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EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Serving the Parishes of Aberdalgie, Dron, Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot & Rhynd
Minute of meeting held on Monday 28th September 2026,
The Neuk, Dunbarney Church

1.	**Present**				**Action**
	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) – *In the absence of J Bruce, P Vallot acted as Chair for the meeting.*				
	PKC Councillors: Cllr D Illingworth				
	Members of Public: One				
2.	**Apologies:** J Bruce, Cllr M Frampton, Cllr F Smith.				
3.	**Declaration of Interest:** Nil				
4.	**Adoption of Minute Monday 24th August 2026**				
	Proposed	D Johnston	**Seconded**	J McKenzie	
5.	**Matters Arising** – Nil				
6.	**Treasurers Report** <u>No update - Info as per August reports</u> - £6570.20 (no update available) (£5700.00 CiF Mar 2024 LPP - £600.00 Green Living Fund for community leaflet) <u>Actual administrative ECC funds £270.20</u>				
7.	**Health**				
i	**GP/Health Hub – Feasibility Study (Bruce Tait Associates – BTA)** Synopsis of email (18th September) received from Dr L Henderson; PV received three draft documents for review: **Stakeholder Engagement Map** This provides an overview of the key stakeholders and organisations who may have an interest in, influence over, or contribution to the potential development of a future Health Hub. **Stakeholder Contact Tracker** This has been developed to support stakeholder identification and engagement planning. Required to review and help populate any gaps, particularly where named contacts and contact details are currently missing.				**PV/JS**

	Evidence Review - Stakeholder Summary This summarises the key themes emerging from the evidence and information that Earn Community Council has shared with us to date. These documents provide a framework for validating stakeholders, identifying key contacts and shaping the next phase of engagement. The intention is for these documents to form the basis of Phase One stakeholder engagement activity. At this stage, it is a proposed targeted and proportionate approach focused on one-to-one discussions via Teams, Zoom, telephone or email, rather than broader consultation. Work has started on community profile and asset mapping exercise. Combined with the evidence already gathered, and the feedback received through Phase One engagement, this will help provide a robust foundation for developing feasible options. **Input Requested** *(PV has reviewed the requested input)* Required to review the Stakeholder Engagement Map and Contact Tracker and consider the following questions: 1. Are any important stakeholder groups missing? 2. Are any stakeholder groups unnecessary or outside the scope of this study? 3. Are stakeholders positioned at the appropriate level within the engagement framework? 4. Which stakeholder groups should be prioritised for Phase One engagement? 5. Who would you recommend as the most appropriate contact or representative for each stakeholder group? 6. Are there any local sensitivities, existing relationships or preferred routes of introduction that we should be aware of? 7. Are there any existing networks, forums or engagement activities that we should connect with or avoid duplicating? Short teams meeting to be arranged during the week commencing **5 October** to review feedback, agree the final stakeholder list and confirm the Phase One engagement approach. ➢ **Proposed Timeline**: Reports Nov/Dec 2026 with recommendations proposed for January 2027 BTA to attend next ECC meeting.	
ii	**PKC Integrated Joint Health Board** – PV had joined the latest meeting of this board; PV raised his concerns that the terminology for the ward was vague and often referred to ‘Almond’ (Methven) rather that Almond & Earn’, which is more inclusive of Bridge of Earn	
iii	**Scotland's Radical Reshaping of Health & Local Government** – PV registered for this online event 5th October 2026 *“The Scottish Government has set out plans for what John Swinney has described as the "most radical reshaping of public services" in Holyrood's history, including reducing Scotland's 14 regional health boards to just two and reviewing the future structure of local government.”*	

