

**DUNKELD AND BIRNAM AREA**  
**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & COORDINATION GROUP**  
*[AMULREE & STRATHBRAAN, KINDALLACHAN, DOWALLY AND DALGUISE]*

**RESILIENCE PLAN**

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**IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER - CALL 999**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Emergencies happen. In the last few years, Scotland has experienced severe winter weather, flooding, travel disruption, fuel shortages, animal diseases, and a pandemic flu outbreak. Challenges like these affect us all in going about our daily lives, and every community faces unique challenges in planning to get through them.

The good news is that communities can make a big difference in minimising the impact of an emergency, by organising themselves to be 'prepared and resilient'. This includes communities working together and using their collective strengths to:

1. Prepare for
2. Respond to
3. Recover from emergencies

More resilient communities:

- a. Are aware of risks that may affect them and how vulnerable they are to them
- b. Use their existing skills, knowledge and resources to prepare for, and deal with, the consequences of emergencies
- c. Work together to complement the work of the local emergency responders before, during and after an emergency

This isn't about doing the job of the emergency services. It's about supporting our community and those in it by making sensible preparations and using the skills and knowledge that the community has.

Of course all communities are different. Potential risks, which may be a priority for one community, may not be relevant elsewhere, due to geographic or other factors specific to that community. The risks, with the greatest potential to occur in our local area have been identified in consultation with the Perth & Kinross Community & Business Resilience Group (CBRG). However, many of the practical ways, through which individuals and our wider community can prepare for and support itself and the Emergency Services, in the event of an emergency, are common across a broad range of potential emergency incidents.

Specific advice on some practical ways in which you can increase your own resilience and be better prepared for a potential emergency can be found on the Ready Scotland Website at: - [www.readyscotland.org](http://www.readyscotland.org)

Through the Ready Scotland website, there is also a link to a handy 'app' for your smartphone, containing useful advice, information and contact details.

The Perth & Kinross CBRG is a multi-agency sub group of the Tayside Local Resilience Partnership. The remit of the CBRG is to provide support, information and advice to better enable individuals, businesses and communities to plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies and significant disruption to routine life

This plan has been created by members of the Dunkeld & Birnam CC, to provide a local connection to the Emergency Planning activities, of the Perth & Kinross CBRG.

## **DUNKELD & BIRNAM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & COORDINATION GROUP**

In 2016, the Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council (CC) formed an Emergency Preparedness & Coordination sub-group.

Led and coordinated by CC members, the group is tasked with enhancing local resilience preparation, through the creation and management of a local plan, and to act as a point of contact for all related issues.

This plan is developed in the context of three potential local emergency scenarios\*:

- A major incident/s or adverse weather impeding passage on the A9 near Dunkeld and Birnam and /or on the A822 Dunkeld to Crieff Road and/or the adjacent rail line.
- A major snow fall significantly restricting movement and adversely affecting daily life in the Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council area.
- Severe flooding threatening the community in the Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council and its A9 catchment area

*\*See risk assessment attached*

### **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY COORDINATION**

If an emergency occurs, or is likely to occur (e.g. imminent severe weather warning), where a level of local coordination may be necessary, nominated CC members will liaise with PKC and consider a range of preparatory measures, commensurate with the actual or potential risk.

Activities will include, the dissemination of advisory information (e.g. via telephone, email and social media), establishing the availability of local volunteer/resources, and consideration as to whether the activation of a Community Emergency Coordination Group (either physically or virtually) would be of benefit.

If activated physically (and access permitting), the group will convene at The Drill Hall in Dunkeld (alternative accommodation may be necessary, depending on accessibility and location of emergency). The group will be chaired by a nominated member of the Community Council sub-group and will liaise directly with PKC CBRG and Emergency Services, as appropriate. Attendees of the emergency coordination group will depend entirely on the type and location of the emergency.

The Community Emergency Coordination group will support the local community in a range of ways, including the activation of a central Community Emergency Support Centre, Emergency Rest Centres, identification and deployment of volunteers and requests for the deployment of local skills and resources etc. For example, these may include local businesses for support to rest centres, local hauliers for the movement of supplies, local farmers for support with access and transport and

churches/community groups for welfare and emotional support. The range of activities will depend entirely on the type and location of the emergency, the needs of the local people and guidance/direction from the Emergency Services & PKC CBRG.

Depending on access, some rural communities may, in the first instance, need to make best use of local resources, with support as and when possible from the Emergency Coordination Group.

