

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
 Minute of meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026,
 Forgandenny Village Hall at 7 pm

1.	Present	Action				
	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: Cllr D Illingworth					
	Members of Public: One					
2.	Apologies: Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith, J Bruce (Dron)					
3.	Declaration of Interest: Nil					
4.	Adoption of Minute 26th January 2026					
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5.	Matters Arising – Nil					
6.	Treasurers Report No accounts available					
7.	Health					
i	GP/Health Hub					
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities <u>Green Living Fund – Earn Community Leaflet</u> The leaflet is now with the printer for design and layout.	JS				
8.	Infrastructure					
i	a. <u>PV Correspondence</u> <u>Subject – Concerted, Timeous & Integrated Plan Required</u> Following last month’s meeting, PV drafted correspondence and circulated this with local P&KC ward Councilors, MSP’s, MP’s, Local Press, P&KC planning.					

	<p>This correspondence outlined ECC ongoing concern for the lack of infrastructure for Bridge of Earn and the outlying areas in terms of Health, Education, inward investment to support P&R given the continued house building (potentially 1800 homes) for the area. ECC has received positive responses to this letter encouraging us to continue to call for strategic planning.</p> <p>b. <u>Parking Facility for Ember Bus Service - Bridge of Earn</u></p> <p>Ember Bus Service – Bridge of Earn Parking Concerns</p> <p>Following a stakeholder meeting held on Friday 13th February, Cllr M Frampton & J Rae (Sec) SNP Office shared a few bullet points from the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Ember Bus, P Wishart MSP, J Fairlie MSP, Cllr M Frampton, J Rae (Secretary JF/PW), Cllr Rebbeck, Cllr Massie, GS Brown, P&KC Representatives (no detail)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Double Yellows to be delivered imminently. P&KC ACTION ➤ Ember now offer service from Perth (opposite railway station) to Edinburgh – Early days to know whether this service might help alleviate parking in Bridge of Earn. This is to be given more publicity by Ember & via press. EMBER ACTION ➤ Are residents parking close to Ember stop – Could we raise a campaign to encourage residents to walk or be dropped off rather than leave a car close to the stop. LOCAL ACTION ➤ Longterm Parking discussed and being considered ➤ P Wishart asked the question to Ember if they could offer any financial assistance with parking the answer was – No. Low-cost operation. ➤ P&KC presently sitting on funds for Bertha Park & Walnut Grove – they need to consider their options going forward. ➤ Ember fully supports the service operating on Bridge of Earn - this is their 2nd most popular route. ➤ Council representative taken all the information from the meeting away for consideration. ➤ Council officers to look into parking permits for the Earn area. <p>Following this meeting P Wishart/J Rae looking at producing a flyer/poster. ECC considered what the content of this flyer should contain. PV will work with PW/JR on this matter.</p>	<p>PV</p>
<p>ii</p>	<p>Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School Rosyth Ferry</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>iii</p>	<p>Flooding</p> <p>a. <u>Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study (SWFS)</u></p> <p>ECC comments submitted via email 17/02/26.</p> <p>Acknowledgement received from C Harvey, P&KC Flooding Eng, they have passed on to the consultant. Once the Q and A report which follows the community consultation period is complete, we will be informed.</p>	<p>JB</p>

	<p>b. <u>ECC Flooding – Annual Rainfall (Spreadsheet Update)</u></p> <p>Flooding – 27th Jan - 42mm rainfall (high tide 3.5 m)</p> <p>Flooding occurred at.</p> <p>Bridge of Earn - Sealsbridge/Railway Bridge, Old Edinburgh Road/A912 Bridge of Earn (corner at Rhynd Junction)</p> <p>Forgandenny – B 935 at Village Hall (road was closed)</p> <p>c. <u>SEPA Flood Risk Management Consultation – Phase 1</u></p> <p>Following a discussion/review on the content of this consultation ECC will make a response.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JS</p>
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>ECC received cc correspondence regarding land ownership of the south side of the Deich Burn opposite Heughfield Road. ECC has sought clarification that they can retain on file/use this information.</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. – No response to date</p>	<p>JM/JS</p>
10.	<p>Planning – Actions received or being undertaken only</p> <p>I. 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>II. <u>Planning Appendix</u></p> <p><u>Enforcement Order</u> - 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</p> <p><u>Changed to Planning Application</u></p> <p>26/00060/FLL Change of use from vehicle sales forecourt to petrol filling station, formation of wash bay, installation of communications cabinet and associated works Cargill Autos Main Street Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9PJ Comment Monday 9th March 2026</p>	

