

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2011

Present: I. Beaton; M. Burdon; J. Duncan; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor A. Berrill; PC D. McNally; P. Campbell; T. Cain; J. McMillan; and 12 members of the public.

CC153 Housing

The Chair welcomed Tony Cain, Head of Housing, and John McMillan, Technical Services Manager at Stirling Council. Tony Cain said he welcomed this opportunity to explain the progress on planning the proposed development of six old persons' bungalows on the "turnip field". The proposals were still in a formative stage and John McMillan would be liaising closely with the Community Council Sub-Committee. The favoured proposal at the moment was a group of three 2-bedroomed, timber-framed, semi-detached bungalows arranged around a hammerhead at the end of Birch Road. An architect had produced plans for two types of bungalow, one slightly larger than the other. Finishes to the exterior were not yet decided. To minimise cost, the units would be built using in-house labour, and it was hoped to start construction in summer 2012. The units would be built to a high standard, quality not being sacrificed to cost. After construction, the remainder of the site would be landscaped and handed over to the community in a manner still to be agreed. When the scheme was more advanced, it would be put out to wider consultation.

On answering questions, Tony Cain said nothing was yet fixed and when asked if two terraces might make better use of the land, said that there was no intrinsic objection to this, if all conditions, such as waste services, access, etc. could be met. Initially, the tenancies would be offered to existing tenants, although it could not be guaranteed that they would come from Killearn. John McMillan stated that they would be insulated to a high standard and heated by gas central heating. Careful consideration would be given to position, security and safety. They would liaise with the football club, and it was possible that the proposed changing facilities could be built at an economic cost by Stirling Council labour which could be lower than by a commercial contractor.

The Chair thanked both officers and looked forward to the consultations to come.

CC154 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2010 were adopted.

CC155 Matters Arising

Waste Collection Waste and recycling collections were returning to normal after a difficult period caused by the exceptional weather conditions. It was noted that subsidised compost bins were no longer available from Stirling Council. Heather would notify the Council if there are alternative sources.

Display Boards. Margery Burdon agreed to progress these.

Superfast Broadband The BT Infinity site was still accepting votes, and it was important that as many residents as possible register an interest.

CC156 Police Matters

PC McNally stated that there had been a spate of break-ins in the area, including a serious one at Blane Smithy and another attempt on an empty house in Lampson Road in the early evening. PC McNally said there were positive lines of enquiry to these crimes.

A forged RBS £20 note had been passed at the Beech Tree Inn. PC McNally said that there were a number of these being passed for low value items and asked traders to be vigilant. They were of good colour but without the metal strip and watermark.

Pam Campbell stated that there were stickers for householders to display if they did not want cold callers, which should be available from Balfron Police office.

It was stated that the double yellow lines had not been extended beyond Calibae when they were repainted after road resurfacing, despite being there before the road works. PC McNally agreed to look into it.

It was noted that there was a consultation questionnaire on PACT (Police and Communities Together). It was agreed that the Chair, in consultation with the Secretary, return it on behalf of the Council. The questionnaire was open to all and a link is available on the Community Council website.

A vote of thanks was passed to Sgt. Swan who has moved on to a new post, his remit having been assumed by Acting-Sgt. Paul Barr.

CC157 Question Time.

There were no questions from the public.

CC158 Youth Matters

Cairi Macintosh said that there was nothing to report. Pam Campbell said that Youth Services was in the process of reorganising, and it was too early comment on the outcome.

Ian Beaton stated that he had received a request that the baskets on the multicourt be reduced to the official height of 10 feet from court to ring, so that it could be used for practise by players who were required to conform to NBA rules.

CC159 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £1456.75, Number 2 Account balance £1997.01.

The Treasurer stated that £82.13 had been paid out in expenses from the #2 account. The cheque to Balfron High School for use of the bio-bus has been cancelled as the school decided not to make a charge.

CC160 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

10/00783/FUL Change of use from open space to garden ground and erection of boundary fence at Land Adjacent To South East Of 16, Rowan Crescent. The Council was unanimously against this application. Although small, this was an important open space which formed part of an access. The fence was of excessive height and would give a tunnel effect to the access. It was feared it would create a precedent for the taking of adjacent open space into gardens.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

10/00710/FUL Installation of an air source heat pump at the rear of the house at 39 Allan Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

10/00723/FUL Conversion of existing commercial unit to a small 1 bedroom flat with a small entrance lobby extension and very minor internal alterations at Unit 3 13 Balfron Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Notification of tree works

Tre 2010\158 Information Bulletin 102 (LD\TRE\2-05 Tree works felling and replanting only at Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD

Delegated Decisions - Cases Closed

10/00013/UNAUTH Operation of out building as full domestic occupancy.

Decision: No breach of planning control.

Proposed Development at Blairessen

Peter Rea read out a document which gave proposals for improved access to land adjacent to Blairessen to allow a potential development of 50 houses on the site, with a view to getting the proposed development incorporated in the *Stirling Council Local Plan*. At the moment this proposal had no status within the planning system, and until it was formally put forward, the Council was unable to comment further, although it expressed surprise that a proposal could be considered at this late stage in the Local Plan process.

CC161 Current Issues

Traffic Management Plan. The Chair stated that she had received a document on *Winter Service Policy* including advice on driving safely during severe weather. This was available on the Directgov website.

It was noted that there was inadequate provision of grit bins in Drumbeg Loan. Stirling Council stated that all grit bins had been allocated and there was no finance for more. It was asked if consideration could be given to the Council purchasing extra bins.

Sustainable Killearn Heather Wright stated that she would be attending a training session on composting on how to organise and succeed at home and community composting. This knowledge would then become available through *Sustainable Killearn*. Information on sustainability could be disseminated at the monthly Country Market. She said that replacement bio-degradable bags for the food waste bin could be purchased from McFarlane's in Balfron, Tesco in Milngavie or direct from Stirling Council.

Forthcoming CC Elections The Council has two vacancies. Everyone is encouraged to consider standing – the closing date is 4 February 2011. For details see the Council's website.

CC162 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Thank you letter from the Thursday Club; information from BT on purchased telephone kiosk; invitation to the NHS Forth Valley Forum on *Community Nursing and Stirling Community Hospital*; information on *Climate Change Fund*; invitation to meetings on *Internet Safety* and *Cannabis*.

CC163 Any Other Business

Peter Wilks said that the provision of a memorial seating area was proceeding with a provisional offer from the *West of Scotland Stone Walling Association* to help design and build it.

Peter Rea asked that a request be made for drains clearance. The Chair remarked that drains clearance had taken place with in the past two days in Station Road but asked that if within a reasonable time the rest of the village drainage has not been serviced that she be notified so that a request may be sent to Stirling Council.

CC164 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School on Wednesday, 23 February 2011 at 8.00 pm. (Please note that due to school holidays this meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month.)

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2011

Present: I. Beaton; M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison, N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor G. Lambie; PC D. McNally; S. Gillespie; P. Slavin and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: P. Campbell.

The Chair welcomed Margaret Harrison having been duly elected as a member of the Council.

CC165 Local Housing

The Chair welcomed Stewart Gillespie of the Housing Department at Stirling Council. Stewart displayed three variations of the plan to build old persons bungalows on the 'turnip field' – *option 1*, three blocks of semi-detached bungalows; *option 2*, two blocks of terraces of three bungalows; and finally *option 3*, two blocks consisting of a terrace of four and a single block of semi-detached bungalows. He explained that these were the preferred options of the housing sub-group selected from the eight plans originally produced. Any of these would minimise the area of the recreation area taken up by the houses. The site had been surveyed and no problems had been found. There would be vehicular access from Birch Road only. After discussion, five members were in favour of option 1, six in favour of option 2 and none for option 3. Because of the closeness of the vote, Stewart agreed to develop further the first two options which would be presented to the wider public at the March meeting of the Council. Some discussion took place on the position of the football changing rooms. The preferred option was to site the building close to the track from The Square and as close to the large oak as possible as this would minimise disruption to the school and the new bungalows.

CC166 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2011 were adopted.

CC167 Matters Arising

Broadband Peter Wilks said the option to vote was now closed.

Village Clean-Up A deep clean of the village has taken place and it was agreed that the village was looking better. Ian Beaton said that there appeared to be fly-tipping in the field close to the junction of the A875 and the A81. This was on Duntreath land and was therefore either a matter for the landowner or SEPA.

