

# EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd  
Minute of meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026,  
The Institute, Bridge of Earn

1.	Present	Action				
	Chair, John Bruce (Dron), AM Losty (Forteviot), J McKenzie (Bridge of Earn), Secretary, J Sloan (Bridge of Earn), M Whitehead (Forgandenny), V Chair P Vallot (Forgandenny),					
	<b>PKC Councillors:</b> Cllr D Illingworth					
	<b>Members of Public:</b> Four					
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> D Johnston (Craigend), Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith					
3.	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Nil					
4.	<b>Adoption of Minute Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026</b>					
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Proposed</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;">J McKenzie</td> <td style="width: 25%;"><b>Seconded</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;">AM Losty</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Proposed</b>	J McKenzie	<b>Seconded</b>	AM Losty	
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5.	<b>Matters Arising – Nil</b>					
6.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>  £577.40					
7.	<b>Health</b>					
I	<p><b>GP/Health Hub</b></p> <p>PV shared via email a comprehensive update regarding ongoing discussions regarding a potential satellite hub model for the community. PV has met with S McCarthy, Chief Officer, NHS Tayside Charitable Trust and S MacDonald, a Perth representative from the Tay City Deals Board, to further discuss potential of local investment within our community.</p> <p>NHS Tayside Charitable Trust – recommends a feasibility study in the first instance with the NHS Tayside Charitable Trust as potential funder.</p> <p>PV presented a feasibility quote from Bruce Tait, Glamis Consultancy and awaits another from Rocket Science Lab. Following discussion, the question raised was whether this consultation could go wider than health and address a Local Place Plan, given that ECC has funding in place to administer such a project. PV will tease this out further in due course in conversation with the consultancy firms.</p> <p>New Health Names to note.  <b>NHS Tayside Chief Exec:</b> Tom Spink  <b>P&amp;KC IJB:</b> Chair - Brian Jones</p>	<b>PV</b>				

ii	<p><b>Almond Earn Stronger Communities</b></p> <p>Green Living Fund – Earn Community Leaflet – Design is in process.</p>	JS
8.	<b>Infrastructure</b>	
i	<p><u>Roads</u> – Potholes continue to be a major problem for all of P&amp;KC</p> <p><u>Parking Facility for Ember Bus Service - Bridge of Earn</u></p> <p>Poster – to be created to encourage users of this service to answer a few questions in relation to parking. Details to be circulated and agreed in email J Fairlie/J Rae will assist with this project</p> <p>ECC received correspondence from M Ruskell MSP in conjunction with P&amp;KC regarding P&amp;R facilities for Bridge of Earn. <i>Email 01/04/26</i></p> <p><i>“Concerns regarding parking in Bridge of Earn linked to the Ember bus service have been raised with the Council, alongside recognition of the support for the service and the improved connectivity it provides.</i></p> <p><i>To provide short-term relief, works have already been carried out and the road layout has been adjusted to allow easier turning for coaches. Parking has also been restricted in the immediate vicinity of the Ember bus stop. Further works are planned in the coming weeks to extend the double yellow lines. Once these measures are in place, we will monitor the area to assess whether additional interventions are required.</i></p> <p><i>We are also exploring a range of long-term options with the community, local elected members, and Ember. This will need to consider the longer-term requirements for Park &amp; Choose facilities at Bridge of Earn, the wider network of Park &amp; Choose sites around Perth City and their evolving roles, as well as Ember’s own commercial decisions. It is worth noting that Ember now operates a frequent service through Perth City Centre, which may reduce the number of people travelling to Bridge of Earn to access the service.</i></p> <p><i>For your information, the Council has opportunities to deliver Park and Ride facilities at West Kinfauns and Bertha Park, where land has been reserved through Section 75 legal agreements. Work is currently underway, including survey work at existing facilities at Broxden and Kinross, to determine the most appropriate approach for Perth and Kinross.”</i></p> <p><u>Public Transport Forum</u> – Nil</p> <p><u>P&amp;KC Roads - Bridge of Earn waiting restrictions proposal - Back Street Side Street</u> PKC - Daryl McKeown, Senior Engineer, Traffic &amp; Network. Emailed drawings forwarded to ECC showing options for restrictions on Back Street and Side Street to improve the movement of traffic within this area. Ward Councillors are also aware of these options for consideration.</p> <p><u>ECC Conclusion/Response</u></p>	PV