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

The following CC members have been identified as potential chairs/coordinators of an Emergency Coordination Group, should activation be considered or necessary:

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(D&BCC Member)

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## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY REST CENTRES**

**A Community Emergency Rest Centre** is a local place where people can go to keep safe and receive information or help. It might be a place where people can meet to eat and keep warm. Perth & Kinross Council has responsibility and plans for the setting up of Rest Centres in school campuses throughout Perth & Kinross; however, in most situations, those affected do not want to have to travel far from where they live and/or the situation is such that Perth & Kinross Council resources are not immediately available. The following have been identified as local facilities:

### **Dunkeld and Birnam:**

Primary rest centre/safe place: **The Drill Hall, The Cross, Dunkeld**

Alternative rest centre/safe place: **Birnam Institute, Station Road, Birnam**

The Drill Hall has facilities that make it the most suitable venue as a Community Emergency Rest Centre in Dunkeld and Birnam. It has 3 dormitories with 10/10 and 20 bunk beds each and kitchen and catering facilities.

### **Amulree and Strathbraan:**

Primary rest centre/safe place: **Amulree Village Hall**

Amulree Village Hall also has catering facilities.

### **Kindallachan and Dowally:**

Primary rest centre/safe place: **TBC**

### **Dalquise:**

Primary rest centre/safe place: **TBC**

### **Butterstone:**

Primary rest centre/safe place: **Butterstone Village Hall - Facilities TBC**

**Logistics/facilities:** In the event of a power failure at any of the nominated rest centres, it is anticipated that Perth & Kinross Council would support the provision of generator power where possible.

If necessary, any supplies (camp beds, blankets etc.) can be provided through PKC. Any food supplies will either be procured directly through PKC or from local shops, with costs recovered through PKC.

The Local Resilience Group can provide support and coordination for various emergency situations, but for public safety reasons professional emergency responders, e.g., Police, Fire & Rescue, NHS medical and social care personnel, may give direction, which should always be followed by volunteers.

### **LOCAL SKILLS, VOLUNTEERS AND RESOURCES**

A confidential contact list of local skills, volunteers and resources will be developed and maintained by the Community Emergency Preparedness & Coordination Group.

The following is an example of the community skills/resources, which may be called upon in the event of an emergency situation:

- **Medical experience.**
- **Caring experience.**
- **Churches/clergy**
- **Emergency services experience.**
- **Catering experience.**
- **Minibus/transport:**
- **All wheel drive vehicles/Generators/Plant/Machinery/Trades:**
- **Local volunteers** (labour e.g. snow clearance etc, visiting vulnerable people, transport, etc.)

If you would like to be included in the (confidential) contact list of local skills, volunteers and resources, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Community Council in the first instance, and advise how you may be able to help if an emergency occurs.

### **FIRST STEPS IN AN EMERGENCY**

In response to, or preparation for an emergency, the Emergency Preparedness & Coordination Group coordinators may consider:

- Establishing contact with statutory and voluntary agencies
- Ensuring that key people are available and informed
- Establishing local volunteer-resources/capabilities

- Establishing local communications and disseminating relevant advice
- Regularly monitoring weather forecasts
- Convening a local meeting of key people, if appropriate
- Identifying priorities (equipment readiness, vulnerable people, requirements for accommodation, food and equipment, etc.)
- Allocating tasks

### **PKC COMMUNITY & BUSINESS RESILIENCE GROUP (CBRG)**

The remit of the CBRG is to work with communities across Perth & Kinross to help make them stronger and more resilient by engaging with them to provide support, information and advice to better enable them to respond to and recover from emergencies and significant disruption to routine life.

The Resilience Group is a multi-agency grouping chaired by Mr Keith Colville, the Corporate Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Officer in Perth & Kinross Council. The group comprises:

- Scottish Government Resilience Division.
- Scottish Flood Forum.
- Police Scotland.
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.
- Scottish Ambulance Service.
- NHS Tayside.
- British Red Cross.
- Perth & Kinross Association of Volunteer Services (PKAVS).
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA).
- Scottish Water
- Scottish & Southern Electricity (SSE).
- Various other services in Perth & Kinross Council.

If an emergency occurs, local resilience groups may gain assistance from elements of the CBRG through the Perth & Kinross Council Emergency Response Duty Officer. If there is immediate danger to life call 999.

Emergency Responders in the Tayside Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) area see Community Emergency Coordination Groups (CEG's) as key part of the network of people who will take steps to help themselves and others in an emergency. Emergency responders want CEG Coordinators to be integral to emergency response so that they can be given timely information and in return provide information to help emergency services to prioritise their resources.