Display Boards Suitable boards and their prices had been researched by Margery Burdon. It was agreed to purchase an eight section board at a cost of £360 and an A0 A-frame display board at a cost of £150. It was noted that as KCFC had decided to purchase similar boards, it was agreed that the Council should liaise with KCFC to ensure that both bodies purchased compatible boards. Margery was thanked for her report.

CC168 Police Matters

PC McNally said that it had been a quiet month. There had been a theft of diesel from a local farm, and PC McNally advised anyone with oil tanks to ensure that they were secure. An unsecured ladder was stolen from a garden in Allan Road. There had been serious vandalism to a beehive at a property behind Glengoyne Distillery resulting in the destruction of 20,000 bees. Two persons had been apprehended and charged with passing counterfeit notes, so it is hoped that this will no longer be a problem in the area.

PC McNally introduced a consultation document on the future of policing in Scotland. This was an important consultation as the resulting decision would have a profound effect on how policing was carried out, and everyone should read the document and make their views

known. The document is available on the Scottish Government website and a link will be placed on the Community Council website.

CC169 Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

CC170 Youth Matters

Cairi Macintosh asked if it would be possible to get lighting on the path from Alder Crescent to Graham Road. It was felt in the present climate that this would not be a priority for Stirling Council.

Iain Beaton said he had met with the bikers and they were happy with the progress of the land they had been offered. He also said that he was trying to get together a group who could feed their views into the new Village Hall development.

The Chair said that a multi-media project would be set up to record the history of the Village Hall and the progress of the renovations. This would be a youth-centred project, with the Primary School and Ballikinrain School actively involved. Media professionals would give of their time and expertise.

CC171 Roads Report

Councillor Lambie presented his report. Stirling Council had been allocated an additional £300,000 which would be used for temporary patching across the authority. A roads inspection had been carried out and priorities identified. It was agreed that the B818, Killearn to Fintry, was in a poor condition and should be included in capital programmes for resurfacing. Future capital projects could include A81 Glengoyne to Strathblane and A809 Croftamie to Carbeth.

Stirling Council had purchased an additional 2000 tonnes of road salt. It was stated by members of the Council that some salt bins were still unfilled and that others were damaged. Councillor Lambie agreed to look into this.

CC172 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00038/FUL Single storey extension to side of dwelling at 4 Branziert Road North.

11/00039/FUL Extension and alterations to dwelling house at Rhuellen, Main Street.

11/00040/FUL Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof at 20 Birch Road.

11/00054/FUL Extension to dwelling house at Mingary, 57C Main Street

The Council decided not to comment on these four applications.

11/00069/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 1) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan.

11/00070/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 2) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan.

11/00076/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 2 at Land To North Of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road.

11/00077/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 1 at Land To North Of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road.

The Council noted that previous applications had been made on both these development sites and permission given for one dwelling on each site. It now appears that the developers wish to split the sites and apply for two houses on each. It was agreed that because of the complex nature of these applications the Council would ask for an extension of time so that these applications could be considered in depth at the next meeting.

10/00783/FUL Change of use from open space to garden ground and erection of boundary fence at Land Adjacent To South East Of 16, Rowan Crescent.

The Council were concerned that the land in this application had been sold by Stirling Council to the applicant at the time when planning consent was still under consideration and the change of use of this land unanimously opposed by the Council. In correspondence with the legal department of Stirling Council, it became apparent that officers were unaware that there was opposition to this plan. The Council was also concerned that open land had been sold without any public notification and without an apparent method of assuring that Stirling Council had obtained best value for the site as they were required to do for a capital sale. The application had not yet been determined and Councillor Lambie stated that the application was scheduled to come before the planning panel. He stated that he would be present, but could only comment on planning issues at that panel meeting. It was agreed to pursue the matter further with Stirling Council.

Proposed development at Blairessen

A number of residents asked the Council if they were aware of a proposed development of 50 affordable houses on the field to the west of Blairessen. The Chair said that no formal application for planning had been made, but understood that a consultant's report on improved access had been submitted to Stirling Council with the desire that the revised proposal be considered for inclusion in the Local Plan as it had been rejected previously on the grounds of unsuitable access. As the Local Plan was nearly complete this would appear to be unlikely. The Council could only react to any proposal when a formal application for planning had been made, but would keep this under close scrutiny.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

10/00733/FUL Extension to dwelling house and new boiler flue at 15 Lampson Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

10/00744/FUL Demolish single storey garage, workshop, conservatory, rear porch and timber frame garage and erection of new two storey extension to south and east elevations and erection of new garage at Blairdevon Gartness Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Notification of tree works

Tre 2011\17 Information Bulletin 11 Tree works and felling only at Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY

Planning Enforcement - New Cases Received

11/00009/UNAUTH: Alleged unauthorised mixed uses of commercial property at Killearn, G63 9LQ.

CC173 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £1456.75, Number 2 Account balance £1906.15.

Historically, the Council maintained two bank accounts to keep the administrative grant from Stirling Council separate from money raised and earmarked for non-administrative purposes. This was now no longer necessary, and it was agreed to merge the two accounts in the new financial year.

CC174 Current Issues

Because of time constraint, it was agreed to hold over these issues to the next meeting.

CC175 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Winter weather arrangements, dates of surgeries held by Anne McGuire MP; Community Council election results.

Details of Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign. It was agreed to ask local organisations and the Primary School to take part again this year.

Details of Carers Support Courses in Balfron. It was agreed to advertise this on the notice board and the website.

Notification that SSSI status had been withdrawn for Station and Drumore Woods on the basis that the type of wood had been misidentified in the original designation.

CC176 *Any Other Business*

Graffiti at Health Centre This had still not been removed. Cllr. Lambie was asked to pursue this request.

Liaison with Balfron High School The Chair invited Phil Slavin, Depute Rector, to address the Council. He said that he wanted to forge strong ties with local communities. He wanted BHS to be a community school, with the values of quality and decency. He said he hoped that the Council and the school could forge a strong relationship. He offered to help the youth representatives in reaching out to fellow pupils and could arrange for meetings with just Killearn resident pupils. The Chair thanked him for his interest and agreed that the bond should be strengthened.

CC177 *Date of Next Meeting*

The next meeting would take place in the **Black Bull Hotel** on Wednesday, 16 March 2011 at 8.00 pm. *(Please note change of venue.)*

Plans for the proposed old peoples' bungalows will be on view to the public in the Black Bull hotel from 2pm until the start of the meeting. All are invited to inspect the plans.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2011

Present: I. Beaton; M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison, C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor C. O'Brien; John McMillan; Stuart Gillespie and 32 members of the public.

Apologies: N. Kelly; P. Campbell; PC D. McNally.

The Chair thanked the Black Bull Hotel for providing facilities for this meeting without charge.

CC178 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2011 were adopted.

CC179 *Matters Arising*

Display Boards These had now been purchased and were in use at the meeting to display plans for the housing development. Margery Burdon was thanked for her work in finding and purchasing them on behalf of the Council.

Village Clean-Up The material left by fly tipping on land close to the junction of the A875 and A81 had now been completely removed.

Keep Scotland Beautiful Campaign Village youth organisations had been asked to participate and the Chair said there had been a good response. Certificates would be given to participants.

Graffiti at the Health Centre This had still not been removed. Councillor O'Brien agreed to follow this up.

CC180 *Housing Proposal*

The Chair welcomed John McMillan and Stuart Gillespie from Stirling Council Housing Department. She stated that the meeting would choose the preferred option for the construction of six single-storey, three-apartment bungalows on the land known as the 'turnip field' between the Primary School and the Playpark.

John McMillan explained that the meeting tonight was the result of two presentations to the Community Council and a number of meetings with a sub-group of the Council. They had selected two preferred options to put to the meeting, namely three blocks of semi-detached bungalows or two terrace blocks of three bungalows. He said because of the slope, the semis in the first option fitted the site better as the lower terrace in the second option would need to be stepped. Access would be from Birch Road, with the footpath retained at the back of the properties. The layout would prevent future housing development on the site, therefore the remaining land would be offered for community use.

A discussion and questions followed the presentation.

