rd December. Very helpful & informative.</p> <p><u>Potholes & Safety of Forteviot Bridge (B935)</u> - unfortunately, the repairs carried out earlier in January were unsuccessful, probably as the result of the severe weather. Local concern also raised about the safety of the bridge in view of the increasing amount of heavy traffic using the B935 as an alternative to the Broxden roundabout. AML has contacted PKC & Cllr. David Illingworth.</p> <p><u>Eric McCabe (Wildlife Photographer)</u> - illustrated talk on Borneo on 25th January raised £86 for Hall funds.</p> <p><u>Daffodil Tea</u> - afternoon of Saturday 21st March in aid of Hall funds.</p> <p><u>Tour de Forteviot (11th April)</u> - official info. to follow from Scottish Cycling once arrangements confirmed between SC & PKC.</p>	
ii	<p>Forgandenny</p> <p><u>Film Night</u> – recently, Gilbert & Sullivan.</p> <p><u>Forgandenny in Friends</u> – Police visited recently.</p> <p><u>Hogmanay Celebration</u> – Great self-funding community event to end the year.</p> <p><u>Photograph Competition</u> – with the aim to make Community Calendar.</p> <p><u>Speed Limits</u> – Extension of 20 mph zone. (See item 8 (i) d Infrastructure)</p>	
iii	<p>Bridge of Earn</p> <p>The Institute AGM – Wednesday 18th February, 7pm – All Welcome</p>	
iv	<p>Craigend</p> <p>Sadly, report of fatal accident on the A912 near Craigend junction. DJ has called for more safety initiatives for this area over many years.</p> <p><u>A912 – Keep left Bollard opposite Craiglowan School</u> not reflecting well.</p> <p><u>Perth Museum</u> – Following a visit to the Perth Museum DJ was disappointed at the lack of Agricultural history not on show, given that much of Perth & Kinross has a strong connection with Agriculture.</p>	DJ/Cllr III
v	Dron - Nil	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	