iv	**Almond Earn Stronger Communities** Almond & Earn Stronger Communities Network – (AML/JS Email 01/09/26) AML had been in contact with Michelle Church, PKC HSCP Strategic Manager for Planning & Commissioning. Following the results of the GP/Health Feasibility study currently being organised by PV, a sustainable way forward would be identified for AESCN in 2027. In the interim, ECC would remain in direct contact with AESCN.	**AML**
8.	**Infrastructure**	
i	**Roads** **a. Edinburgh Road and Wick O' Baiglie Road, Bridge of Earn - Waiting Restrictions** *M Welch Response 17th Aug email detailing proposals will now be discussed with elected representatives.* Cllr Illingworth indicated the next meeting of elected representatives would not take place until Dec 2026 **Email from M Frampton 01/09/26** re a feasibility study to look at parking issues along with potential P&R for Bridge of Earn – PV to engage with Cllr Frampton regarding this feasibility study raising awareness of the ECC survey undertaken recently by users of the Ember bus service. **Parking Facility for Ember Bus Service - Bridge of Earn** Cllr Illingworth indicated that PKC are undertaking a feasibility study to assess potential for P&R facilities for future transport links. (This is a different one to that of Cllr Frampton as above). **b. A912 Craigend Corner** Correspondence received from a member of the public regarding road safety at the Craigend Corner. ECC will engage with D McKeown, PKC Roads regarding this matter. *(D McKeown forwarded ECC correspondence to Road Safety Team following our meeting & email of 28/09/26)* Cllr Illingworth shared at the meeting that there are presently plans to introduce a 40mph limit on this stretch of the A912 into Perth. **c. Public Transport Forum** PV elected vice chair of this group. The Transport Forum is now going to look at a strategic plan going forward. **X56 bus service** - PKC has made arrangements for the service to continue until March 2027.	**JS/ALL** **PV** **JS/MW**
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. ECC Flooding – Annual Rainfall (Spreadsheet Update) – nil to report	
iv	**Memorial Safety** - Headstone Safety Inspections in Aberdalgie Churchyard and Forteviot Churchyard – Demonstration held Monday 28th at Aberdalgie Churchyard.	
v	**CycleRX** – No new updates	
9.	**Ecology** a.) **Beavers** K Jones, Nature Scot, Wildlife Management Officer (email 13/08/26). Beaver community drop-in session was held on the 15th of September at Dunbarney Church Hall, Bridge of Earn. Ownership of Deich Burn, South Bank has been highlighted, as Nature Scot cannot sanction removal of dead wood from the burn this requires the landowner to action the removal. Removal of the dead wood would assist with the flow of the Deich Burn in regard to beaver management. b.) **Deich Burn, Land Ownership** – ECC ACTION ECC requested update from D Stubbs, PKC Greenspace (via email), on 23rd September 2026. (inc Chief Exec T Glen, PKC Provost X Hughes)	
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 *Scot Gov Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for determination*, 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. Scottish Gov Eco Consents (email) - Applicant has taken the decision to submit Additional Information for the Proposed Brunt Hill Wind Farm to appraise the likely grid route. **Planning Appendix** **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 | Approved – with conditions **26/00267/FLL** | Erection of 42 flats and associated works | Former Moncreiffe Care Home Main Street Bridge of Earn Perth PH2 9PJ – Ongoing **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 – Approved Member of the public has drawn attention to the build of this snack van. Email to be sent to the case officer for review (J Fergusson). *(Case Officer responded prior to minutes being circulated and clarified the situation)*	

	26/00598/FLL | Kilgraston – Padel Courts – Approved with conditions **26/00855/FLM** | Erection of 107 dwellinghouses and 8 flats and associated access, landscaping, roads infrastructure, open space and drainage (part allocated site H14) | Land 150 Metres South West Of Kintillo Cemetery (H14) Bridge Of Earn – comment 16th October Online meeting arranged with ECC, Persimmon & Redline Planning Tuesday 6th October 9 am. **26/01298/FLL** | Change of use and alterations to agricultural building to form 16 business units (class 4), formation of car parking and associated works | Land 30 Metres West Of Gateside Farmhouse Bridge Of Earn Perth PH2 8QR – comments 16th October 2026 **Local Development Plan (LDP3)** All information is available to view on the PK&C website – Emerging Local Development Plan LDP3 **Local Development Plan 3 - Call for sites** (All can be viewed on the PKC planning Portal) Note: The LDP3 Call for Sites Submissions (2025) Map 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.Please note: Inclusion on the 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. **Local Place Plan – 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.*** UNIFIED STATEMENT - PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONVENTION – JM attended, *report of meeting attached to minutes* **b.** SSENT Perth and Kinross Local Fund – 2027- Map Supplied on request. Meeting to be arranged with JB in person or online early October. (email 17th September 2026) **c.** Green Living Fund 2026 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. £18924.61 will be available for Almond & Earn Ward	**JM** **JB**

	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** **d.** Fairer Communities for All awards 2026-27 - info on 'Warm Welcome' & 'Cost of Living' grants will be available from PKC in early October Local Community Events shared via facebook pages and local noticeboards	**AML**
ii	**Compliance** - Nil	
12.	**Education - Nil**	
13.	**Reports**	
i	**Police Report –** No Police present - Police Report emailed prior to meeting 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: 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	**JS**