Questions were asked on the allocation policy. Under a recent housing act, newly built council housing could not be sold. All normal Stirling Council rental policies would apply to these properties, including the right of the dependent of a tenant who dies to retain the lease. It is hoped that tenants in larger properties could downsize to free up the housing allocation to larger families.

Concern was expressed on impact of the building phase on the residents of Birch Road and possible damage to the surfaces of that road and Beech Drive. John stated that the building work would be carried out by Stirling Council between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, with the largest vehicle a 7.5 tonne single-axle truck. There could be some Saturday working. It was expected that the project would take thirteen months to complete.

There was some concern expressed on the layout of the footpath and its connection to Birch Road. John said that the drawings were mainly to show the house layout and there had been

no attempt at showing landscaping. The path could be as required by residents and all existing connections would be maintained. The path could be lit, perhaps using solar lighting.

Questions were asked about access, and if Crosshead Road had been considered as an alternative. John said all possible solutions had been considered, but there were powerful reasons for using Birch Road. Crosshead Road passed the entrance to the school and narrowed at its end, and would be considered unsuitable as an access by the Roads Department. In addition, use of Crosshead Road would leave the site vulnerable to future development, whereas Birch Road effectively closed off that possibility.

Donnie Beaton asked why the proposed football club changing rooms had not been included on the plans. John said the plans were just to give the village an outline of the housing development, and were not the plans that would go into the planning process. It is possible that joint plans could be submitted.

The Chair then summed up the discussion and presented the two options to the meeting. The proposal to build three blocks of semi-detached bungalows was chosen by the meeting by an almost unanimous vote. John stated that the plans would now be worked up into a formal proposal.

The Chair thanked them for presenting the plans in such a clear manner and the excellent co-operation with the community.

CC181 Police Matters

PC McNally sent the following report which was read out at the meeting:

Things have been very quiet since the last meeting. The only crime which has been reported is a *theft by housebreaking* which occurred in Branziert Road North sometime between the afternoon of 2/3/11 and the late morning of 3/3/11. Once again the target has been jewellery. The method of entry has been to jemmy open rear patio doors. Although these housebreakings happen only on a very sporadic basis, there is a clear pattern emerging in so far as it seems that the Branziert Road and Lampson Road areas are the main targets. This is probably due to their close proximity to the road network at the edge of the village. I would encourage residents therefore to keep an eye out on neighbours' properties and to report anything they are suspicious of immediately. Keep an eye out for unusual cars and note their registration numbers.

Regular updates on police issues which affect the community can be found on the Central Scotland Police web page under the heading *my area*. Click on *Dunblane LCU* and follow the link to *Killearn/Fintry* or directly by clicking the link on the *Links* page of the Community Council Website.

The Chair stated that she had seen quantities of wood being taken out of Killearn Glen using chain saws and a powered barrow. On checking with the Ranger Service, it was found to be unauthorised. Douglas Flynn from the Ranger Service visited the Glen the following day and confronted the perpetrators. Anyone wishing to take wood for personal use should contact Douglas Flynn, Stirling Council who will allow the collection of a small amount of wood for personal use. No power tools or vehicles allowed. Anyone noticing any suspicious activity in the Glen should report it to the police. David Young stated that he had seen suspicious activity in one of his woods. He was advised to report this to the police.

CC182 Question Time

A member of the public asked what would happen to the trees planted with the bequest from Joan Shand when the new bungalows were built. It was assured that these would be relocated to a site selected by *Killearn Cottagers and Horticultural Society*.

A member of the public reported that the salt box outside Spar was in front of the notice board making it difficult to access. Peter Wilks and Iain Beaton agreed to move. Nigel Kelly

would be asked to check all the salt bins and report any damaged bins or any that needed relocation.

CC183 Youth Matters

Iain Beaton said he was involving the youth of the village in the housing project on the 'turnip field' and how it would affect the junior football pitch. He said that they all deemed it important that the path was kept across the area.

CC184 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00069/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 1) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan.

11/00070/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 2) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan.

The Council previously objected to this application for one house on the site, and although the legislation had changed the Council still objected on the grounds of access.

11/00076/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 2 at Land To North Of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road.

11/00077/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 1 at Land To North Of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road.

There was already planning permission for one house on this site. The Council objected on the grounds of over development on the site. Each property had a separate septic tank with the potential to pollute Blane Water which formed part of an SSSI.

10/00783/FUL Change of use from open space to garden ground and erection of boundary fence at Land Adjacent To South East Of 16, Rowan Crescent.

This application was to be determined at the Planning Panel. The Council strongly objected to this application at its February meeting and would be represented at the meeting of the Panel to put its case. The Council is particularly concerned that the plot of land, which forms part of the public space, was sold to an adjoining house owner without consultation with the Council and neighbouring property owners. Correspondence with a law officer of Stirling Council determined that because the sale was less than £10,000, consultation was not required. There have been a significant number of objections to this application and the Council ask the Planning Panel to refuse this application.

11/00071/MSC Application under Regulation 11 of the Development Management Regulations 2008 to extend time period of application 09/00288/REM by 3 years at garden ground to north of 75, Main Street.

11/00092/FUL Single storey extension to rear of dwelling house at 16 Lampson Road.

11/00115/ Change of use to hot food takeaway including formation of serving hatch in covered eating area at Beech Tree Inn.

The Council did not wish to comment on these three applications.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

11/00040/FUL Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof at 20 Birch Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

11/00039/FUL Extension and alterations to dwelling house at Rhuellen Main Street.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Notification of tree works

Tre 2011\10Information Bulletin 08 (App: 10\00310\FUL). Tree works and felling only at Drumore Road, Killearn G63 9NX

Merkes Wind Farm

The Council was asked to comment on this by Kilmarnock Community Council. The pylons would be visible from Killearn. It was agreed to investigate further.

CC185 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £1491.75, Number 2 Account balance £1534.38.

The Number 1 account increased by £35 due to a presented cheque not presented. A sum of £371.77 was taken from Number 2 account for display boards and Velcro fixings.

CC186 Current Issues/Meetings Attended

Area Forum The Forum looked at continuing problems with transport to the new Royal Forth hospital at Larbert. Information was given on Police and Communities Together or PACT, and it was noted that no police stations would be closed. It was reported that the National Park was introducing bye-laws to restrict camping and alcohol consumption on the east side of Loch Lomond. Workshops were held on what communities wanted to get out of the Area Forum.

Country Market This has had to be cancelled for two months as it was discovered that it required a Traders' Licence, despite being a non-profit making enterprise. KCFC will pay for and be the licence holder.

CC187 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Notice of closures at Gargunock and the Fintry Road; Housing Need and Development Analysis from Helen Geddes; ASCC News Update; Anne McGuire Surgeries; notice of NHS Forum meeting.

Notice of training days run by Stirling Council, these would be displayed on the notice board.

CC188 Any Other Business

Recycling Litter Bins Mr Wilks noted that Milngavie now had three-section litter bins for bottles, cans and paper. It was felt that Stirling would not invest in these in the current economic climate, but could replace existing bins with this type as needed.

OSCAR website The Chair drew attention to the website of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator which provided essential information on the organisation and responsibilities of charitable organisations, of which there are a number in the village.

CC189 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 20 April 2011 at 8.00 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2011

Present: I. Beaton; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); E. Smith; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor A. Berrill; PC D. McNally; and 23 members of the public.

Apologies: M. Burdon; P. Rea; D. Stuart, P. Campbell.

CC190 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2011 were adopted with the following correction: *CC184 10/00783/FUL* – the amount should be £10,000 not £1000.

CC191 Matters Arising

Graffiti at the Health Centre Councillor O'Brien emailed that this was in hand.

Salt Bins The salt bin outside Spar had been relocated. The Chair reminded members that they were asked to send details of the state of salt bins in their area to Nigel Kelly. He stated that Margaret Harrison had provided a lot of information which he was collating.

CC192 Police Matters

PC McNally stated that it had been a quiet month with no crime reported. There had been one fatal accident. He warned householders to be on their guard against rogue traders cold calling as there had been an incident of one who had laid tarmac at Kings Mile and then demanded £2500. 'No cold calling' window stickers were available at the post office. In reply to a question on cycling proficiency, he said he carried out this for Primary 3 children.

CC193 Question Time

During this item a large number of questions were asked about the development on the 'turnip field'. These are reported under CC195.

