



TAYMOUTH CASTLE

GOLF AND SPORT CLUB

Quarterly Community Council Forum Meeting, 13/05/2026 Breadalbane Room, Kenmore

Attendees

Nick Hedgeley	Taymouth Castle (TC)	Andy Aitken	Killin CC
Mairi McAdam	Taymouth Castle (TC)	Lorraine Reed	Aberfeldy CC
Pete Allen	Glenlyon Estate (GLE)	Roddy Kennedy	Dull & Weem CC
Jennifer Robertson	Glenlyon & Loch Tay CC	Peter Ely	Kenmore & District CC
Charlie Grant	Killin CC	Olive Munro	Kenmore & District CC
Carol May	Kenmore & District CC		

Apologies

Graham Huggins, Mid Atholl & Strathtay CC
Judy Delin, Glenlyon & Loch Tay CC
Val Ferguson, Aberfeldy CC

Minutes

Mairi commenced meeting 1835.

1. Communications Update

- a) TC 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 13th May 2026.
- b) Quarterly Newsletters continue to be posted to over 3600 households across all the community council areas, with the Spring edition delivered on 20th March.
- c) TC have attended recent meetings of the Loch Tay Association, Explore Kenmore, Kenmore & District in Bloom & Kenmore Sports Association.
- d) The www.welcometotaymouth.com website is kept up to date, various enquiries are endeavoured to be answered within 24hours and blogs with current news, links to fishing permits and estate path information are available.

2. Community Engagement:

- a) This quarter TC are proud to support various educational initiatives – including:
 - ‘Careers at the Castle’ providing insights into Field Sports to the Kenmore Primary pupils, with a visit from our Deer Stalking and Gamekeeping teams

- The culinary team provided a cake decorating/patisserie and chocolate tempering workshop with S3 Practical Cookery pupils at Breadalbane Academy.
- Facilitation of the 3rd S1/2 History trip, whereby 56 pupils from Breadalbane Academy were taken on a tour of the local area, following in Queen Victoria's footsteps; whilst learning of connections and other stories; at the Fort (Taymouth Castle), at the Old Village of Lawers, the Kenmore kirkyard and Castle Menzies.
- S2 Breadalbane Academy pupils are visiting Moness Resort as part of a business awareness course, to understand its operations and facilities.
- Supporting Kenmore Primary P6&7 pupils in their quest to extend the Capercaillie trail. With 4 businesses on board so far, their plans to be a new leaflet, and new discs installed by the end of May.
- Donating funds to support school trips at both Breadalbane Academy – to Poland, and Kenmore Primary School – activities
- Participating in a Skills Development Scotland enterprise event at Breadalbane Academy.

b) Wellbeing initiatives supported:

- Aberfeldy Women's Rugby Club
- Aberfeldy Sports Club finishing, through Moness Resort
- Festival of Golf, with Active Schools and Aberfeldy Golf Club - the delivery of a fun filled activity station day with 40 children attending on 27th April, as well as the provision of grassroots golf taster sessions in schools in Spring term.
- Continued support of emergency treatment in the area, with a donation towards a new defib by Beyond Adventure/River Tay Way hub; and of defib pads and batteries locally
- TC have provided funds towards the Breathe Youth Club activity camps this summer and to the YCMA Tayside BEAR project.
- Aberfeldy sharks swimming club

c) Heritage projects & Traditional Events:

- TC were able to provide further materials – woodchip, gravel and construction equipment to the Crannog Centre, ahead of their Crannog opening on 22nd May.
- After a year of research, TC have finalised the production of a living archive documentary 'Tales of Taymouth' which will initially be shared with families who contributed, followed by a 'Drop-in' viewing in the Reading Rooms on Wed 24th June from 2-8pm, and create a documented archive.
- The culinary team provided easter biscuits and decorations for the Easter Kenmore event; whilst the wider event was supported by volunteers, craft supplies, prizes and treasure hunt creation.
- TC are delighted to continue supporting the Fortingall Art Festival, with prizes this year for primary school children entering the art competition and help with storage of the art panel display boards.
- The Angus & Perthshire provincial mod

d) TC were also delighted to help village revitalisation through

- helping to re-fill the Ghillie boat.
- helping to install a new noticeboard in Fortingall.
- providing hanging baskets which will be installed in June, in Kenmore

e) TC continue to participate in local committees and organisations; these include

- Loch Tay Association - support for local projects to promote the health of the loch and river; and riparian populations.
- Explore Kenmore – supporting and facilitating a launch event on 8th June, bringing together all local businesses to network, share challenges and opportunities; new website and social media platforms.

- Kenmore & District in Bloom – support and provide advice and input into the local horticulture initiatives.
- Kenmore Sports Association - TC team members are active members of the Kenmore Sports Association; which is looking forward to holding the 50th Kenmore Highland Games 1st July
- Tay Catchment Salmon Alliance - support for local projects to promote the health of the loch and river; and riparian populations.