## D&BCC Community Emergency & Resilience Plan – Local Risk Assessment (Reviewed August 2018)

Risks identified within the North of Scotland Community Risk Register	Prioritised risks for the Dunkeld & Birnam Community Council area. <i>(Dunkeld, Birnam, Amulree &amp; Strathbraan, Kindallachan, Dowally, and Dalguise)</i>	Community Emergency Preparedness & Coordination Group Preparation	Individual Preparation and how can I help?
1. Severe Weather	<p><b><u>Snow &amp; ice</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Likely Description</u></b> Extensive snowfall across the Dunkeld and Birnam and Strathbraan area.</p> <p><b><u>Impact on Community</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of access to properties.</li> <li>• Loss of power.</li> <li>• Loss of communications.</li> <li>• Loss of local services.</li> <li>• Loss of automotive movement and public transport.</li> <li>• Blocked main transport routes in and around the villages of Dunkeld &amp; Birnam, Kindallachan and Strathbraan.</li> <li>• Limited movement around the community.</li> <li>• Frozen pipes resulting in flooding of property.</li> <li>• Risk to supply of drinking water.</li> <li>• Risk of hyperthermia.</li> <li>• Risk of flooding once snow has thawed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor weather and road conditions.</li> <li>• Prepare local response team to open Drill Hall, Birnam Arts Centre and/or Duchess Anne Hall/...</li> <li>• Check communications.</li> <li>• Plan for provision of emergency generator.</li> <li>• Liaise with NHS &amp; Health Care professionals.</li> <li>• Identify vulnerable residents.</li> <li>• Prepare volunteers to visit vulnerable residents.</li> </ul>	<p>The following information provides an overview of what you can do to be better prepared and more resilient, in order to maximise the safety of you and your family in the event of an emergency. It also highlights some ways in which you can join in and help other people in your community.</p> <p>Depending on the type and scale of emergency, the D&amp;BCC Community Emergency Preparedness &amp; Coordination Group may activate a central coordination function, in support of the emergency services and other 'responding agencies'. The group will coordinate local volunteers and support the welfare and needs of the local community where it can.</p> <p>The below measures are common to most emergencies and are relevant to all of the risks identified in this document.</p> <p>More detailed information on home preparedness can be found on the 'Ready Scotland' website at <a href="http://www.readyscotland.org">www.readyscotland.org</a></p>
2. Flooding	<p><b><u>Severe Floods/Rainfall - Flooding</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Likely description</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Tay and/or water courses and burns with severe flooding on access roads into the villages/linked roads, or into properties causing risk of serious danger to life, travellers or vehicles in Dunkeld &amp; Birnam.</li> <li>• Evacuation of riverside properties under threat of flooding and damage as a result of The Tay and other water courses breaching natural and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor weather and road conditions.</li> <li>• Prepare local response team to open the Drill Hall and other community facilities:</li> <li>• Prepare local response to move cars and people in flood-risk areas and establish off road parking for HGV vehicles/stranded vehicles</li> <li>• Prepare mobilisation of volunteers to cater and comfort stranded residents and travellers.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Home Emergency Kit</u></b> Packing a small emergency kit and keeping it in a safe place at home will stand you in good stead in a wide range of emergency situations. Your kit should be kept in a waterproof bag and it should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your <a href="#">household emergency plan</a>, including emergency contact numbers.</li> <li>• A battery operated torch and spare batteries (or a wind up torch)</li> </ul>