CC194 Youth Matters

Iain Beaton said that because of examinations he had little to report. The Chair thanked both Youth Members for being such excellent members of Council and taking a full part in the business of the Council as well as acting on behalf of the youth of the area. The Council wish them success in their exams and future careers. It was agreed to invite Iain to all discussions on the football changing rooms.

CC195 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00137/FUL Renovation and extension of existing dwelling at 6 Branziert Road North.

11/00182/FUL Installation of conservation style roof lights to attic space at 11 The Square.

The Council did not wish to comment on these two applications.

11/00222/FUL Erection of 3 pairs of semi-detached bungalows (6 units) at land north east of telephone exchange and 22, Birch Road.

The Planning Correspondent was not present at the meeting and full plans were not yet available to members of the Council. It was agreed to request a time extension and to consider the matter formally at the next meeting.

During item CC193 members of the public at the meeting asked a number of questions and put forward a number of points. It was asked if it could be guaranteed that local people would be the tenants so that the development benefited the area. It was stated that tenancies would be allocated according to Stirling Council housing policy and no guarantees could thus be given. When asked why the Council appeared to be in favour of

the development, it was stated that it was a long held view of the Council that Killearn needed affordable and local-needs housing. The site had always been scheduled for housing and this plan preserved some of it as open space. It was the intention of Stirling Council to try and free larger houses occupied by single people and couples, thus making available council housing for families. The Council wanted to see priority given to local people but were bound by national housing rules.

One resident objected to the football changing rooms being offered as a 'sweetener'. The Chair said that the football proposals were nothing to do with the Council but came from Killearn Football Club. Killearn Community Council cannot own land and thus some mechanism, perhaps the Killearn Trust or KCFC would need to take over the land not used for the housing development. It was asked why Stirling Council could not continue to own the land as they own and maintain the adjoining leisure park. The Chair promised that there would be full consultation on the Football Club's proposal and the Council would not take a view until there was a formal planning application.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

11/00054/FUL Extension to dwelling house at Mingary 57C Main Street.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

11/00076/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 2 at land to north of Red Cottage Blane Smithy Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

11/00092/FUL Single storey extension to rear of dwelling house at 16 Lampson Road.

Decision: Approve

Notification of Tree Works

Tre 2011\35Information Bulletin 27. Tree works and felling only at Main Street, Killearn G63 9RQ

Planning Panel Decisions

10/00783/FUL Change of use from open space to garden ground and erection of boundary fence at Land Adjacent To South East Of 16 Rowan Crescent.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

The Chair stated that she had been present at this Panel and presented the Council's case against planning consent. Despite the large number of local objections and the site being an integral part of the open space of the estate, planning consent was granted. It was asserted that Stirling Council Officers had followed the rules and were not required to consult on the sale of the land as the cost was below £10,000. Correspondence about this case, including a comment made by the Chair of the Planning Panel regarding KCC's presentation of their case, was ongoing with Stirling Council. Councillor Berrill had requested that, if there were similar sales in the pipeline, they be put on hold until the regulations had been re-examined.

Delegated Decisions - Cases Closed

11/00009/UNAUTH Issue: Alleged unauthorised mixed uses of commercial property at Killearn, G63 9LQ

Supplementary Information: No breach of planning control

CC196 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance £491.75, Number 2 Account balance £462.23.

As the Treasurer would be away for the next meeting and the AGM, it was agreed to ask Margery Burdon to present the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer at the next meeting. The Treasurer distributed the unaudited account to members for their inspection. The Chair thanked Betty Smith for her hard work over the year and wished her a good trip.

CC197 Current Issues/Meetings Attended

Multimedia Project The Chair explained that the project was designed to document the history of and renovation of the Village Hall. Killearn Primary School and Ballikinrain School had been invited to participate and a start would be made this term. The project, led by Jacqui McAlpine, was being voluntarily run and supervised by local people who were media professionals. It was hoped that there would also be contributions from other interested residents, particularly those with long established connections with the village and its community. Anyone interested in being involved could contact members of KCC who would put them in touch with Jacqui McAlpine

NHS Public Partnership Forum Heather Wright stated that she attended these meetings on behalf of the community and people should contact her if they wished a matter to be raised.

The meeting was primarily on gender difference in health, which showed that on many measures, women enjoyed better health than men. There was also information on cancer care.

There was no new information on the Stirling Community Hospital which would be discussed at the next meeting. The question of signage on the slip road to the new Royal Forth Hospital was raised and the meeting was assured that new signage would be put up.

A member of the public asked why no map to the new hospital and travel information were included with appointment letters. She also asked why appointments were given at Larbert when the same tests were still being carried out at Stirling. Heather said she would investigate.

Sustainable Killearn The group now has a committee, logo and mission statement. There would be a special event held jointly with Killearn Cottagers' Horticultural Society Spring sale on 21 May.

Killearn Glen Action Day A successful event was held with a number of improvement projects carried out by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Events for children were most successful, with games, a campfire, sausage sizzle and gathering of edible food from the wood to eat with the sausages. The next event is the 'Bracken Bash' on 8 June.

CC198 Correspondence

Correspondence received: . Fire Brigade Union supporting proposed single Scottish Service; notification of: Anne McGuire surgeries; Outdoor Access Roadshow; Winter Maintenance Seminar; SW Steering Group meeting; volunteers required to join the Cornton Vale Visiting Committee; presentation by Lord Monkton on Wind Farms at Balfron High School; The Big Lunch 2011.

Invitation to Paul Phare of Energy4All to address the May meeting.

Information on material removed from hospital site. A member stated that there appeared to be building on the site. It was agreed to write to the Planning Department to ascertain if this was authorised.

The Chair stated that she had responded to a request to oppose the Merkins wind farm in the West Dunbartonshire Council area.

The Chair said that she had reported to Scottish Water a sewage leak which had occurred on the core path between Station Road and the Black Bull. They had responded promptly and rectified the problem.

CC199 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

CC200 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 18 May 2011 at 8.00 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2011

Present: M. Burdon; M. Harrison; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart, P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor C. O'Brien; PC D. McNally; P. Campbell; Paul Phare (Energy 4 All) and 11 members of the public.

Apologies: I. Beaton; J. Duncan; E. Smith.

CC201 Energy 4 All

Paul Phare explained that *Energy 4 All* was a not-for-profit social enterprise with the aim of advising communities on how to set up co-operative enterprises which would benefit the community by sharing revenue from wind farms and other sustainable energy developments. The company developed out of the Baywind co-operative which owns a number of sites. He stated that good developers allowed community investment with a possible return of 10% together with a community development package. The investment was regulated by the FSA. By keeping projects under £2.5M the FSA operated a less restrictive regime. The Banks Group had agreed to such a package in the local project at Craigievern, which was still at an early planning stage. *Energy 4 All* would set up a Community Development Trust covering a number of CC areas with a legally binding trust deed and representation to give democratic control to decide how dividends would be shared between the participating councils. A question was asked on the life of wind farms, which Paul said was considered to be 20 to 25 years. Another question asked what happens on termination; Paul stated that there was a 'sinking fund' to dismantle at end-of-life. The Chair thanked Paul for an interesting presentation, and it was agreed that it was something that should be discussed by the community, either through *Sustainable Killearn* or *KCFC*.

CC202 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2011 were adopted.

CC203 Matters Arising

Graffiti at the Health Centre This had now been removed.

Salt Bins The salt bin outside Spar kept being moved between the wall of the flat and the area in front of the noticeboard. The owner of the flat above Spar complained that if it was against the wall, youngsters used the bin to climb on the wall causing damage. The Council noted that if it was in front of the noticeboard, then notices could not be put in and were difficult to read. It was agreed to ask the flat owner to select a suitable location for the bin, taking these points into consideration, and then the Council would ask Stirling Council to fill the bin so that it could not be moved.

Sewage Leak A sewage leak on the footpath between Station Road and the Black Bull had been continuing for some time. Scottish Water had been informed and despite a number of attempts to rectify the problem it was still leaking. It was agreed to contact Scottish Water and stress the urgency of the situation as it constituted a health hazard.

CC204 Police Matters

PC McNally stated that it had been another quiet month. There had been a reported indecent exposure incident, theft of an Audi car mirror and a sheep-worrying incident by two dogs under the care of a professional dog walker. He warned householders to be on their guard against a group of thieves targeting power tools in outside buildings, and suggested that valuable power tools should be chained together to make theft difficult. David reminded the community that he had a personal website with a link from the Community Council website.

