

Key discussions and actions from PCLF meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 17.00 on Zoom

Forum Attendees								Apologies			
Mike Robinson	MR	Nick Rowan	NR	Alan Caldwell	AC	Matthew Malloch	MM	Tricia Fox	TF		
Iain Hutchison	IH	Dawn Fuge	DF	Steve Stewart	SS	Sheila Best	SB	Thomas Kinney-Nichol	TK-N		
David Howe	DH	Jackie Brierton	JB	Thomas Glen	TG	Jennifer Earls	JE	Councillor Murray Lyle	ML		
Alyxs Dellaquaglia	AD										

Ref	Agenda Item	Lead	Action/Update	Action Owner & Target Date
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	MR		
2.0	Overall update	MR	Regular smaller meetings are continuing despite current restrictions, often outside over a walk. Continuing to plan for PCLF Board meetings every 2 months with a focus on a specific area at each meeting.	
3.0	Perth Biodiversity Conference	AC	2 nd Annual Conference – Friday 21 January. Focus on Nature & Biodiversity. 130 delegates signed up so far (hoping for over 200 by next week) with a good mix from across the community and government. Keynote speaker – Mayor of Finnish city of Lahti (European Green Capital 2021) Wide range of impressive contributors including Councillor Murray Lyle from PKC and Lorna Slater from Scottish Government. 6 Workshops around Create – Enhance – Restore – Protect – Nurture – Nourish – Support. Each workshop will identify 1 Action for transformational change to become part of a final Action Plan for Transformational Change. Each workshop will also identify 3 big issues to put to the panel of experts to discuss.	AC to email SB re contributions from Council colleagues.
4.0	Discuss ideas for March – Transport/Food Festival?	SB & JE	Scotland’s Good Food Nation Bill was introduced to Scottish Parliament in October 2021. It places a statutory duty on public bodies to have a Good Food Strategy & Action Plan. JE & SB gave a short presentation (slides attached) around the Perth & Kinross Good Food Strategy & Action Plan.	SS suggested there is a need to pull this together for a Summit Event.



		<p>The Vision is to have a Summit Food Event culminating in a Community Feast, drawing people together with local businesses around sustainable food production in the area. Gareth Ruddock (Giraffe) is already involved in planning an event in Perth in September.</p> <p>There is funding available to take events such as this forward. Local chefs have indicated that they would be interested in being involved. In particular, one young chef from Letham is passionate about helping people to learn skills around food.</p> <p>Several suggested links were made including 'Perthshire on a Plate' Praveen Kumar Casella & Poegato Perth Gin 63 Tay Street – passionate about sustainability Further possibilities to generate excitement and raise community awareness were discussed including promoting the importance of food & drink to Perthshire, taking a Scottish lead in this.</p> <p>Perth is the Unesco City of Craft - we should capitalise on this through artisan food & drink.</p> <p>DH suggested the event could take place across multiple places in Perth & Kinross with a big focus on sustainability. Zoned areas, co-ordinated with the council, could have talks, presentations, workshops focussing on different themes. Sustainable transport could also be included as well as biodiversity and the natural environment. The need to leave cars at home in favour of alternative modes of transport would be a positive decision in order to allow space in town for the Festival to take place.</p> <p>JB highlighted www.neighbourfood.co.uk in Blairgowrie, Auchterarder and Megginch – projects which could be extended as a model for local producers to collaborate & contribute.</p> <p>The PCLF agreed to support the project wholeheartedly.</p>	<p>Nobody volunteered to take a lead as yet.</p>
5.0	Sistema	<p>MR Mike is talking with Sistema Scotland to bring their music project to Perth as they already operate in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee and are starting in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh.</p>	

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6.00	Project Sapphire and any other planned meetings	AC	<p>Bluestone Energy is working on a project in Glasgow to decarbonise heat/energy systems, taking pressure off the grid and feeding EV charging networks. It is entirely privately/externally funded with opportunities for local councils to take over revenues.</p> <p>Perth & Kinross is being considered as a possible area for expanding the project – a briefing with the Leader & Leader of the Opposition is on 25 January.</p> <p>There is no link with existing battery storage projects in the area.</p> <p>More detail will follow after the meeting on 25 January.</p>	NC to set up meeting for AC to give an update after 25 January.
7.00	Update from YMCA Tayside	AD & MM	<p>There is no Youth Forum in Perth as yet, although it is still a possibility – it takes time!</p> <p>As a result of COP26, a group of 10 engaged and energetic young people from across P&K have become Climate Change Champions, working on projects including school meals, sustainable transport and climate change. These members could eventually be involved in Perth’s Youth Forum.</p> <p>YMCA Tayside are organising a Youth Conference at the North Inch Community Campus in April 2022 involving organisations from all over P&K to discuss current issues around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination • Mental Health • Climate Change. <p>They are looking for actionable points for Perth Council/PCLF. They wondered if PCLF would like to input (although the conference will be entirely Youth run).</p> <p>SB suggested making a connection with Tayside Contracts (school meals). Also with the Climate Change Team at PKC. The Food Waste Team at PKC would welcome feedback from the Youth Conference.</p> <p>TG happy to support and highlighted the Skills Passport, open to unemployed people requiring training and/or equipment.</p> <p>JB highlighted GrowBiz’s social enterprise scheme for young people 18 – 25 in P&K who need support starting a business or enterprise. https://www.growbiz.co.uk/seed</p> <p>MR recommended the RSGS film ‘Scotland: Our Climate Journey’ as a useful tool to promote discussion.</p>	SB to liaise with AD and MM



8.00	AOB	SS	<p>The Ambassadors' meeting in December was postponed to 4 February (TBC). This meeting will pick up issues from COP26, asking What Next? Planning to move forward from the strategizing. This is very timely as the Council agreed Perth's Climate Strategy in December.</p>	
		IH	<p>Internet connectivity in Perth should be greatly improved soon. DH is working on this, taking all opportunities available to move Perth forward in line with other cities.</p>	
		JB	<p>JB indicated that she will be attending a meeting with GrowBiz on 27 January. GrowBiz supports enterprise in rural Scotland and this meeting will discuss different possible funding formats including crowdfunding, loans, grants and P&K's Angel's Share Scheme. She will report her findings to the board at the next meeting. She is struggling to find time to pull together everything involved in incorporating the Forum to give it a legal structure, giving the ability to raise its own funding, employ resources etc. She would like some help!</p>	<p>NC will liase with JB to see if she can help.</p>
		TG	<p>Keen to work with PCLF to bring workstreams involving Sustainability & Climate Change together with the Council's economic and other priorities.</p>	<p>TG and MR to liase</p>
	Date of Next Meeting		<p>Tuesday 8th March at 17:00 on Zoom</p> <p>Topic: PCLF Board Meeting Time: Mar 8, 2022 17:00 London</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86038205963?pwd=N201V1RrTVB1UXR4Rk5yUVZQWTFmdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 860 3820 5963 Passcode: 872911 One tap mobile +442080806591,,86038205963#,,,,*872911# United Kingdom +442080806592,,86038205963#,,,,*872911# United Kingdom</p>	