

Perth and Kinross Council
The Environment Service

Planning Users Forum
2.30pm Thursday 26th November 2015, Perth Museum

Present:

PKC: Peter Marshall (Chair), Diane Cassidy, Nick Brian, Stuart McLaren

Community Councils: Jean Ann Scott Miller (Crieff), Dr Robin Cairncross (Portmoak), John Hughs (East Strathearn)

Community Organisations:) : Peter Ely (Highland Perthshire Community Partnership), Alistair Smith (Kinross-shire Civic Trust)

Apologies:

Councillor John Kellas Maureen Beaumont (East Strathearn), Stephanie Clark (Scottish Renewables), Sarah Cockburn (Savills)

		<u>Action By</u>
1	<u>Welcome and introductions</u> •	
2	Minute of Previous Meeting in November 2015 and matters arising	
2.1	• Last minutes approved	
2.2	• Planning application internal comments protocol sent out by Brian Stanford	
2.3	• Discussion Surgeries – pares submitted a number of times but decision delayed to await outcome of Planning Review and also consider implications on workload. This has to be a learning experience with outcomes that are shared.	
2.4	• TAYplan – ministers to review soon and once published we will submit our new timetable. It is hoped our Proposed Plan will go to Committee before Christmas	
2.5	• Scheme of delegation – report done	
3	Speaker: Affordable Housing and the Planning Process & Developer Contributions	
3.1	• Stuart McLaren gave an interesting presentation providing an overview of the Planning Process in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developer Contributions ○ Affordable Housing ○ Legal Background ○ What is required from New Developments? ○ What cannot be required from New Developments? ○ How are Contributions & Affordable Housing secured? ○ Delivery of Affordable Housing 	
3.2	• The Presentation will be sent out to the Forum	
4	Scottish Government: Independent Review of Planning	
4.1	• Peter gave an overview of the publication which was released on Tuesday. The report can be read here: http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00500946.pdf	
4.2	• There will be a ‘summer’ statement by ministers, but some points may be adopted by authorities before then. Others will be subject to secondary legislation within a year and others will require primary legislation through an Act of Parliament.	
4.3	• The last review took 3 years for the changes to take effect.	
4.4	• Topic papers will be brought to this forum for discussion.	
5	Review of the Planning User Forum	
5.1	• Diane gave a presentation on the findings of the online survey forum users completed. This is a brief summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meetings useful – structured but informal discussion with planners, informative presentations, free exchange of views, discussions on how we can improve the 	

5.2	<p>service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits – feel informed, opportunity to share ideas, discuss concerns, latest updates, planning policies, consultations ○ Frequency – 6 monthly, 2 hours ○ Day – Wednesday or Thursday ○ Start time – 10am or 2pm ○ Location – Perth, not always Pullar House ○ Chairperson – PKC Staff ○ Content – more speakers with Q&A , current issues, noted suggestions, round-table discussions ○ Organisation - more info with Agenda ○ Attendees – better balance of developers, planners, community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A discussion then followed covering chairing the meetings, marketing (more information on agenda provided up front), consultations (are views taken on board), possible other future topics (Place Standard, tourism & infrastructure), composition of Forum members, structure (could be in 2 parts with develops interests & CC interests with Developer items at the top of the agenda) 	
6 6.1	<p>Workshops for Community Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Series of workshops are planned for May/June 2016. The ones in Strathearn and Highland Perthshire have taken place, the Perth workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest and the ones at Kinross and Eastern Perthshire are still to take place. 	DC
7 7.1 7.2	<p>Development Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were 350 responses to the recent MIR consultation. There were mixed views on housing, Greenbelt and suggestions for new settlements. Support was for the Tay Eco Valley, rail interchange and district heating. ● Supplementary Guidance – still to look at Renewable Energy. There is a conference on this on the 22nd June and we are looking to set up an expert panel. 	
8	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 2016 - date to be confirmed 	