CC205 Question Time

There were a number of reported pot holes in Drumbeg Loan, a number on the A81, and one on the road outside Lettre House. It was also reported that a 10-metre section of Branziert Road was breaking up. There were also problems with drainage with gullies blocked by grit. It was agreed that Nigel would report these to Stirling Council. There was also a large hole in the bank car park, which would be the responsibility of HBOS.

CC206 Youth Matters

Nothing to report.

CC207 Planning

Planning Applications Withdrawn

11/00069/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 1) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan.

11/00070/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 2) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan.

Peter Rea stated that these had been withdrawn to allow the position of one house to be moved in order to preserve mature trees. New applications were considered below.

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00222/FUL Erection of 3 pairs of semi-detached bungalows (6 units) at land north east of telephone exchange and 22, Birch Road.

There was a real need for this type of housing. Any loss of open space was to be regretted. However, as the area had always been a part of Stirling Council's potential housing stock, the Council could not object in principle. It had been agreed that on completion of the development, the remainder of the land would be preserved as open space in perpetuity. It was felt by a majority that the gardens were too large for housing specifically designed for the elderly and, as the houses would be situated in parkland, there was no need to provide spacious gardens.

After some discussion it was agreed to support the proposal by 9 votes in favour to 1 against, with the following conditions: the gardens should be reduced in size and final consideration be given to the form of the path from the school to Birch Road and the landscaping of the area.

11/00270/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 2) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan.

11/00275/FUL Erection of dwelling house and formation of vehicular access (Plot 1) at Land Adjacent and Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan.

As these new applications were not materially different from the original applications, it was agreed that the Council's objections to the developments should stand.

11/00192/FUL To move bin/log store nearer to kitchen area and erection of storage hut in its place at Old Mill Inn, 6 Balfron Road.

A member asked if the new storage hut would be of a similar size. When assured that it was, the Council decided not to comment on the application.

11/00277/FUL Erection of an external chimney stack at Holly Cottage, Main Street.

The Council did not wish to comment on this application.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

10/00740/FUL Relocation of driveway entrance with garden wall, gate pillars and wrought iron gate and erection of lean-to car port at Tighness 86 Main Street.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

11/00071/MSC Application under Regulation 11 of the Development Management Regulations 2008 to extend time period of application 09/00288/REM by 3 years at Garden Ground To North Of 75 Main Street. Killearn

Decision: Approve - Matters Specified by Condition.

11/00077/PPP Erection of dwelling house on plot 1 at Land To North Of Red Cottage Blane Smithy Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

11/00115/FUL Change of use to hot food takeaway including formation of serving hatch in covered eating area at Beech Tree Inn.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

11/00137/FUL Renovation and extension of existing dwelling at 6 Branziert Road North.

Decision: Approve.

11/00182/FUL Installation of conservation style roof lights to attic space at 11 The Square.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

Planning Enforcement

11/00059/UNAUTH Siting of steel storage containers at G63 9LQ.

Sale of Land at Rowan Crescent.

A letter from Hazel McMorrow, Head of Governance at Stirling Council, affirmed that Stirling Council had acted correctly and that Officers had followed the regulations using delegated authority. She expressed regret that the Council and community felt that they had not been adequately consulted. It was agreed to circulate the letter to members and formulate a suitable reply.

CC208 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance £491.75, Number 2 Account balance £462.23.

There was no change from last month.

The Council considered the audited accounts and noted that there was some confusion between the #1 and #2 accounts, which did not affect the overall accuracy of the accounts. It was agreed that the Treasurer should merge the two accounts into a single account as it was no longer necessary to distinguish between administrative and other funds.

The accounts were accepted, moved by Peter Rea, seconded by Derek Stuart.

CC209 Reports on meetings attended/other local issues

Truth About Wind Farms Peter Rea attended this lecture which was against the widespread installation of windfarms in a rural landscape..

Area Forum Councillor Farmer (tourism, economy and finance) discussed the social economy, such as local trusts, paths groups, etc. and promised technical support.

Brian Roberts said that Stirling Council was considering changing the criteria for setting speed limits in villages, 40 mph on the outskirts and 30mph in the centre.

Chief Superintendent gave a report on the PACT (Policing and Communities Together) initiative.

Football Club The club had formed a committee to plan and take forward the proposal for changing rooms on the 'turnip field'. As well as researching the form and cost of the proposal, consideration needed to be given as to how the land on which it would be sited would be owned or leased, together with the problems of public liability and maintenance.

It was agreed that the club be allowed to present their proposals to the public at the next Community Council meeting.

Spring Clean This was going well with a number of local organisations having completed their part. *Primary 5* reported litter hotspots, such as the gate near the nursery, the path by the telephone exchange and near the garages.. The type of litter collected suggested that it was left by adults and young people older than primary age children. Certificates were given to all who took part; these would be displayed on the noticeboard.

CC210 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Notice of funding available from *Local Estate Action Fund*; notice of Zero Waste Campaign; notice of Anne McGuire surgeries; circular from *Butterfly Conservation*; notice of professional cycle race in Balfron causing problems on roads.

An email was received looking for information on James Hogarth Pringle from Dr G Angus. Extremely helpful information had been provided by Hugh McArthur which was greatly appreciated by Dr Angus.

An email was received from S. Watson about broken drain/pothole/overhanging trees from Glen. This was reported to Stirling Council.

CC211 Any Other Business

Local Plan This would be published in November 2011.

Winter Maintenance A meeting was to be held in Stirling. Peter Wilks agreed to attend and report back.

Play Area The play area on the open space between Graham Road and Beech Drive lacked any play equipment except swings. It was agreed to request additional equipment although it was understood that Stirling Council no longer had a Play Services Department were unlikely to have money to provide new equipment, thus it would be up to the community to raise the necessary funds.

Car Park Opposite Co-op A trailer had been parked for a considerable time causing obstruction. PC McNally said that a removal order had been requested.

Bushes on Well Green Replacement bushes were requested for the Well Green as the existing bushes are either dead or dying. It was pointed out that this would be useless unless drainage was improved because the area is subject to flooding, leaving bushes with their roots in water.

Retaining wall at old graveyard It was pointed out that it appears that further work is required on the retaining wall, notwithstanding that this has recently been repaired. These works are required on the section adjoining the path, which were not repaired during earlier works. Enquiries will be made about this.

CC212 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting which includes the AGM would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 15 June 2011 at 8.00 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2011

Present: I. Beaton; M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart.

In Attendance: Councillor G. Lambie; PC D. McNally; P. Campbell; and 23 members of the public.

Apologies: N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; E. Smith; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

CC213 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 were adopted.

CC214 *Matters Arising*

Salt bins The salt bin outside the Spar had been removed by Stirling Council, who stated that it had been wrongly located there in the first place.

Sewage leak The sewage leak on the footpath between Station Road and the Black Bull had now been repaired.

Pot holes Complaints about potholes had been passed to Stirling Council. Some repairs had been carried out, but the work had not yet been completed.

Play area at Graham Road/ Beech Drive Stirling Council had no budget to renew play equipment. The Chair suggested that anyone wishing to pursue this matter should approach Killearn Community Futures Company to seek assistance in raising funds for the purpose.

Graveyard wall Stirling Council had been alerted that the section of the retaining wall of the old graveyard along the path had not been repaired during earlier works, but it seems that although the Council is aware of the situation, repairs at this location must await their turn in a list of priorities.

CC215 *Police Matters*

PC McNally stated that it had again been a quiet month. There had been a shoplifting attempt at the Co-op, and late night drinking by adults on the football field had been reported. A series of break-ins had occurred in the Blanefield/Mugdock area, and PC McNally requested householders to be vigilant and keep homes and outbuildings secure. Stirling Council Environmental Health Department had been requested to remove the abandoned trailer which had been parked for many months in the car park opposite the Co-op. Councillor Lambie promised to pursue this matter. A member of the public reported that the theft of fallen timber from local woodland was continuing. In the latest incident fallen trees had been removed from Drumore Wood.