3. Kenmore Village Update:

- a) TC are working on plans and designs to restore the Kenmore Inn in a multi-stage refurbishment programme. The Inn would plan to operate as a public hotel with bar and restaurant – initial works will include the façade and front canopy repairs.
- b) The restoration of Kenmore asset Taymouth Trading is currently paused and will be pursued in the future.
- c) TC, alongside K&DCC await updates from PKC about the Local Development Plan timeline in May, including Call for Sites which are under assessment internally.
- d) New village information board and paths information boards were installed in April – providing illustrative maps and links to resources <https://welcometotaymouth.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Updated-path-map.pdf>
- e) TC have installed a 'NO OVERNIGHT PARKING' sign at the beach car park
- f) TC are procuring replacement memorial benches for 3, following discussion with PKC
- g) TC are discussing village signposts to e.g. Toilets, Parking; with PKC conservation officers, with designs planned to tie in with lampposts and a style fitting to Kenmore.

4. Current Works – Castle Estate

- a) Infrastructure, groundworks and utilities enabling works for Housing Zone 2 in Newhall Woods, has commenced.
- b) Following approval of the temporary siting for an outdoor cooking tent, the build is underway by the Chinese Bridge.
- c) Planning is sought for a culvert: drainage works that form part of the approved restoration of the golf course and the previously approved drainage strategies for Housing Zone 4 (23/01112/FLL / 23/01228/FLL) and the west access extension road (24/00618/FLL). This updated approach is an improvement on the historic drainage situation and is an amendment rather than a retrospective application.
- d) Refurbishment works continue to the Castle's East Wing are underway, to initially create a wellness area; following minor amendments as agreed by PKC
- e) A Local review body committee will be visiting end of month to decide upon the install of trackman golf simulator poles, that lie in view of the Dairy, but blend in well within the landscape.
- f) Planning submissions are being prepared in conjunction with SSEN in relation to the estate wide power, these submissions are as summarised below.
 - Primary substation platform & buildings in Newhall.
 - Transformer buildings across the estate serving residential properties and amenity buildings.
- g) Borrow Pit, Inchadney – TC advised that discharge of pre-commencement conditions is in progress with the view of commencing the reinstatement and restoration - more to follow in coming months.

5. Environment Update

- a) 31 trout permits have been sold so far, 95% to local residents. The season commences ends 6th Oct 2026 and permits are available online: permanent local residents £1 per day, and for those visiting the area for £12.50 per day. <https://welcometotaymouth.com/as-trout-season-approaches/>
- b) Ongoing bird and moth surveys continue across the TC estate – to provide insights on populations and advice on how to improve habitats to encourage them to flourish; recent finds include the Red Start and the Tree Pipit (red list).
- c) The summer focus will include the continued Japanese Knotweed treatment and a survey to check the health of the deer.

6. Moness Resort

- a) The change of use planning application for 61/103 units at Moness resort, to enable dual use, was validated at the end of Feb, and unanimously supported by Aberfeldy CC following their committee meeting on 3rd March. PKC decision is pending by committee.
- b) The monitored woodland area, now containing 21 ring barked trees, was surveyed in Nov 2025 as part of ongoing estate-wide tree management (in which 5 trees ring barked trees were identified). The survey is being updated (following the damage of a further x16 ring barked trees in a cluster near the first 5 – damage that has been reported to Police Scotland) as part of a tree license application currently in motion, in which community consultation will form part of the pre-application process. The initial reassessment has advised works are carried out to reduce the risk of the now weakened trees falling onto adjacent properties before end of 2026.

7. Glenlyon Estate

- a) General improvement works and building refurbishments, in alignment with PKC conservation officers and in keeping with the heritage listed architecture are planned, including the restoration of Glenlyon House and refit into 8 suites. No new housing is planned.
- b) Addition of mains water supply and mains power is necessary to modernise the utilities, along with air source heat pumps for the farmyard and existing solar on the laird's hall.
- c) Removal of dead, dying and diseased trees – in the front garden has taken place as authorised by PKC.
- d) GLE request that visitors and path users kindly walk responsibly in and around the Estate and heritage sites in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, close gates, be aware of livestock and keep dogs on leads – new signs will be installed to provide helpful information.

Discussion topics & Questions

Q: LR asked if we can provide any timescales on the restoration of Kenmore Inn?

A: Mairi said, no, not at this time, it's too early in the process to gauge timescales.

Q: AA asked if we are going to do another Open Day?

A: Mairi confirmed that yes and details will be available soon.

Q: JR asked if the Breadalbane Reading Room was part of the TC ownership?

A: Mairi confirmed that the Breadalbane Reading Rooms are owned by PKC and managed by a local volunteer committee.

Q: JR asked if Taymouth Trading could be leased by an operator?

A: Mairi explained that there would be a significant amount of repair and restoration works required before it would be fit for operation – but that lease may be considered in the future.

The meeting ended at 1930pm.