	<p>Back Street - waiting restrictions will improve the flow of vehicles, at the expense of local parking.</p> <p>Side Street/Earnbank - Consideration will be required for dropped curbs to be accessible to allow for residents of Earnbank to safely use pavements, particularly in relation to wheeled mobility in this area.</p>	
ii	<p><b>Review of Unnecessary Signage</b>  A912 – Ice Sign  Roost Restaurant  Kilgraston School  Rosyth Ferry  A912 - mixture of speed signs 40mph amongst 30mph – JB report via MyPkc</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>JB</b></p>
iii	<p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>a. <u>Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study (SWFS)</u> – On going</p> <p><i>Additional Public comment has been submitted stating.</i></p> <p><i>Persimmon Homes, Kintillo – The proposed residential development to the south of Bridge of Earn indicates that surface water will be attenuated and discharged to the Deich Burn.</i></p> <p><i>It is not clear from the draft SWFS or supporting material whether this proposed development, and the associated increase in discharge to the burn, has been included within the modelling assumptions or considered within the study.</i></p> <p><i>Concern has been raised that the study may not fully reflect the cumulative interaction between:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>increased surface water inputs arising from planned development; and</i></li> <li>• <i>reduced channel capacity due to obstruction, debris accumulation, or ongoing channel instability.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Confirmation on the following has been requested on the following.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Whether this proposed development has been included within the SWFS modelling assumptions.</i></li> <li>2) <i>If not, on what basis it has been excluded, given its direct relevance to future flood risk within the Deich Burn catchment.</i></li> <li>3) <i>Whether cumulative scenarios combining increased inflow and reduced conveyance have been assessed within the study.</i></li> <li>4) <i>Where within the final reporting these factors, if assessed, will be documented</i></li> </ol> <p>b. <u>ECC Flooding – Annual Rainfall (Spreadsheet Update)</u> - nil</p>	
9.	<p><b>Ecology</b></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&amp;KC who is responsible for actioning the process of ownership – no response to date</p> <p>b) <u>Tree Strapping Victory Park -Community Greenspace</u></p>	<p><b>JM/JS</b></p>

	JS to email Community Greenspace re hessian tree strapping requiring removal from larger Silver Birch Trees. Presently the trees are being truncated by the hessian strapping.	
10.	<p><b>Planning</b> – Actions received or being undertaken only</p> <p><b>Brunt Hill Wind Farm</b> Brunt Hill Wind Farm, Perth &amp; 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 &amp; Kinross – With the Scottish Energy Consent Unit for determination.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Appendix</u></b></p> <p><b>26/00060/FLL</b>   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   On Going</p> <p><b>26/00001/PAN</b>   Residential development, landscaping and associated infrastructure (allocated site H14)   Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge Of Earn</p> <p>ECC to submit a letter of comment in the process of this Pre Application process</p> <p>26/00267/FLL   Erection of 42 flats and associated works   Former Moncreiffe Care Home Main Street Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9PJ – Comments 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026</p> <p>ECC to submit letter of objection for this application. Noted that there have been over 40 public comments submitted to the planning portal in relation to this application highlighting the concerns of the concentration/density of low-cost housing/character/height/faced/material finishes/traffic flow/parking/education/lack of holistic planning approach/lack of infrastructure etc</p> <p>Noted from the Design &amp; Access Planning statement that there was “a formal pre-application PKC planning Ref 25/00019/PREAPL” as detailed below pg 10. ECC has emailed Case officer C Myles requesting more information in regard to this due process.</p> <p><b><u>DUPPLIN SOLAR ON LAND AT THE DUPPLIN ESTATE - Scottish Government Consents Unit</u></b></p> <p><b>26/00412/ECU3</b>  Proposed Solar PV Development with 75 MW export capacity and 97MW build-out and accompanying infrastructure ECU00006264 at Land 750 Metres South Of Newbigging Farm Tibbermore Perth PH1 1QH - Comment 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026</p> <p><b><u>Local Development Plan (LDP3)</u></b></p> <p>All information is available to view on the PK&amp;C website – Emerging Local Development Plan LDP3</p> <p><b><u>Local Place Plan</u></b> – On going</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