CC216 *Question Time*

Dangerous oak tree Mrs A Hansen described a serious incident concerning the oak tree in the garden of 3 Birch Road during the stormy weather on 23 May. A substantial branch had fallen over the road, narrowly missing a neighbour and his child. Six months prior to this event, a branch had fallen into the garden of 3 Birch Road, narrowly missing a small child. Mr & Mrs Hansen had expressed concern about the safety of this tree at regular intervals to Stirling Council and felt that the tree now needed to be cut down. It was noted that the oak trees in Killearn were covered by Tree Preservation Orders, but the location of this particular tree made it a hazard to the public. Mr & Mrs Hansen had commissioned a tree surveyor to prepare a report, which had been passed to Stirling Council. The Council expressed sympathy and concern, and would press the case to Stirling Council. It was noted that the Council no longer employed a Tree Officer, but the Land Services Manager, Nicole Paterson would deal with such cases.

Mrs Hansen further enquired about Stirling Council's procedures and guidelines to deal with such situations, as the Council had not been able to assist in the removal of the fallen tree from the road. Fortunately Mr & Mrs Hansen had been able to find a tree surgeon to carry

out the work. Pam Campbell agreed to clarify whether the tree owner or Stirling Council was responsible for removing a fallen tree from a road.

Street lights It was reported that two street lights on Balfron Road near Drumtian Road were on all day at present.

Grass cutting Concern was expressed about the quality of the grass cutting recently carried out by Stirling Council. It was not up to the usual standard. Councillor Lambie agreed to pass on these comments.

Potholes Further potholes were reported on Station Road at the bend near Gartness Road, and on Drumtian Road.

CC217 Youth Matters

There was nothing to report

CC218 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Winsome Philp re litter left on park after football matches; Bruce Crawford MSP on old people's bungalows; Hazel McMorro, Stirling Council re sale of land at Beech Drive, and on nomination to Cross Party Steering Group; Claire Milne, Stirling Council re Local Development Plan to be published in Autumn; Scottish Natural Heritage concerning denotification of SSSI in Drumore Wood; Barbara Allan, Stirling Council on reorganisation of Community Support Services; Les Goodfellow, Stirling Council re Roads Maintenance Programme 2011/12; copy of letter from G. Hannan to Bruce Crawford MSP; Jennifer Elliott, Stirling Council, on deep cleans in communities; Cicely Roy, Fintry CC re Village Officer; Emily Harvey on Community Spaces Scotland; Alan Petrie & Barbara Docherty re cemetery wall; Colin Mackay & David Crichton re play equipment.

Notices had been received on waste food collection; Stirling Festival (Celebrating Volunteering); Anne McGuire MP surgeries; NHS Forum 15 June; Stirling Carers Connection. Emails had been received from Anne Brown, Stirling Council re sale of land and turnip field; Stephen Todd re grit bin at Spar; Stewart Gillespie re planning application; Pam Campbell, Stirling Council re forthcoming events. A Campsie Fells leaflet was distributed by Councillor Lambie.

A letter had been sent to Hazel McMorro, Stirling Council concerning the remaining land on the turnip field. An email had been sent to Tony Cain, Stirling Council notifying the vote in support of the planning application for old people's bungalows and enquiring about the status of the remainder of the turnip field. Many telephone calls had been made to Scottish Water re sewage leak on footpath. An enquiry had been received on advertising in the village.

Reorganisation of Community Support Services Support for Community Councils would be provided in future by the Team and not by Pam Campbell alone. Ms Campbell expressed her thanks to the community in Killearn, and the Council in turn expressed their thanks to her and paid tribute to the amount of support she had given to KCC and KCFC.

Deep cleans The Chair asked for suggestions of areas requiring deep cleans. Drains needed to be cleared at the top of Drumbeg Loan, and leaves and weeds in gutters was a common problem. Plastic bottles frequently fell out of the recycling vehicle.

CC219 Planning

Planning Appeals and Public Inquiries

10/00610/ADV Erection of internally illuminated double sided free-standing poster display unit at 56 Main Street.

Outcome: Appeal dismissed and advertisement consent refused.

Supplementary Information: The appeal was dismissed and advertisement consent was refused by the Reporter on the grounds that the proposed poster display unit would

detract from the amenity of the building, its group and the locale generally, and would have an adverse road safety implications.

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00337/FUL Internal alterations to existing dwelling to re-arrange accommodation and formation of upper floor within pitched roof on existing building footprint and revised elevations to suit new layout at 8 Branziert Road North.

The Council does not wish to comment on this application.

11/00360/FUL Proposed lean-to extension to existing dwelling house at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfron Road

The Council noted that this proposal was a further extension to an extension to the existing house which had already been approved. The Council considered that this proposal would represent over-development of the site and leave very little garden ground in proportion to the building. The Council decided by a majority of 5 to 2 to object to this application.

11/00376/FUL Proposed demolition of existing Lettre House and erection of a new dwelling house

The Council's objection to a previous application to build a Georgian style on this site had been upheld by Stirling Council. The new application was for a house in traditional style, more in keeping with the vernacular architecture in the area. The Council voted by a majority to support or pass no comment on this application. There was one objection.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

11/00045/FUL Erection of a new dwelling house at Land Some 100m North East Of Ballochruin Farmhouse.

Decision: Approve subject to Section 75.

Sale of Open Space

In the wake of the recent sale of open land at Beech Drive, Stirling Council's Governance Department has promised to examine their guidelines on the sale of open spaces and revise where necessary. The Council had requested a copy of the report

Remainder of Turnip Field

A letter had been sent to Hazel McMorow, Stirling Council, enquiring about the status of the turnip field and how the remaining land would be transferred to the community in perpetuity for leisure and recreation purposes.

Open Space Strategy

The Chair referred to Stirling Council's Open Space Strategy, for which consultation would end in August 2011. It was intended to compile a list of all the open spaces in Killearn, and Council members and the public were invited to contribute information.

CC220 Football Club

D. Beaton and Bob Ballantyne gave an excellent presentation on the origin and activities of the Club, which over the years had used a number of venues for changing facilities, including the open field. The facilities for Killearn Football Club were substandard compared with other clubs, with no changing rooms, showers or toilets. No cup matches could be hosted in Killearn owing to the poor facilities, resulting in a loss of prestige and income to the Club. Alternative locations had been considered but proved unsuitable.

The present proposal was to build changing rooms on the turnip field, between the oak tree and the old graveyard. Questions and comments from the audience were invited and responses made by Colin Banks.

Comments were made on the adverse environmental impact of a building on this site below the old church, and it was felt that a location on the other side of the football field would be more appropriate. It was felt also that a pitched roof would be preferable to a

flat roof. The Football Club proposal had the support of Killearn Community Futures Company and it was hoped to build in 2012. There was a real need for this facility and the Council wished to support it but were aware of the difficulties of the location.

CC221 Reports on meetings attended/other local issues

Severe Weather Response Seminar Peter Wilks had attended this seminar, which analysed the changes that could be made to improve Stirling Council's response to future episodes of severe weather.

CC222 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

CC223 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 21 September 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: M. Burdon; M. Harrison; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart ; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor C O'Brien; PC D. McNally; G. Thomson (*Banks Group*); S. Sampson (*Banks Group*); D. Hopper (*Stirling Council*) and 17 members of the public.

Apologies: J. Duncan.

CC224 *Presentation by the Banks Group*

The Chair welcomed Gordon Thomson and Siobhan Sampson from the Banks Group.

Gordon Thomson stated that he was returning to the Council to give an update on the progress of plans for the Ard Ghaath Wind farm situated three kilometres east of Drymen. The company were still assessing the site and finalising the environmental impact report. The final design will take into account the feedback from consultations with local communities. He admitted that the feedback had been mixed from both community groups and community councils. The site was chosen after a population study to minimise the impact on the surrounding population. In particular, although the towers would be seen from Killearn village, the area would not be affected by turbine noise. The final design would be presented to the Council when formal planning consent was sought from Stirling Council.

He then explained the Community Partnering Scheme. It was felt right that local communities should benefit from the income stream from the farm, so up to 2% of gross revenues would return to communities to be used and controlled by the creation of local community development plans. These would be part of a section 75 agreement with Stirling Council. Individuals could also invest up to twenty thousand pounds with a predicted 10% return.

