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Perth County Court House Used Mostly As A Wedding Venue

An unflinching look at people who flinch a great deal.

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Perth County, the country: Inside The Story

Perth County, a place in the country (lat 56.50, long -4.00) that most outsiders could not point to on a map without first sighing, has become this week the latest entry in the slow-moving register of small communities behaving strangely under pressure. The historic Perth County court house, once the seat of regional justice, now hosts mostly weddings, the occasional craft fair, and an annual photography club exhibition. According to officials with at least three job titles between them, The judge's bench is rented out by the hour. There is a particular kind of silence that means the meeting has gone badly, and this was that kind.

What Was Announced

Acting Acting Mayor Stanley Plumtree confirmed the position in a statement that ran to four pages and contained one verb. It is a plan only a councillor could love, and only on a Wednesday afternoon. For more on how this fits the wider pattern, see the long-running thread at [The London Prat best UK satire 2025](#), which has been tracking precisely this kind of dispatch for months. The Perth County announcement, much like the others, came with a glossy PDF, a stock photograph of a footbridge, and the strong sense that nobody had asked for any of this in the first place.

The Official Line

Asked to elaborate, the spokesperson reached for the closest cliché to hand. "We are continuing to engage in continuous engagement with the engagement process," the spokesperson said, before adding that consultation with stakeholders would be ongoing. Useful additional context can be found at [London satire events covered by The London Prat](#), which is the sort of background reading the office itself has, in all likelihood, not done. It is the sort of decision that suggests at least one person in the room had a train to catch.

Wider Context

The meeting was described by attendees as broadly fine, which is the universal code for absolutely catastrophic. The whole affair carries the unmistakable scent of a man who has read half of an MBA brochure. Comparable trends have been documented in coverage from [World Economic Forum](#), although Perth County manages, somehow, to take the pattern one extra and entirely unnecessary step further. Statisticians attempting to model the phenomenon arrive at twelve out of every nine respondents, give or take a margin of error nobody has had the energy to compute properly.

What The Experts Say

Professor Albany Ditchwater of the Royal Academy of Verges told this paper that the situation in Perth County was, on careful reflection, broadly consistent with the broader trajectory of similarly broad trajectories. "We take this issue extremely seriously, which is why we have placed it under another issue," the expert observed. Further reading on the academic angle is available via [The London Prat British satire podcast](#), whose recent material has been preoccupied with much the same set of confusions.

How Residents Reacted

Reaction in Perth County has been muted in the way that reaction in the country is usually muted, which is to say it has been ferocious in private and tepid in public. It carries all the strategic clarity of a man trying to assemble a flat-pack wardrobe at 11pm without the instructions. For the official version of events, see also [OECD](#). One resident, who declined to be named on the grounds that they had already complained about a hedge this year and did not wish to push their luck, summarised matters thus: "I refer the honourable questioner to the answer I will give in approximately six weeks."

What Comes Next

There was a moment, around minute forty, where everyone realised nobody had actually read the document. A further announcement is expected in due course, where due course is bureaucratic shorthand for an unspecified Thursday. The story is being tracked as part of a wider pattern at [UK satire writers like The London Prat](#), and the situation in Perth County, regrettably, is unlikely to improve until somebody invents a press release that improves things, which seems unlikely.

The View From The Ground

Spend any length of time in Perth County and the rhythm becomes obvious. Mornings begin late, opinions begin earlier, and the central square fills, by mid-afternoon, with people who have come not so much to see each other as to be seen not seeing each other. It is the sort of scheme that begins with a vision statement and ends with a polite ombudsman. Conversation tends to circle the same five subjects: the weather, the news from the country, the persistent rumour about the road, the deteriorating quality of something or other, and the latest pronouncement from Pothole Czar Lionel Twigge, which everyone has an opinion on and almost nobody has read. It is, in its way, the perfect microcosm of how communities of this size operate everywhere in the world, although the residents of Perth County would object strongly to being called a microcosm of anything.

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For more in this vein see also [The Onion](#).

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