

Key discussions and actions from PCLF meeting held on 6th December 2022 at Fair Maid's House, 15-19 North Port, Perth PH1 5LU
Chair: Mike Robinson

| Forum Attendees | | | | | | Apologies | | | |
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| Mike Robinson | MR | Iain Hutchison | IH | Jackie Brierton | JB | Thomas Glen | TG | Gareth Ruddock | GR |
| Alan Caldwell | AC | Alyxs Dellaquaglia | AD | Nicola Chakraverty | NC | Steven Stewart | SS | Nick Rowan | NR |
| Tricia Fox | TF | Grant Laing | GL | David Howe | DH | | | Dawn Fuge | DF |

| Ref | Agenda Item | Lead | Action/Update | Any action & Target Date |
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| 1.0 | Welcome and Apologies | MR | Apologies from DF and SS due to illness, and from GR, NR and TG who have other work commitments. This meeting aims to capture an overview of all the many activities going on across the PCLF, to reassure ourselves of the good things going on. | |
| 2.0 | Minutes from meeting on 04-10-22 | MR | Approved | |
| 3.0 | Feedback from the Chair | MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCLF is successfully bringing Perth to the foreground of conversations both locally and at national level. Providing consultation and support for e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviva's wind turbine application Dunkeld Road Corridor Neighbourhood development PKCT Riverwoods project. They have been successful in the Phase-1 Riverwoods grants process. The next step is to submit a business case proposal. Dundee University's discussions around student accommodation in Perth Stagecoach's electric bus fleet Bringing people together around specific areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero Waste Biodiversity Sustainable City Big Lunch and tackling poverty | |
| | | | Outcomes from Big Lunch – lots of very positive feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perth & Kinross Card. AC & GR have been in conversations with Colin Munro (Miconex) and Letham4all to adapt the existing Perth Card run by Miconex to get cash directly to people who need it. It will operate like a prepaid credit card, usable in local businesses helping to keep money in the area, benefitting local retailers. | |

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| | | | <p>PKC has already allocated a fund to support the card, which can also be topped up from other sources. Letham4all is keen to run a pilot initially in Letham, identifying local relevant points of sale to bring on board. 3rd sector groups will help to identify people who could benefit from the card. JB will connect with the conversations to involve rural businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation from Gloag Foundation is in the Giraffe account to be added to money PKC has already promised for tackling poverty. We need to follow up offers of private contributions. • Stagecoach made a large donation to Perth Food Banks • AD & DF have started matching young people from the YMCA with jobs in local businesses for a fixed period or for a few hours per week. YMCA will continue to support the new young employees as they start working and local businesses will benefit too. They plan to continue with this project in the New Year. • There is a great deal of support and desire to help from all quarters. Still a lot of connections need to be made and offers/opportunities to be followed up. We need to help people and businesses identify exactly what support they actually need. • There was a strong desire to reconvene and continue the conversations/connections started. Perhaps smaller groups should meet first, especially around supporting businesses before another larger meeting. Following the small but vociferous group of keyboard warriors giving negative feedback around the perceived inappropriateness of a 'Big Lunch', the next meeting might need to be presented differently. • Conversations are taking place with the Head of the NFUS around having a series of tractor deliveries of food to kitchens in the area. Great PR opportunity involving TV. • Need to follow-up the area of building insulation in tackling fuel poverty | <p>JB connect with AC & GR</p> <p>GR, MR, AC, NC to follow up offers</p> <p>NC to pass on business offers to IH</p> <p>MR to liaise with TF</p> |
| 4.0 | Feedback from Vice Chair | TF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Enchanted Forest event in October at Faskally Wood, Pitlochry was an enormous success. It sold out, bringing £8 million into the local economy. • Met with David Littlejohn, head of Planning & Development at PKC to discuss improving Perth City Centre, looking at greening up the streetscape to encourage people into the city centre. • Planning to refresh the PCLF website – please let TF have any relevant content • Meeting with MR and the Courier to give a review of the PCLF's activities this year – a looking back/looking forward article to keep the PCLF in the public's awareness. | All asap |
| 5.0 | Feedback from Zero Carbon Working Group | AC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Sandstone is moving forward with positive developments. From January, a team of 5 will be focussed on working to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - areas of land are identified to provide renewable energy for the project - a pilot for Thermify is established in Perth & Kinross next year - plans continue to progress for a Training Centre in Perth to support the transition to new technologies | |