11.	<p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>ECC Correspondence (shared with ECC members via email prior to the meeting). General community information shared via ECC &amp; Forgardenny facebook pages (Noticeboards)</p> <p><b>Correspondence Noted:</b></p> <p>a) <u>Scottish Development Community Centre (SCDC)</u> - Secretary advised that draft principles, following the online Strengthening Participation Request event on the 18th March re the Scottish Local Govt. Review, cannot yet be circulated. They will have to wait until after the May Holyrood election.</p> <p>b) <u>CycleRX</u> - Further mapping had been received in relation to this mapping project. Following discussion ECC remains committed to <i>“unilateral evidence from landowners in support of any proposed mapped routes. ECC has a policy of ensuring that any proposal for any activity or event is completely approved by all affected parties; it will not support activities that do not have complete support.”</i></p> <p>c) <u>PKC Memorial Safety Programme</u> – Pitlochry Moulin CC email detailing concerns being raised by the local community regarding this programme. ECC responded via email requesting to be kept informed on this matter going forward.</p> <p>d) <u>Community Learning &amp; Development</u> – World Cup Fund 2026</p> <p>To celebrate the Scottish national Men's football team qualifying for the 2026 World Cup for the first time since 1998, Perth and Kinross Council seek the opportunity to encourage our communities to come together to mark this occasion by allocating £26,000 to provide small grants to community groups for appropriate football activities connected with celebrating Scotland's participation in the World Cup. Applications open 20<sup>th</sup> April/closes 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.</p> <p><u>Local Community Events</u> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards</p>	<p><b>AML</b></p> <p><b>JS</b></p>
ii	<b>Compliance</b> - Nil	
12.	<b>Education</b> - Nil	
13.	<b>Reports</b>	
i	<p><b>Police Report</b> – 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><b>Contact Community Wardens: 01738 476173</b></p>	

	<p><b>Need to contact the police</b></p> <p><b>Community Police Contact Details for sharing:</b></p> <p>Should you have any questions or any issues you wish to address please feel free to <b>contact us by calling 101</b> (report any youths or other suspect persons) Alternatively, <a href="mailto:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk">email:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</a></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 <a href="mailto:taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk">taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk</a></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><a href="mailto:TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk">TaysideAlmondEarnCPT@scotland.police.uk</a></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> - JM will share information received and where applicable this will be shared via ECC facebook.</p> <p><b>159 - Bank Fraud/Concerns Reporting Number</b> (information shared via ECC Public Facebook page)</p> <p><i>159 is our first public-facing initiative. Intended for use by consumers, 159 provides an easy route back to safety when you get an unexpected phone call about a financial matter. Easy to remember, the short code number now connects customers of more than 99% of the UK's retail bank current accounts safely and directly with their bank. Unlike many long-form numbers, 159 cannot be spoofed or impersonated.</i></p>	
ii	<p><b>Commemorative Tree Planting</b> – JB to facilitate – JS to share details for B Lambie to allow for planting to take place.</p>	JB/JS
iii	<p><b>Community News</b></p> <p><u>Lower Earn Trust Recent Awards @ 11/03/26:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brig in Bloom - £1,791</li> <li>• Earn Singers - £800</li> <li>• Forgandenny in Flower - £700</li> </ul> <p>(See Lower Earn Trust Website for more information)</p>	
14.	<p><b>Community Councillors Reports</b></p>	
i	<p><b>Forteviot</b></p> <p><u>Tour de Forteviot (11th April)</u> - event had run very smoothly. 4 breaks during the day to allow Forteviot residents to leave/access their homes, had made a significant difference. Fewer complaints this year.</p> <p><u>Level crossing junction</u> - AML still awaiting assessment of situation by PKC re poor visibility.</p>	

