



## Agenda for PCLF meeting held on 18 May 2022

Date a	and Time	Wednesday 18 May 2022 17:00-18:00
Chair		Mike Robinson
Meeti	ing location	Fair Maid's House, 21-23 North Port, Perth PH1 5LU

Forum Attendees		Apologies							
Mike Robinson	MR	lain Hutchison	IH	Jackie Brierton	JB	Alyxs Dellaquaglia	AD	Dawn Fuge	DF
Steven Stewart	SS	Barbara Renton (for Thomas Glen)	BR	Councillor Grant Laing	GL	Thomas Glen	TG	Alan Caldwell	AC
Tricia Fox	TF			Councillor Richard Watters	RW	Gareth Ruddock	GR	Nick Rowan	NR

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				Date
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	MR	MR welcomed Councillor Grant Laing and Councillor Richard Watters. He also welcomed Barbara Renton in Thomas	
			Glen's absence.	
			Covid is still affecting everybody, both health-wise and in re-adjusting to new demands in work.	
2.0	Minutes from meeting	MR	Approved	
	on 8 March 2022			
3.0	Project Sandstone	MR	Project Sandstone v2[11235].pdf	
		/	The flexibility of this scheme means it is a real opportunity to accommodate electricity requirements in all/part of Perth	
		AC	as well as giving the option to be duplicated in smaller towns. It could also be developed to create hydrogen as part of	
			eco innovation hub on Western Edge.	
			Meeting with PKC 25/5/22 will decide how to proceed. Opportunities for landowners to lease land for solar arrays or	
			batteries. PKC is keen to see it progressed – possible to be up and running within 2-5 years. Public opinion could be	
			brought round with the need for cheaper fuel to address the cost of living crisis as well as the drive to net zero.	



## Perth City Leadership Forum

Sustainability Festival	MR	Voluntary contributions to projects across all sectors and industries are proving difficult in the current climate	All
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		promote a bigger and more diverse event and to complement and highlight Perth's UNESCO craft maker	
		status.	
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		creatively, using existing networks.	
	IH	Enterprise & Prosperity: Steve Petrie (Business Performance Director at Balfour Beatty) is meeting with Thomas Glen &	
		Sheena Devlin (Director of Education PKC) to discuss Skills & Enterprise in Education.	
		A small meeting between Business Leaders, Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Glen will take place in June to increase	
		presence of the Chamber in Perth and to clarify the support already available for businesses. Aim is to encourage	
		conversation with businesses around how they can play a strategic role in promoting Perth.	
		IH is looking to set up a Business Hub to support local businesses. Looking for a physical and digital location.	
		IH attended a course on developing hydro power in Perth. 5kw hydro turbines available to rural households – this could	
		be an area to promote in future.	
Date of Next Meeting		End of August – historically school summer holidays have proved difficult to find a convenient time for everyone.	
		Meantime, MR will meet all working group leads and PCLF board members to catch up individually.	
	Updates from Working Groups  Date of Next Meeting	Updates from Working Groups SS	so the Council's involvement in any large scale Sustainability Festival will be postponed until next year. This will give us more time and capacity to recruit and work with eg schools and the theatre and others to run and promote a bigger and more diverse event and to complement and highlight Perth's UNESCO craft maker status.  Instead, this September PCLF will have a few lower-key test events such as conferences, meetings or public events with a sustainability theme, or which promote local food/trades and electric/sustainable transport. We are seeking ideas from any organisations who would be able to arrange or coordinate one or two events. Any ideas or offers of support to MR.  SS  Ambassadors: Last meeting was focused on Sustainability issues.  Next meeting will look at cost of living/economy. Provocations from IH – Enterprise & Prosperity; DF – Future of City Centre; DH – Transport; GL – PKC perspective will be followed by debate around direction of next 5 years.  Perception of rural Perthshire must change from Challenges to Opportunities. Connectivity with rural Perthshire needs to be fast-tracked to improve infrastructure. Cost of living crisis is impacting businesses both in the city and in rural areas.  PKC is keen to find commonality between Council & Ambassadors, supporting and working collectively to solve issues creatively, using existing networks.  Interprise & Prosperity: Steve Petrie (Business Performance Director at Balfour Beatty) is meeting with Thomas Glen & Sheena Devlin (Director of Education PKC) to discuss Skills & Enterprise in Education.  A small meeting between Business Leaders, Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Glen will take place in June to increase presence of the Chamber in Perth and to clarify the support already available for businesses. Aim is to encourage conversation with businesses around how they can play a strategic role in promoting Perth.  Ith is looking to set up a Business Hub to support local businesses. Looking for a physical and digital location.  Ith attended a course