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| 6.0 | Feedback from Perth Youth | AD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some young people from the YMCA are ready and interested in joining PCLF working groups. At the moment there are young people with particular interest in Climate Change and in the Cost-of-Living/Food/Warm spaces. AC offered to come and speak to groups interested in climate action. | AD & AC to liaise |
| 7.0 | Feedback from Enterprise & Prosperity Working Group | IH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCLF tour of the Gannochy Trust Housing was inspirational - exceptionally high quality and well-priced buildings. There is an opportunity for more sustainable housing to passive house standards in the west of Perth. IH is looking into this, aiming to set a standard for Perth, putting it on the map for housing. Ideas around developing geothermal heating solutions which would complement Project sandstone are in the pipeline. Opening conversations around a Business Support group to give advice to young businesses Maintaining and cultivating business contacts to progress putting Sustainable Perth on the map A tour of the hydroelectric plant at Stormontfield is being organised next week. | |
| 8.0 | Feedback from Revitalising the City Centre Working Group | DF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with AD matching young people with work opportunities in local businesses. See above Outcomes from Big Lunch. | |
| 9.0 | Feedback from Ambassadors | SS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've continued to lead the Perth Ambassadors and the number of registered ambassadors has grown over the past year. We held a session in September on economic growth and regeneration, which included a panel made up of Perth and Kinross Council leader Grant Laing, PCLF Board member Dawn Cotton-Fuge and Lori McGaffney, President of Perthshire Chamber of Commerce. I'm also supporting planning for a further Perth Ambassadors event in February 2023 on the wellbeing economy, working closely with Alan Caldwell and others on the planned programme. During the year, I worked with other members of the Connectivity working group and with Perth and Kinross Council to introduce free bus travel in Perth on several days in the run-up to Christmas instead of the previous policy around free car parking. I secured a £5,000 contribution from Dame Ann Gloag to support the Big Lunch earlier this year, as well as organising a Stagecoach donation to Perth Food Bank. As a member of the Perth and Kinross Climate Commission, I've been pushing PCLF's overall vision around making Perth the most sustainable small city in Europe. Jess Pepper (Transform Scotland) and I have been working on a joint presentation on transport which draws heavily on the proposals which were agreed by the PCLF connectivity working group. | |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I plan to stand down as the chair of the Perth Ambassadors network in the new year. As a result, I'm looking to see if any other member of PCLF would be willing to take on this role. | |
| 10.0 | Feedback from Inclusion & Social Justice Working Group | GR | <p>See above Outcomes from Big Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Perthshire Cookbook has just been published, celebrating the amazing food and drink in the area. Produced by Great Perthshire, the book supports and promotes local food and drink businesses and showcases their produce. | |
| 11.0 | Feedback from Perthshire Rural Group | JB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main priority has been to support local businesses recover from the pandemic. Many are struggling due to rising overheads, supply chain issues and the mental health problems these bring. The SEED project, funded by the Gannochy Trust has been a big success. Initially aiming to support 20 young 18–25-year-olds to start their own business, in fact it has supported 23 young people this year. | |
| 12.0 | Feedback from Shaping a Growing City Working Group | NR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The highlight of the year was the Biodiversity Conference and the various initiatives that followed – like most, the year has been about consolidation/resilience. Next year is about re-building. | |
| | AOB | | SS is standing down as the PCLF link with Perth Ambassadors, so we need to find somebody else to take this role forward. | |
| | Date of Next Meeting | | Thursday 16 th February 2023 17.30 at Fair Maid’s House | |