<b>ii</b>	<p><b>Forgandenny</b></p> <p><u>War Memorial</u> – Forgandenny Church. Requiring attention, PV will make enquiries into who owns to allow for some remedial work.</p>	<b>PV</b>
<b>iii</b>	<p><b>Bridge of Earn</b></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. JS will follow through with Cllr Illingworth for an update on this matter.</p> <p><u>Litter Picking</u> – Community Host George Ross. Presently there is a small group of individuals litter picking within Bridge of Earn. This is due to George Ross volunteering to be a community host, as part of a P&amp;KC litter picking initiative. The community host holds equipment for litter picking should individuals/groups wish to plan a litter pick. Contact: <a href="mailto:georgeross@hotmail.co.uk">georgeross@hotmail.co.uk</a></p> <p>Potholes B935 – Reported via MyPkc</p> <p><u>A912 – Road flooding</u> at the corner of bridge of leaving Bridge of Earn. Noted that tracked vehicles maybe causing the soft verges to be pushing debris into the outlet and causing the drain to be ineffective and choked.</p>	<p><b>JS/Cllr III</b></p> <p><b>JS</b></p>
<b>iv</b>	<b>Craigend - Nil</b>	
<b>v</b>	<p><b>Dron</b></p> <p><u>Dron Church</u> – Roof about to collapse</p>	<b>JB</b>
<b>vi</b>	<b>Aberdalgie - Nil</b>	
<b>vii</b>	<b>Oudenarde - Nil</b>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>PKC Councillors – Nil</b>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Wind Farms</b>	
<b>I</b>	<p><u>RWE Lochelbank Windfarm – Community Benefit Fund</u></p> <p><b>Applications</b> - See RWE Lochelbank website for further information on ‘How to Apply’ Main Fund maximum grant-size (£5,000)</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Key dates for 2026 Applications</b> (As per web page)</p>	

	<p>20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 <u>Microgrants</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lochelbank Microgrants – J McKenzie to review size of award with Foundation Scotland/Panel members.</p> <p>ECC Microgrant Balance – £2331.96</p> <p><u>Microgrant Applications</u> - Nil</p>	<p>Decision end of May 2026 Decision end of September 2026</p> <p><b>JM</b></p>
<b>ii</b>	<p><b>Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd</b></p> <p>Lower Earn Trust has received £6250 annual payment from Oce Ltd</p>	<b>JB</b>
<b>17.</b>	<p><u>Sustainability Group</u> – This group is representative of local community groups residing within the Brunt Hill and Craighead Wind Farm areas.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - ECC mandate to allow for Lower Earn Trust to be delegated to join this group (see <i>italics</i> below) – Granted – The following to be emailed/recorded with secretary to the Sustainable Group.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Group – Consent from Earn Community Council (Ward9)</u></p> <p><i>Following the Sustainable Group meeting held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, the Earn Community Council (Ward 9) hereby consent to The Lower Earn Trust serving as a representative member of our local community on this group.</i></p> <p><i>This decision reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration and ensuring that our community's voice is represented</i></p> <p><u>Future planned meetings</u> outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> May meet with EPower - confirmed</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> May meet Galileo – confirmed</li> <li>• Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2027</li> </ul>	<b>JS</b>
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**Date of Next Monthly Meeting:  
NEXT MEETING Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
6.30pm  
Forgandenny Village Hall**