

EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
Minute of meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026,
The Institute, Bridge of Earn

1.	Present				Action
	Chair, John Bruce (Dron), D Johnston (Craigend), AM Losty (Forteviot), 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 D Illingworth, Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith.				
3.	Declaration of Interest: Nil				
4.	Adoption of Minute Monday 22nd June 2026				
	Proposed	J Bruce	Seconded	P Vallot	
5.	Matters Arising – Nil				
6.	Treasurers Report £6570.20 (£5700.00 CiF Mar 2024 LPP - £600.00 Green Living Fund for community leaflet) <u>Actual administrative ECC funds £270.20</u> (JB shared updated accounts following bank statement) Annual All Risk Insurance Premium Invoice received from P&KC - Paid				
7.	Health				
I	GP/Health Hub – Feasibility Study PV will now proceed with criteria/next steps for delivery of this feasibility. PV met with F Purdy, local architect about this feasibility study bearing in mind ‘Think global, act local’ - Patrick Geddes, visionary planner. PV detailed in an Email at 30/06/26, ➤ Payments for the project will be paid in 3 phases from the NHS Tayside charitable Trust to Bruce Tait Associates (BTA). ➤ Finalise the criteria with BTA				PV

	➤ Request for emails/letters made sent & received concerning Health to/from THB, IJB & PKC to understand what ground has been covered in the journey of health provision to date. (PV & JS to liaise on this) ➤ BTA attend our August meeting? This would allow introductions and discussion of final criteria etc. he thought 1-1.5hrs might be necessary. ➤ F Purdy, architect interested in liaising in this project. (Names to note in the process - S McCarthy, Chief Officer, NHS Tayside Charitable Trust, NHS Tayside Chief Exec Tom Spink, P&KC IJB: Chair, Brian Jones, S MacDonald, a Perth representative Tay City Deals Board)	
ii	Almond Earn Stronger Communities Green Living Fund – Earn Community Leaflet – Design is in progress. <u>Almond & Earn Stronger Communities Network</u> - AML had written to Nicola Lindsay, HSCP Community Engagement Team, for an update on the future of AESCN with the last meeting having been held in May 2025. Nicola's response indicated that as the result of the HSCP team being depleted, there were no plans to hold any further AESCN meetings. AML to correspond with N Lindsay to further this conversation and request a continuation to allow for the facilitation of the AESC Network.	JS AML
8.	Infrastructure	
i	<u>Roads</u> Edinburgh Road and Wick O' Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn - Waiting Restrictions ECC received email from D McKeown, PKC Traffic & Network 19/06/26. <i>Following installation of double yellow lines, a review is to take place at Wicks O Baiglie Road and Old Edinburgh Road. Both additions would require amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order which involves a legal process.</i> <i>20mph speed limits – this is part of the 20mph National Strategy being promoted by the Scottish Government and implemented by Perth & Kinross Council. The signs are manufactured, the Traffic Regulation Order is being drafted and the works are programmed for this Autumn. The 20mph National Strategy is a trial and we are using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order. This can be made permanent, amended or revoked at the end of the trial following consultation with local communities.</i> Balmanno Park, BoE - Following email representation from members of the public highlighting the dangerous parking issues around Balmanno Park, ECC will respond to email D McKeown & C Daly, P&KC Traffic & Network and others requesting a site meeting once plans have been drawn (as indicated in the email) to allow for amendments to be made via a Traffic Regulation Order. Parking Facility for Ember Bus Service - Bridge of Earn A3 posters and 500 flyers (delivered to local homes) – Survey now active.	JS/ALL PV

	All members of the public are invited to participate in this consultation. PV gave a brief overview of statistics with over 500 responses to date, with a clear indication that a dedicated P&R facility would be welcomed by users. Green Living Fund 2026 – (see item 11. Administration) may offer potential funding to further this project. <u>Public Transport Forum</u> PV continues to attend meetings of this forum. <u>Stagecoach No. X56 to Edinburgh</u> - AML/PV to highlight ECC community concern over the withdrawal of the Stagecoach X56 Perth-Edinburgh service from the 24th August which leaves from Perth bus station & has stops in BoE, Milnathort, Kinross. The service with its various stops which is fairly well used in both directions.	PV
ii	Review of Unnecessary Signage A912 – Ice Sign Roost Restaurant Kilgraston School Rosyth Ferry A912 - mixture of speed signs 40mph amongst 30mph – JB report via MyPkc	ALL
iii	Flooding a. <u>Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study (SWFS)</u> <u>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</u> - Wednesday 27th May. Bridge of Earn Surface Water Flood Study. JB requested for minutes of this meeting to be ascertained. - Action JS <i>Information received from the post meeting via email, A Taylor</i> Democratic Governance Officer (24/06/26). <i>Proposed and accepted the recommendations as contained within the Bridge of Earn surface water flood study, namely:</i> ➤ <i>Option 6 (provision of suds Old Edinburgh Road)</i> ➤ <i>Option 11(Upstream storage at Kilgraston)</i> ➤ <i>Councillor David Illingworth then put forward an Amendment in line with the Motion but asking to Amend Recommendation 2.2 to add “with the addition of Option 8 (speed hump on Clayton Road).</i> <i>It be noted that details of the recommended flood protection scheme for Bridge of Earn will be submitted to SEPA for national prioritisation and inclusion in the Cycle 3 (2028-2034) Tay Flood Risk Management Plan, to be published in December 2027, and Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan, due for publication in 2028.</i> <i>Question tabled to Cllr Illingworth requesting his reasons for the implementation of motion to include Option 8 - emailed</i> <i>Response - CC&S Committee estimated a cost benefit ratio of 17.3 to 1 return on investment for a relatively small outlay of c£43k thus creating a theoretical benefit of more than £700,000 for the people of Bridge of Earn. In my opinion, that was too big an opportunity to miss and my amendment was passed by the committee without opposition.</i> <i>The 3 flood risk improvement schemes are to be proposed for possible</i>	