	<p>other water defences by the River Tay causing significant damage to properties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant snowfall and snowmelt causing increased risk of flooding</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Impact on Community</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricted movement /closure of A9 road north or south bound.</li> <li>• Loss of automotive movement and public transport.</li> <li>• Stranded travellers near Dunkeld and Birnam.</li> <li>• Blocked main transport routes in and around the villages of Dunkeld &amp; Birnam, Kindallachan and Strathbraan.</li> <li>• Flooding of properties</li> <li>• Risk to life and livestock</li> <li>• Risk to health to stranded residents/travellers.</li> <li>• Risk of hypothermia/drowning.</li> <li>• Loss of power in Dunkeld &amp; Birnam.</li> <li>• Loss of communications in Dunkeld and Birnam</li> <li>• Loss of access to properties.</li> <li>• Damage to properties</li> <li>• Loss of local services.</li> <li>• Limited movement around the community.</li> <li>• Sewage and drainage pipe failures resulting in flooding of properties.</li> <li>• Risk to supply of drinking water.</li> <li>• Risk of flooding once snow has thawed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify vulnerable residents and prepare volunteers to visit vulnerable residents and prepare evacuation plan</li> <li>• Plan for provision of emergency generator.</li> <li>• Liaise with NHS &amp; Health Care professionals.</li> <li>• Check communications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A battery operated radio and spare batteries (or a wind up radio)</li> <li>• Mobile phone charger</li> <li>• Any essential medication, some toiletries and a first aid kit</li> <li>• Three days' supply of bottled water and ready to eat food (that won't go off)</li> <li>• Copies of important documents like insurance policies and birth certificates, in case you need to locate these quickly or prove your identity</li> <li>• Pencil, paper, a penknife and a whistle</li> <li>• Spare keys to your home and car</li> <li>• Spare glasses or contact lenses</li> </ul> <p>Think about what else is important for you and your family to get by during an emergency, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pet supplies</li> <li>• Food supplies</li> <li>• Formula/baby food</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Transport &amp; Equipment</u></b></p> <p>You may be able to help by providing transport for vulnerable people to and from rest centres, or by transporting food and warm clothing to remote locations. If you own or have access to a generator, farm machinery or perhaps a small boat, they may come in very useful. Farmers, Gamekeepers or people with a good knowledge of the area and access to 4 x 4 vehicles will be particularly vital in supporting local people and the emergency services in the event of severe weather or other situation where people may be unable to leave their homes or need essential supplies.</p> <p><b><u>Welfare</u></b></p> <p>Please think about vulnerable neighbours or other vulnerable people within your community. They may be elderly, disabled or likely to be stranded in their remote home, in the event of a heavy snowfall for instance. You may be able to help in a rest centre by providing refreshments, handing out warm clothing or just by supporting and comforting people. You may also be able to provide temporary accommodation to a neighbour.</p>
<p>3. Transport Disruptions</p>	<p><b><u>A9 trunk- road major accident/incident/disruption.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Likely Description</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-vehicle accident with road blocked northbound and/or southbound.</li> <li>• A9 impassable owing to adverse weather, with vehicles and travellers marooned.</li> <li>• River Tay and/or water courses with severe flooding on A9 and linked roads, causing risk of serious danger to life, travellers or vehicles in Dunkeld &amp; Birnam.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Impact on Community</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No movement on A9 north or south bound.</li> <li>• Stranded travellers near Dunkeld and Birnam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor weather and road conditions.</li> <li>• Prepare local response team to open either: Birnam Arts Centre/Institute/Duchess Anne Hall.</li> <li>• Prepare local response to off road parking for HGV vehicles/stranded vehicles</li> <li>• Prepare mobilisation of volunteers to cater and comfort stranded travellers.</li> <li>• Plan for provision of emergency generator.</li> <li>• Check communications.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Welfare</u></b></p> <p>Please think about vulnerable neighbours or other vulnerable people within your community. They may be elderly, disabled or likely to be stranded in their remote home, in the event of a heavy snowfall for instance. You may be able to help in a rest centre by providing refreshments, handing out warm clothing or just by supporting and comforting people. You may also be able to provide temporary accommodation to a neighbour.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stranded travellers near Amulree, Kindallachan and Dowally.</li> <li>• Injuries to travellers.</li> <li>• Risk to health to stranded travellers.</li> <li>• Risk of hypothermia.</li> <li>• Loss of power in Dunkeld &amp; Birnam.</li> <li>• Loss of communications in Dunkeld and Birnam</li> </ul>		<p><b><u>Search and Rescue</u></b> The emergency services will coordinate and control any search and rescue operations, however your local knowledge, skills and support may be of great use to them if you are able and willing to help.</p> <p><b><u>Communications</u></b> You may be able to help by staffing a telephone switchboard or by contacting and checking up on vulnerable people.</p> <p><b><u>Please think about what you may be able to do if an emergency occurs. Your valuable support and assistance may help someone in your community to cope more easily if an emergency happens.</u></b></p>
4. Interruption to utilities	<p><b><u>No specific local risk identified</u></b></p>	<p>Monitor and be advised by the P&amp;KC CBRG</p>	<p>Monitor the 'Ready Scotland' website and await further advice via the Dunkeld &amp; Birnam Community Council Community Emergency Preparedness &amp; Coordination Group, should the level of risk be raised to warrant specific preparatory action.</p>
5. Influenza type diseases (pandemic)			
6. Pollution & contamination			