

Perth and Kinross Council
The Environment Service

Planning Users Forum
10am Thursday 27th November 2014, Room 410, 2 High Street

Present:

PKC: Peter Marshall (PM) (Chair), Nick Brian (NB), Diane Cassidy (DC), Brenda Murray (BM), Rhiannon Moylan (RM)

Community Councils: Jean Ann Scott Miller (Crieff), Dr Robin Cairncross (Portmoak), Maureen Beaumont (East Strathearn), Sandy Morrison (Fossoway)

Developers & Agents: Stephanie Clark (Scottish Renewables), Alastair Wood (Savills), David Jewell (Springfield)

Community Organisations: Ken Miles (Kinross-shire Civic Trust),

Apologies:

Mid Atholl, Strathtay & Grandtully CC, Scottish Property Federation, Councillor Kellas, Councillor Giacomazzi

		<u>Action By</u>
1	<u>Welcome and introductions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting people introduced themselves. 	
2	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting in June 2014 and matters arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A group will be formed to look at the style and format of the next LDP and there will be a questionnaire for other input – BM awaiting date for meeting 6. Reporter at this meeting 7. T in the Park is still a live issue in Strathearn. Crieff CC are not against the event but are concerned about the lack of due process and feel they were given a disingenuous answer to their question at the last meeting. 	BM
3	<u>Reporter Presentation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Jackman from DPEA did a 30 minute presentation covering: The Directorates role, the Reporters role when dealing with cases and Hearing Sessions The presentation will be circulated by email. 	DC
4	<u>Training Workshops – feedback and future plans</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report was circulated on the pilot series of workshops organised over 2013 and 2014. This method of training was successful in updating Community Councils and other key groups on the latest Planning issues and equipping them with skills and knowledge to enable them to enhance community engagement in their areas. There were objections to the wording “<i>A workshop for the Kinross-shire area followed which was not productive as a number of the participants were not interested in the community engagement training and wanted to use the time to speak about specific planning application issues.</i>” People at the meeting felt it was not true that the workshop was unproductive. It was highlighted that as the agenda had not been followed staff felt the planned workshop had not been a success. Officers are meeting with the 4 Kinross-shire Councillors to discuss how best to work in the Kinross-shire area. It was requested that we look at other forums for discussion on issues if the training workshops are not appropriate as Community Councils are keen to engage. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting, The report recommended that this series of training workshops is rolled out again in 2015 and repeated each year to update people on the latest Planning Issues and address future training needs. The programme in 2015 will begin with a workshop for all Community Councils to brief them on the Pre Main Issues Report (MIR) stage to 	PM DC DC

	<p>generate interest in this and to discuss the format of the next round of workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC will contact Community Councils again for their useful advice on the best venues, dates, times and other key groups to invite. • We will also look at training workshops early in 2016 for recently elected new community councillors. 	DC/PM
5	<p>Guidelines for Developers on Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A paper was circulated prior to the meeting for discussion. This is non-statutory guidance that will go to other stakeholders, PKC officers, developers and community councils for feedback after the paper has been seen by the Member Officer Working Group and is based on SP=EED (http://www.pas.org.uk/speed/). • It was felt that Planning officers need to encourage developers to use this guidance. • It was felt it was a good document and the checklist was seen as useful • Some of the language was felt to be negative as it implied that development wasn't a good thing (page 8). This should be changed to – Insure the community know who/where to liaison with if they have any problems or enquires regarding the proposal. DC to amend • More emphasis should be placed on developers giving feedback to communities as this is very important. • Need to think about how the success is monitored on the implementation of this document • Nick explained the process of the Pre-application notification. This PAN now goes to Committee. This is a 3 month consultation period prior to a developer submitting a Planning Application. This process is between the developer and the community. • A training need was identified on Section 75 – what can be asked for? • There is also a new government consultation: Public Engagement for Wind Turbine Proposals - Good Practice Guidance - http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/11/7727/0 	<p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC/PM</p>
6	<p>Local Development Plan 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review of the current Local Development Plan will commence next year and a call for suggested sites will go out. It will be a more targeted process this time. Community Councils will be asked for ideas early 2015. A request was made that when this goes out supplementary guidance written so far will be highlighted. • Current sites in the LDP will be reviewed to see if they are still viable. • Landscape Supplementary Guidance is due out for consultation any day soon and will go to committee in March 	BM
7	<p>Planning Performance Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation on the Planning Performance Framework and how PKC are meeting targets set. Information can be found here: http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=28433&p=0 	
8	<p>Suggestions of topics for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Empowerment Bill • Pre Application process • Forums for discussion on issues • Community Planning Partnership 	
9	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T in the Park – dissatisfaction expressed over previous minute on this subject and concern raised over the process raised. NB promised more public access on discussion notes with developers. • Conservation Officers – this was discussed at Committee and now technical advice on applications will be made available on Public Access once received by the Case Officer. CC's said it was critical they could see this before the closing date for comments but it 	

	<p>was highlighted that these comments usually are received over the whole consultation period and some not until just before the deadline. This information will be available on the Committee minutes (http://www.pkc.gov.uk/committee).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was dismay expressed that there was no Councillors at the meeting as Community Councils are keen for more engagement with elected officials. • Question raised by Jean Ann Miller about Strathearn Community partnerships. DC to find out more and forward information. • There was a discussion on the wording of letters sent to people when they submitted an objection to a Planning Application after the deadline. NB to review this. 	<p>DC</p> <p>NB</p>
10	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of the meeting is Thursday 21st May 2015 and 10am 	