	<i>addition to the Scottish Government's Cycle 3 flood scheme from 2028-2034. Which raises the possibility that Bridge of Earn may not get these much-needed improvements for many years, if at all.</i> ECC considers that there are less cost and less intrusive measures that could be employed on Clayton Road to assist with diverting water into the Yellow Burn at times of heavy rainfall ie make gully pot larger; and or use of vented curbs. A road hump will require repair given the fact that the substructure is clay and cause damage to vehicles. ECC to email Cllr Illingworth to desist the introduction of a hump on Clayton Road. b. <u>ECC Flooding – Annual Rainfall (Spreadsheet Update) – nil</u>	
iv	<u>CycleRX</u> Earn - Glenfarg Cycle Trails project - Public Consultation A consultation is part of the decision-making process for the RWE Lochelbank Windfarm Grant conditions. The purpose is to discuss <i>“the development of 2-3 routes, accessible to all levels of cyclist, particularly children and less confident cyclists. They welcome the local consultation element of the project and encourage you to follow up with the groups already contacted at application stage.”</i> PV shared an email post meeting from CycleRX detailing two routes around Glenfarg. The email outlined the next steps for phase II.	PV
9.	Ecology a.) Beavers – PV reported following recent litter pick no major changes to this area and no reports of pointed dangerous stumps caused by beaver activity. b.) <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 c.) Giant Hogweed – Vigilance required	
10.	Planning – Actions received or being undertaken only 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 – With the Scottish Energy Consent Unit for determination.	

	<u>Planning Appendix</u> 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 No further information to date 26/00001/PAN Residential development, landscaping and associated infrastructure (allocated site H14) Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (h14) Bridge of Earn Email sent to PKC planning noting excavations being undertaken on the protected environmental buffer zone. The following notates decision was reached by P&KC Planning. <i>Enforcement - 26/00159/ALUNDV – Case closed 9th July 2026</i> <i>Perth & Kinross Council, as the Planning Authority, has determined that the case has been closed because:</i> <i>No significant planning harm</i> <i>This decision has been reached for the following reasons:</i> <i>No significant planning harm</i> JB following through with S Ponton, PKC Planning the findings of archeology survey of the site, requesting to know who holds the data and when this will be published? 26/00267/FLL Erection of 42 flats and associated works Former Moncreiffe Care Home Main Street Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9PJ – Ongoing 26/00598/FLL Erection of canopy and formation of 5 padel courts Land 180 Metres South of Kilgraston School Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9BQ Comment submitted ECC submitted based on the visual impact on Kilgraston Grade A listed building. 26/00815/FLL Siting of snack van Land 15 Metres South of The Little Hair Company Old Mill Park Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9SX 26/00815/FLL – general comment submitted <u>Local Development Plan (LDP3)</u> All information is available to view on the PK&C website – Emerging Local Development Plan LDP3 <u>Local Place Plan</u> - Ongoing	
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: a. <u>UNIFIED STATEMENT - PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONVENTION</u> - 29th August 2026 – Noted JM & JB interested in attending. Venue still to be declared. b. <u>Community Orchards</u> – Fife Fruit Trees – email received 28/06/26 There are various funding pots available ie Fund Deadline for applications is July 19th, 2026 Other funding options and guidance can be found at The Orchard Project website c. <u>The Institute/Insurance</u> – Confirmation requested that ECC hold Public Liability Insurance – A copy of ECC statement of fact forwarded to Institute secretary. d. <u>Green Living Fund 2026</u> will open for applications on 24 August 2026 The fund provides grants for community-led projects that help tackle climate change while also supporting communities with the cost of living. A total of nearly £252,000 is available across Perth and Kinross council wards. What projects can be funded? • Energy – reducing energy consumption, improving efficiency, or supporting renewable energy initiatives. • Transport – encouraging active travel and reducing transport emissions. • Waste – reducing, reusing, repairing, sharing and recycling resources. • Resilience – helping communities adapt to climate impacts such as flooding, drought and extreme weather. • Nature – improving biodiversity, greenspaces and local food growing. • Engagement – raising awareness and encouraging community action on climate issues. • Who can apply? • Community groups • Community councils • Charities • Partnerships of eligible organisations Please note that individuals, schools, sole traders and certain commercial organisations are not eligible to apply. Application Timeline • 24 August 2026 – Applications open • 5 October 2026 – Applications close • 26 October – 23 November 2026 – Public voting period • Results announced by 4 December 2026 Information Webinars To help groups learn more about the fund, eligibility criteria and application process, we will be running two online information sessions: <u>Webinar 1: Green Living Fund 2026 – Information Webinar (Session 1- Thursday, 13/08/2026 12.00-13.30)</u> <u>Webinar 2: Green Living Fund 2026 – Information Webinar (Session 2- Tuesday, 18/08/2026 18.00-19.30)</u>	
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	The sessions will provide an overview of the funds, explain the application process and give applicants the opportunity to ask questions. Information shared with local groups and ECC facebook page. e. <u>ECC Meeting Venue</u> –The Neuk, Dunbarney Church for August meeting. <u>Local Community Events</u> shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards	
ii	Compliance - Nil	
12.	Education - Nil	
13.	Reports	
i	Police Report – Received and circulated prior to meeting. No Police present ➤ <i>Brig in Bloom – Youths removed plants from planters, police are aware and in contact with Brig in Bloom.</i> 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</u>: taysidecommunitypoliceperthandkinross@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 <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – look for updates/reports on the ECC facebook page	
ii	Commemorative Tree Planting – JB to facilitate	JB
iii	Community News	