<p>III.</p> <p>IV.</p> <p>V.</p> <p>VI.</p>	<p>➤ ECC (consultee) will submit a comment, albeit the limited information available to date.</p> <p>26/00001/PAN Residential development, landscaping and associated infrastructure (allocated site H14) Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge Of Earn</p> <p>To be advertised in Perthshire Advertiser Perthshire Advertiser, 26/02/26 and 19/03/26</p> <p>Two exhibitions to be held on 5th March and 26th March 2026 between 3pm - 7pm at the Bridge of Earn Institute</p> <p><u>Local Development Plan (LDP3) – Update email 10/02/26</u></p> <p><u>What is happening next</u></p> <p>Work to define the Spatial Strategy is underway and will identify areas for future growth. Policy development and site assessment work continues through spring and summer. The Proposed Plan will be developed over autumn 2026. Ahead of the formal consultation in 2027, we will hold targeted engagement sessions with community groups to share emerging proposals and gather feedback.</p> <p><u>Indicative Key Dates</u></p> <p><u>March–June 2026</u>: Exploration of specific policy and place-based ideas, including Local Place Plan content, with communities and developer/landowner contacts. <u>May–June 2026</u>: Online consultation on the draft Spatial Strategy, site options, approaches to local policy, settlement boundaries, and submission of additional ideas. <u>June 2026</u>: Place-based discussions in key growth areas to review preferred and alternative options. <u>December 2026</u>: Finalisation of the Proposed Plan for Council consideration. <u>Early 2027</u>: Statutory three-month consultation period on the Proposed Plan.</p> <p><u>Local Place Plans</u> registered before May 2026 will have the greatest opportunity to inform the preparation of the Proposed Plan. Local Place Plans may, however, be submitted at any time and may become a material consideration in planning decisions.</p> <p>Further information on session dates, participation arrangements and supporting materials will be issued in due course.</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>Green Energy Projects P&K</u> - Windfarms - Joint Community Council Update received via email – From J McColl, East Strathearn CC. Call for unified statement from CC’s, this is to be discussed at Holyrood on 24th February, at around the table discussion with MSP’s and members of the public</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>P&KC Housing Strategy - Housing Needs and Demand Survey email 06/02/26 – facebook Closes 3rd April 2026</p> <p>P&KC CC – Email 10/02/26 - Webinar for Community Councils - Local Governance Review - Wednesday 25th February 2026 6:00pm-7:30pm online via Microsoft Teams –</p> <p>Content: Scottish Government Local Governance Review team will be providing an update on Democracy Matters policy development and to take any questions on the process and next steps.</p> <p>Spring Clean Scotland – J Fairlie MSP is keen to facilitate a constituency-wide litter picking day of action. Provisionally 20th March 2026. JS to contact our community host in Bridge of Earn for litter picking.</p> <p>Zero Waste Scotland – P&KC Climate Team Email 13/02/26 - Nicki Souter Associates, on behalf of Zero Waste Scotland are looking to run focus groups – shared via ECC facebook</p> <p><u>Local Community Events</u> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	<p>AML/JM</p> <p>JS</p>
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	Education - Nil	
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, <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,</p>	

	<p>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> <p><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> - JM will share information received and where applicable this will be shared via ECC facebook.</p>	
ii	Commemorative Tree Planting – JB to facilitate.	JB
iii	Community News - Nil	
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	<p>Forteviot</p> <p><u>Safety of Forteviot Bridge (B935)</u> - PKC advised bridge able to cope with increasing volume of heavy traffic. General inspection every 2 years & principal inspection every 6 years.</p> <p><u>Forteviot tel. box</u> - use by NorBakes has been a huge success. Thanks to ECC as the tel. box owners for facilitating this.</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u> - heating system upgraded thanks to grant funding from Forteviot Charitable Trust & installation by GBEC.</p>	
ii	<p>Forgandenny</p> <p><u>Film Night</u> – recently</p> <p><u>Photograph Competition</u> – with the aim to make Community Calendar.</p>	
iii	<p>Bridge of Earn</p> <p><u>The Institute AGM</u> was held on Wednesday 18th February. Great to hear the news from this committee, who continue to improve this facility for the benefit of our wider community.</p> <p><u>Coop Pavement</u> – photographs submitted to Cllr D Illingworth. Concern raised that cars are mounting the pavement due to the lowered pavement at this area thus entering pedestrian zone.</p>	
iv	<p>Craigend</p> <p>Discussion re crash barrier A912 following fatal accident.</p>	
v	Dron - Nil	