	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 **Neighbourhood Watch –** look for updates/reports on the ECC facebook page	
ii	**Commemorative Tree Planting** – JB to facilitate	**JB**
iii	**Community News** – ➢ Various MacMillan fundraising events held across the ward ➢ Remembrance Sunday Lower Earn Valley Churches - Sunday 8th - Forteviot 9.30/Dunbarney 11 am/Forgandenny 2pm – Wreaths will be laid following services.	**JS**
14.	**Community Councillors Reports**	
i	**Forteviot** Macmillan Coffee Morning - £372 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support on 19th September. Doors Open Afternoon - Forteviot Church was open to visitors on 20th September with refreshments provided in the Village Hall. Mini Farmers' Morning - Saturday 17th October in aid of Hall funds.	
ii	**Forgandenny** War Memorial Restoration – Forgandenny Church & Dunbarney - ongoing Park Barriers – Discussion regards how to fund supply/installation of barriers, suggestion to converse with RWE Lochelbank Windfarm as potential funder and look at some form of community initiative for installation.	**PV**
iii	**Bridge of Earn** JM reported loose drain hole cover A912 on the bridge, now being repaired	**JM**
iv	**Craigend** - Nil	
v	**Dron** - Nil	
vi	**Aberdalgie** - Nil	
vii	**Oudenarde -** Nil	

15.	**PKC Councillors** Cllr Illingworth highlighted the Scottish Government consultation proposal for the introduction of regional and community authorities.	
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** *(As per web page)* 31st July 2026 Decision end of September 2026 **Panel Members** – A recruitment programme for Earn is underway with posters/information circulating. Two new panel members required – No update to date. Panel meets Wednesday 30th September Microgrants ECC Microgrant Balance as per August 2026 – £1449.12 (no update available) Microgrant Applications Backyard Ultra World Team Championships - Individual Application (Resident of Bridge of Earn) – Support to attend World Championships – Granted £300.00	**JM**
ii	**Binn Farm – Community Turbines (Our Community Energy) Ltd – Bencom** – Nil	
iii	**Lower Earn Trust (LET)** – No applications received for August round – no funds released. The closing date for the next round of applications to be received is Wednesday, 21st October 2026 by 12.00 midday. See website for further details	
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 italics below) – Granted – The following to be emailed/recorded with secretary to the Sustainable Group.* *ECC emailed the following on 21st April 2026*	

	Sustainable Group – Consent from Earn Community Council (Ward 9) *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.* *This decision reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration and ensuring that our community's voice is represented* ***Action** – This should have been minuted by Sustainable Group meeting held on 20th August 2026. JS was unable to attend – apologies sent.* *No minutes of the meeting have been received to date.* Future planned meetings outlined: • Thursday 12th November • Thursday 18th February 2027	
18.	AOCB – ECC AGM to be held in October	

Date of Next Monthly Meeting:

Monday 26th October 2026
6.30pm – Venue The Neuk, Dunbarney Church

ECC 2026 AGM
All members of the public are welcome to attend

Admin 11. (a)

UNIFIED STATEMENT - PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONVENTION

Short summery of P&K Community councils Convention. Aug. 9th.

Speakers were Helen Crawford; she was involved in the Unified Statement of C.C. in the Highlands. Her comments were – a request for a pause on further energy planning proposals until a National Energy Policy is developed, not due till autumn 2027.There is a lack of any scale plan. Lack of local democracy. NFP 4 opens the door to more planning.
Jim McColl – We have 118 operational turbines. 99 more in planning, and 3 for re-powering (which are bigger, can't use the original concrete aprons, access infrastructure not adequate.) (Solar plans are = to 2,292 acres. Not asking for a ban, but a pause. 22cc's have signed up, approx. ½ of total P&K cc's.
Dr. Chris Ford – energy consultant – very critical that all planning and transmission decision are done in "silos". There has been no upkeep of transmission systems for years, it is a monopoly. Cart before the horse eg. planning consent before infrastructure can cope. Too many players in the system, landowners, planners, developers, consultants. Developers have a legal right to a connection; they do not pay transition costs. To change developers' rights eg. community benefits etc take years. No joined up thinking, no local accountability. Amount paid in our bills used to cover fuel generated, now transmission costs have increased dramatically = 130Billion by 2030 The driver should be cheapest cost, not net zero. Don't be fooled by the promoters of wind energy, they are the same ones who benefit from oil and gas.
The example of silo thinking - 2 wind farms in planning – Glen Lenock and Glen Tarken 31 turbines in total. They lie side by side in a very small area between 3 areas of National Importance above Comrie. Plans are looked at in isolation, 2 completely separate roads in. Developer states if approved it will mean an extra 250 HGV's driving through Crieff /day for 2 years. No account of noise, vibration, air pollution. Transport Scotland did not object. In addition, developer stated approx. 141 Red Kites, and 23 Golden Eagles would suffer a "strike" ie. Killed due to their turbines. Their comment was that neither bird was rare elsewhere.
There were several speakers from C'C's and the general public, making various points including C. C's comments to council bear no weight, whole life emissions of site not taken into account, demand

for power is less than predicted when net zero was proposed due to less electric cars than estimated and little uptake ground source heating due to expense etc.