Community empowerment (Scotland) policy memorandum.

Fossoway and District Community Council generally welcomes the tone and thrust of the memorandum.

Community Planning
How are local communities involved? There is no mention of their representation it is only public service providers.

Community Organisations
The principle of involvement is welcomed but there has to be a means by which the service provider is judged on their involvement. At present Perth and Kinross Council do not listen to the Community Councils in the Kinross-shire area, although it preaches involvement. It does not provide support for the Community Councils in the manner recommended by the Scottish Government. i.e. it does not provide support services, it charges for meeting places, and pays a very low administration grant.

The Community Council wishes to work in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council and not be ignored.

The Community Council is in agreement regarding the taking over of public buildings. In particular those which have been donated by benefactors such as Andrew Carnegie.

Yours
Sincerely
A C Morrison
Chair
Fossoway and District Community Council.