



Quarterly Community Council Forum Meeting, 11/06/2025
Breadalbane Room, Kenmore Hotel

Attendees

David O'Donoghue	Taymouth Castle	Val Ferguson	Aberfeldy CC
Mairi McAdam	Taymouth Castle	Lorraine Reed	Aberfeldy CC
Jennifer Robertson	Glenlyon & Loch Tay CC	Roddy Kennedy	Dull & Weem CC
Sue Dolan-Betney	Glenlyon & Loch Tay CC	Graham Huggins	Mid Atholl CC
Charlie Grant	Killin CC	Peter Ely	Kenmore CC
Andy Aitken	Killin CC		

Apologies

Colin Morton (Kenmore CC).

Minutes

Meeting commenced 1830. Welcome.

1. Communications & Staff

- a) Taymouth Castle Estate (TCE) continue to meet every month with Kenmore & District Community Council, meeting minutes are published online <https://www.kenmore-and-district-cc.org.uk/taymouth-castle-update> last meeting 9th June 2025.
- b) Quarterly Newsletters continue to be posted to over 3600 households across all the community council areas, with the Summer 2025 edition due to be delivered from 23rd June.
- c) TCE attend meetings of the Loch Tay Association, Kenmore Business Group and Reading Rooms. TCE are members of Scottish Land & Estates, recently attending the annual conference, and has joined the Tay Catchment Salmon Alliance.
- d) The www.welcometotaymouth website is kept up to date with new frequently asked questions and blogs with current news, links to fishing permits and estate path information.
- e) Elected member contact – a meeting with Dave Doogan is scheduled for the summer.
- f) Staff numbers are currently 201, with the majority of these full-time (no contractors included in numbers) and 60 based at Moness.

2. Community Engagement:

- a) TCE continue to support Kenmore Primary School 'Careers in the Castle' with plans to arrange a visit from Glenlyon Estate to learn about farming and forestry; and are helping at their upcoming Orienteering Festival.
- b) TCE have provided support with the Kenmore Parent Council and pupil creation of 'Capercaillie Trail' with maps, leaflets and installation of the discs which will be located around the village for visitors to find.
- c) TCE continues to support a variety of projects in the Reading Rooms – including the installation of a stand and plaque for the Worlds 1st Gaelic Dictionary, which was compiled by Robert Armstrong,

of Kenmore, 200 years ago; and a series of history talks by Mark Bridgeman on the opening of the Reading Rooms in 1885 and the Old Village of Lawers, which took place in April and May.

- d) TCE were pleased to support Fearnan Hall in their VE day display – with information on the No.1 Polish Hospital and a community fundraising lunch for the victims of the recent Fortingall Fire at the Molteno Hall.
- e) TCE were involved in recent community litter pick and are supporting the ‘Keep Kenmore Tidy’ campaign with posters featuring drawings by local pupils. Staff volunteers are doing regular litter picks around the village and are planning a kayak litter collection.
- f) Recent support across local grassroots, educational and traditional projects and events has included the Killin Pump Track Provincial Mod, Breadalbane Football Club, Castle Menzies, Aberfeldy Museum, Aberfeldy Shared office space project and the Killin Path.

3. Local suppliers & Community Links

- a) TCE have strengthened connections with Dunkeld Smokehouse and Dewar’s Aberfeldy Distillery, as their quality products and services are utilised.
- b) Plans for the 2nd Community Open Day in Autumn are taking shape, with plans to repeat the restoration theme to enable those who missed it in 2024 to attend.

4. Kenmore Village Update:

- a) Beach – a ramp has been installed to enable easier access to the beach for buggy, wheelchair, bike users. New and replacement benches are to be installed early Summer.
- b) More beaver damage has resulted in several trees falling along the lower Gallops walking path, these are being cleared.
- c) The phone box is planned to be installed in mid-June, which will be used as an information hub. Planning is being sought for a village display board featuring a map and things to do.
- d) TCE is revising its masterplan, and it will be discussed with PKC & KCC shortly.

5. Current Works – Castle Estate

- a) Pumphouse was completed in May.
- b) Comfort Station A is complete (front 9 golf course), and Comfort Station B located on the back 9 is underway.
- c) A temporary canteen for the agronomy team is to be sited by the sawmill.
- d) West Access Extension Road – infrastructure and utilities works have commenced following approval by PKC – which has involved tree felling and careful oversight by Tay Ecology, and closure of the South Riverside path until mid-October 2025. Upon completion of the construction works and safe access, the original path will be reopened.
- e) Fences have been lowered and new gates installed at the West Access, at the start of the South Estate diverted core path.

6. Planning Updates

Planning Approvals

- a) Reinstatement of the Borrow Pit at Inchadney (which will take up to 3 yrs) ref **25/00147/42L**.
- b) A temporary bridge by the sawmill, suitable for heavy vehicles, is to be installed ref **25/00173/FLL**.

Pre-Application Notice and Public Exhibitions for Moness

- For the change of 77 lodge rooms into either temporary employee accommodation or resort rooms as demand dictates.
- The exhibitions took place on 18th March and 22nd April with approx. 30 attendees in total. A planning application will go in later in June and to PKC committee in Sept.

Current Planning Submissions

- a) Dairy – Golf Clubhouse
- b) Adventure base – outdoor pursuits equipment storage
- c) Housing Zones

7. Golf Course

- a) All seeding is complete, the back 9 needs to be in.
- b) The front 9 will be open to members from mid-June.

8. Moness Resort

- a) Spa opened at end of May
- b) New 'Terrace Café & Bar' and menu has received very positive local feedback
- c) Marquee is to be replaced
- d) Renovation of utilities and kitchen in process
- e) Tree works pending end of nesting season

9. Glenlyon

- a) Successful lambing season
- b) Riverside walk – stiles have been removed and replaced with pedestrian gates.
- c) Woodland regeneration tree planting in the consultation phase

10. Environment

- a) Sand Martins have returned and the estate is looking to install artificial nesting banks for future years
- b) Bats and bird boxes continue to be installed across the estate in accordance with ecology surveys and ongoing plans to enhance wildlife
- c) Fishing permits sales and fishing were suspended during the recent spell of no rain for 3 weeks, to ensure the welfare of trout. This has now been reinstated but will be monitored going forward

Discussion topics & Questions

Q: Val Ferguson asked if we could possibly install a handrail on the new ramp to the beach?

A: D O'Donoghue said that we would explore this.

Q: Roddy Kennedy asked about future plans for Inchadney?

A: D O'Donoghue confirmed that there is some future development proposed, however, it's only at an idea stage.

Q: Lorraine Reed asked how the visitor numbers at Moness are faring?

A: D O'Donoghue indicated that, except April this year, month-to-month comparisons to 2024 are up.

Q: Val Ferguson asked about the new road near the dairy and its location.

A: D O'Donoghue explained that rather than going across from Hangman's Hill towards the dairy, the new road will run from Hangman's Hill north toward the river, and then follow the line of the river to connect with the Dairy. Location plan, planning application **24/00618/FLL**

The meeting ended at 1920pm.