Mr Thomson then answered questions from the members and the public. He said that the Banks Group was a privately-owned UK company. He confirmed there would be 20 turbines, 100m high producing 66.5GW/hr. There was provision for a connection to the grid just 1 kilometre off the site, which would be connected by cables on wooden poles. There would be local jobs during the construction phase and a possibility of some permanent employment on maintenance. The blades and hubs would be made in Germany, but the towers would be made in the UK. Access would be from the A81 and A811, but confidentiality agreements prevented him giving more detail. The access would be a graded mineral surface, not tarmac. The construction would take 12 – 14 months and the lease for the site is 25 years. There was some discussion on the viability of wind generated electricity, but Mr Thomson said that they were responding to UK and Scottish Government requirements for energy from renewable sources. He admitted that the site would not be viable without subsidies.

The Chair thanked Mr Thomson for his clear presentation and answering questions from the floor.

CC225 *Recycling and Waste Collection*

The Chair welcomed David Hopper, Stirling Council Waste Services Manager.

David said that Stirling had been one of the most successful councils in recycling waste with 57.4% currently diverted from landfill. Revenue from the recyclable materials and lower land fill costs mean that Stirling spends less on waste management than other Scottish councils. However, cuts to local authority grants mean that Waste Services have to save 400 thousand pounds annually. This was achieved this year, but more drastic measures had to be taken to repeat the savings. A proposal had been made to put the brown bin collection onto a 4-weekly cycle for most of the year, with no collection during the three winter

months. Cardboard would still be collected with the blue boxes. This was predicted to save 150 thousand pounds. It was trialled in Causewayhead, with 73% saying they could cope, rising to 81% during the winter period.

David stated that a series of consultation exercises had taken place with community councils, of which this was the final one. It was obvious that despite the encouraging statistics from Causewayhead, that the majority were unhappy with the proposal, and it was unlikely to be approved at the next committee meeting of Stirling Council.

David then answered questions. He assured the meeting that there were no plans to close the skips at Balfron, and that the opening hours were those preferred by the majority. On questioned about members of the public reusing material left at the skip, he said that there were safety implications, but it is something that he would like to see if suitable arrangements could be made. On plastics, he said it was a question of marketability. Stirling Council had markets for the two types of plastics used for bottles, but not other plastics, so at present they could only take plastic bottles. It was hoped to increase the range of plastics taken in the future. There were also plans to collect absorbent hygiene product (AHP) waste, such as disposable nappies, weekly. Stirling Council actively helped people who were having problems with recycling. Stirling Council did provide subsidised composters.

He said there was a short online survey on waste collection that people could take, and it was agreed to put a link from the community council website. This questionnaire would only be present for a limited time.

CC226 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011 were adopted.

CC227 *Minutes of the Special Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2011 were adopted.

CC228 *Matters Arising*

Oak Tree This had now been resolved and thanks were expressed to Councillor Lambie for his helpful intervention.

Pam Campbell Support was now given by Community Services and no officer would attend Council meetings routinely. Pam Campbell was thanked for all the service she has given the Council, and it was agreed to give her a small gift as a token of our appreciation.

Sale of Open Space Stirling Council had not broken their guidelines but it was suggested that they be reviewed. The Council had been consulted on the proposed revision as requested. A letter from Bob Gil, Stirling Council, detailed draft changes to current procedures relating to the sale of parcels of land. All members were consulted by email for views on these proposed changes. The Chair would produce a response in the light of these. Councillor O'Brien said sale of Stirling Council assets had been a problem in other areas.

Alarmed by the recent sale of a piece of open land, the Council had informed Stirling Council of all valued green spaces in the village under the Open Spaces consultation.

Transfer of Turnip Field Robert Horne, Stirling Council, asked for a formal letter of support for the transfer of the turnip field to the General Account, thus removing it from being designated for housing. An extract from the June KCC minute had been sent and had been deemed to be sufficient evidence of local support.

CC229 *Treasurer's report and Post of Treasurer*

Number 1 Account balance £491.75, Number 2 Account balance £815.58.

There was no change from last month in the Number 1 account, and a payment had been made of £20 to Scotways from the Number 2 Account.

After presenting the accounts, Betty tendered her resignation as treasurer. She was warmly thanked for the long time she had excellently served the Council, and a vote of thanks and a bunch of flowers were given.

Janet Duncan was nominated to serve as treasurer by Betty Smith, seconded by Peter Rea. The appointment was unanimously approved.

CC230 Police Matters

PC David McNally stated there had been industrial-scale fly tipping at the old hospital site and arrests had been made. There had been thefts of industrial equipment, lead taken from Killearn Kirk roof, and metal taken from the old hospital site. A break-in at the old school was attributed to youngsters. A weekend birthday party led to some rowdy behaviour, fuelled by alcohol, which was robustly dealt with. David warned of a number of scams targeted at old people, including phone calls purporting to come from a bank asking for account details and another purporting to come from Microsoft warning of a virus. In both cases the aim is to get access to personal accounts, so advice was given never to divulge account, pin or credit card details as genuine banks and credit card companies will never contact their clients in this way.

CC231 Question Time

There were no questions

CC232 Youth Matters

Cairi stated that she was actively trying to get a replacement for Ian Beaton, and the deputy head at Balforn High School would make an announcement at assembly.

CC233 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00535/FUL Proposed garage and single storey extension to side of dwelling house at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balforn Road

It was agreed by a vote of 8 opposing the application, 1 for the application and 1 abstention to oppose the application on the grounds of over development of the site.

11/00560/FUL Proposed relocation of existing access (restricted vehicular & pedestrian) from Main Street into site of 3 & 5 Main Street; comprising Old School and Old School House, all for residential use at Land Between 5 And 7, Main Street.

It was noted that the planning consent gave permission for only four units to be serviced by the access. The boundaries between the green lane and the school house were not yet agreed. There may be an ancient well affected by the development. It was agreed to oppose the application on the grounds that the access did not improve the safety of the existing access, and that it would adversely affect the setting of an important house in the conservation area.

11/00510/FUL Formation of walkers car park at Land Some 90m South West Of Glengoyne Distillery.

The reduction of the verge parking area used by walkers meant dangerous parking in gates and other areas on the A81, therefore a proper parking area would be welcome. The Council agreed to support this application.

11/00401/FUL Minor additions to existing consent ref. 10/00515/FUL for introducing:- 1) a conservatory building with relocation of the double garage at unit 3A 2) a first floor living area over the double garage at unit 3B at 3 Main Street.

11/00427/FUL Erection of new dwelling house at Garden Ground At Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan.

11/00421/FUL Extension and alterations to existing dwelling including garage at Rhuellen, Main Street.

11/00441/MSC Erection of dwelling house at Land At Killearn House Walled Garden.

11/00576/FUL Minor alterations to submitted Proposal for Planning to Shop Unit 2. Shop Unit 3 (proposed in place of previously proposed small single flat) with small vestibule entrance at Units 2 & 3, 13 Balforn Road.

The Council did not wish to comment on these applications

Decisions Approved by Appointed Officers

11/00192/FUL To move bin/log store nearer to kitchen area and erection of storage hut in its place at Old Mill Inn 6 Balfron Road

11/00376/FUL Demolition of dwelling house and erection of replacement dwelling house at Lettre House.

11/00399/FUL Erection of two storey extension incorporating removal of existing garage at Failmhuc Drumtlan.

11/00421/FUL Extension and alterations to existing dwelling including garage at Rhuellen Main Street.

11/00270/FUL Erection of dwelling and formation of vehicular access (Plot 2) at Land Adjacent And Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan.

11/00401/FUL Minor additions to existing consent ref. 10/00515/FUL for introducing:- 1) a conservatory building with relocation of the double garage at unit 3A 2) a first floor living area over the double garage at unit 3B at 3 Main Street.

11/00465/FUL Erection of triple garage with office, study and gym at Blairessan House

11/00591/FUL Change of use of existing holiday accommodation barn conversion to full time residential dwelling accommodation at Land and Building North of Ballochruin Farmhouse.

11/00441/MSC Erection of dwelling house (PPP reference - 09/00786/PPP) at Land at Killearn House Walled Garden.

Planning Enforcement

11/00101/UNAUTH Alleged deviation from approved plans in relation to roof height.

Other Planning Issues

ISSUE: The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations, 2011: Scoping Request: Proposed Ard-Ghaath (Craigievern) Wind Farm – Council response.