	Bridge of Earn Litter Pick – Litter pick community champions continue to be out keeping our community tidy and litter free. If you are interested contact G Ross: email georgeross@hotmail.co.uk Clan Oliphant – Visited Forgandenny and Aberdalgie Churches recently. Lord Forteviot (4th) – Died June 22nd, 2026 (88), a memorial service was held at Aberdalgie Church.	
14.	Community Councillors Reports	
i	Forteviot <u>Strawberry Tea</u> - event on 4th July had been very successful & raised £391.30 for Hall funds. <u>Aberdalgie Green Shoots w/e (24th to 26th July)</u> - the various events held to commemorate the opening of the walled garden had all been a great success. It is obvious that the centre will become a valuable community resource.	
ii	Forgandenny <u>War Memorial Restoration</u> – Forgandenny Church - ongoing. PV requested to research funding to allow for second world war veterans across the ward. To contact National War Memorial base at Stafford. <u>Forgandenny in Friends</u> – Continues to grow in numbers <u>Forgandenny in Bloom</u> - Work of this group much appreciated, grass cutting sporadic with PKC in the park. <u>David Barnes MBE, Strathallan School</u> – School facebook page records the sad death and loss to the community of Strathallan School.	PV
iii	Bridge of Earn <u>Coop Pavement</u> – JM reported this has now been fixed. <u>Brig in Bloom</u> – Residents/business have rallied to support Brig in Bloom via a crowdfunding initiative following an act of vandalism by youths removing plants from planters. <i>See Police Report</i> The work of this well-respected group brings much joy & pleasure to village life in Bridge of Earn.	
iv	Craigend <u>Roadside Verges</u> – DJ reported verges remain uncut.	
v	Dron	JB

	Dron Church – One third of the roof now fallen in.	
vi	Aberdalgie - Nil	
vii	Oudenarde - Nil	
15.	PKC Councillors Traffic Flow Data (2021) – Cllr Illingworth forwarded data as requested following June meeting via email prior to ECC meeting. Shared with all ECC members.	
16.	Local Grant Sources	
I	RWE Lochelbank Windfarm – Community Benefit Fund Applications - 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) 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. Key dates for 2026 Applications (<i>As per web page</i>) 31st July 2026 Decision end of September 2026 <u>Panel Members</u> – a review of panel members to take place. <u>Microgrants</u> ECC Microgrant Balance – £2331.96 <u>Microgrant Applications</u> Forteviot SWI – Further information required	JM
ii	Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd - Bencom	
iii	Lower Earn Trust (LET) LET held an AGM on Tuesday 7th July 2026 in Dunbarney Millenium Hall. See LET website for more information, application details, dates etc	

17.	Sustainability Group – This group is representative of local community groups residing within the Brunt Hill and Craighead Wind Farm areas. Action - 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. ECC emailed the following on 21st April 2026 <u><i>Sustainable Group – Consent from Earn Community Council (Ward 9)</i></u> <i>Following the Sustainable Group meeting held on Thursday, 19th 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> <i>This decision reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration and ensuring that our community's voice is represented</i> Action - requires to be minuted by Sustainable Group at next full meeting planned for 20th August 2026. Awaiting notes from meetings held with Brunthill & Craighead re community benefits. <u>Future planned meetings</u> outlined: • Thursday 20th August – JS unable to attend • Thursday 12th November • Thursday 18th February 2027	
18.	AOCB Meeting closed 20.24pm	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting:
NEXT MEETING on Monday 24th August 2026
6.30pm
The Neuk, Dunbarney Church, Bridge of Earn