This paper gave Stirling Council's response to the application for a wind farm in Drymen discussed in CC224. A link to the paper had been placed on the Community Council's website.

CC234 Roads

Nigel Kelly stated that Stirling Council had proposed a traffic island in Station Road at its junction with Balfron Road, accompanied by pavement widening and designated parking bays. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council asking them to defer this proposal as work on the Village Hall scheduled to start in Spring 2012 would have a significant effect on traffic in that area. It was noted that the 40mph signs on the A81 at Dumgoyne Village were to be moved closer to the Beech Tree Inn to improve driver perception. There would be two solar operated warning signs installed in this area.

CC235 Reports on meetings attended

Area Planning Forum. The main topic was Old Peoples' Welfare. A shopping service was to be introduced for those unable to get out. A contract had been signed with a supplier of frozen meals. It was questioned whether locally-produced meals would not be better. It was noted that the Local Plan would be published for consultation in the period 24 October to 16 December.

CC236 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Colin Mackay (SC), letter seeking support or otherwise for SC's proposal to nominate Killearn park for Queen Elizabeth Fields challenge; Mary Young, information re group being set up to resist windfarms in the local area; Donna

Lawson, SCC, consultation regarding speed limit changes in Dumgoyne; Helen Geddes, request to participate in broadband survey; Helen Geddes, ASCC Online bulletin; Claire Milne, briefing paper on preparation of Stirling Local Development Plan; Audrey Morrison, Invitation to nominate a trustee to Clackmannan and Stirling Environmental Trust (*notice placed on notice board*); Helen Geddes, ASCC response to Government survey; SC Youth Services rural area newsletter; Helen Geddes, notice of NHS Forth Valley Annual Revue; Brenda Holliday, concerns raised on impact of roadside litter on tourism; Margaret Beaton, invitation to Rural Stirling Housing Association's AGM (*declined*); Helen Geddes, – information about grants for Armed Forces Community Covenant; Donald Saunders, press release for Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprises Engagement Day; Mary Brailey, poster for Blane Valley 'Grow Local' event; Jessie Anne Malcolm, notice of meeting of Stirling Community Health Partnership; Elizabeth Duncan, notice of proposal to hold a public procession on Remembrance Sunday; H Geddes, intimation that Association of Scottish Community Councils was being wound up due to funding cut. H Geddes notes that insurance for all Stirling CCs was in place till 2012 and SC would negotiate an alternative arrangement before renewal was necessary.

CC237 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

CC238 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 19 October 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2011

Present: M. Burdon; J. Duncan; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); D. Stuart; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: Councillor A. Berrill; PC D. McNally; and 33 members of the public.

Apologies: M. Harrison; P. Rea; E. Smith.

CC239 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2011 were adopted.

CC240 Matters Arising

Pam Campbell A letter had been received from Pam expressing her thanks for the gift and the kind comments sent by the Council.

CC241 Treasurer's report

Number 1 Account balance £491.75, Number 2 Account balance £815.58.

There was no change from last month in either account.

The Chair welcomed Janet Duncan in her new role as Treasurer.

CC242 Roads

Nigel Kelly presented the proposal by Stirling Council to construct a traffic island in Station Road at its junction with Balfron Road, accompanied by pavement widening and designated parking bays. The road width was 14 metres compared to a normal 6 to 7.3 metres, so therefore it was proposed to narrow the road. He stated that it was basically the same plan as Stirling Council officers presented to the Council in their consultation three years ago. There was no officer from Stirling Council available to re-present the proposals.

The Council had written to Stirling Council suggesting that the changes be delayed until after the refurbishment of the Village Hall, but this had been rejected as the money was in the budget for this financial year.

There were many objections from members of the public at the meeting. A promised consultation with local businesses had not been carried out and the revised parking arrangements would create problems for them. The whole scheme was felt to be unnecessary as there had apparently been no accidents at the junction, and the wide road had advantages for large turning vehicles. If money was available, it should be prioritised to the poor pavements and the dangerous road at Finnich Toll where there had been fatalities in the last two years. It was realised that it was difficult to get a settled view on what improvements should be made, but there was great opposition to this proposal. The Council voted by a majority of 7 to 1 to reject the plan. On request from Councillor Berrill, a vote was taken among the public; 32 voted against the proposal with 1 abstention.

CC243 Police Matters

PC David McNally stated that it had been a quiet month. A person was charged with drinking in the street, a bicycle stolen from an insecure garage and two persons were charged with poaching on Endrick Water. David warned the meeting to be vigilant and report suspicious actions, as well as keeping the house and outbuildings secure. As the evenings draw in, make sure the house did not look unoccupied, leave a light on, radio playing, etc.

During the month, drunk drivers and speeding will be targeted. There would also be spot checks on vans to try to discourage rogue traders.

CC244 Question Time

Winter Preparations A member of the public asked what preparations were being made by Stirling Council in the event of another severe winter. Councillor Berrill stated that he had

chaired the group looking at these issues, that communities had reported their own experiences and that lessons had been learned from the last two winters. A report has been published on the findings and recommendations following last winter. It was decided that an additional two gritting lorries would not be cost effective, but extra monies had been allocated to purchasing and storing 8000 tonnes of salt, extra mini-tractors for snow clearance and four community snow blowers, with some suggestion that local people might be trained to operate them. 400 snow shovels had also been purchased for distribution. Tractor ploughs had also been purchased which would be supplied to farmers who would be contracted for snow clearance on rural roads and car parks. It was asked if better communication could be put in place with designated persons in each village to receive and disseminate information. It was affirmed that Beech Drive should be put on the list of roads to be cleared which would avoid the necessity to park cars on Main Street. The severe weather plan was to be trialled in Strathblane. Stirling Council is to host a Severe Weather Seminar on 5 November. Two members of Killearn CC will attend and will report back at the next meeting.

CC245 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00599/FUL Erection of 3 pairs of semi-detached bungalows (6 units) at Land North East of Telephone Exchange and 22, Birch Road.

This had been extensively discussed, and the revised plan was discussed and accepted at the Special Council meeting in August. It was stated that the remaining land would be transferred to the General account which would allow it to continue to be used for recreation. The football club's plans were a separate issue. On a vote, the Council decided unanimously to approve the planning application.

11/00659/FUL Revision to previously approved Application Ref S/06/00708/HAE incorporating demolition and replacement of existing conservatory with new sun-room extension, and construction of new double garage at 9 Drumbeg Loan.

11/00624/FUL Installation of replacement windows at Kirkland, 69C Main Street.

The Council did not wish to comment on these applications.

Decisions Approved by Appointed Officers

11/00496/FUL Alterations and extension to property extending living room, forming new kitchen and extending bedroom to form ensuite and dressing area at 6 Napier Road.

11/00396/FUL Erection of detached bungalow at Garden Ground at Northwest Of Camallt Killearn.

11/00501/FUL New dwelling house with attached garage at Land Some 100m North East Of Ballochruin Farmhouse Killearn.

11/00530/FUL Erection of timber garage and garden shed at Glenpark Cottage Cameron Muir Road Killearn.

Consultations Issued: Roads, Transport & Open Space Service Manager (Environmental Health), Killearn Community Council

Local Plan

Although not yet officially launched, the Stirling Local Development Plan was available online, with links from the Community Council website. Stirling Council would consult widely, and the Community Council would table the matter for discussion in the near future. As an introduction to the contents of the plan it was noted there is a need for housing in the area, particularly for affordable homes, and any development of over 10 houses would be required to provide 50% affordable houses. The plan was to build 56 houses in the period 2010 – 2023. These would have to be phased as there was limited capacity at Killearn Primary and Balfour High Schools. Three areas have been identified for

development, part of the 'Turnip Field', an area north of Station Road and Blairessan field, between Gartness Road and Drumtian Road. It was noted that, as part of any new development, upgraded recycling facilities and a contribution to the demand-response transport scheme would be required

A resident spoke about concerns regarding speculative proposals for a large development in Blairessan Field; these included anxiety over a proposed entry via a roundabout sited above the bend in Station Road. A report published by a private company giving possible details of such a development indicated the authors had very little knowledge of our village and stressed that there had been no contact made with either KCC or KCFC.

It was noted, however, that this was one of the sites identified in the Draft Local Plan for future development. Any proposals would have to go through the normal planning process.

The Chair stated that a full discussion of the Draft Local Plan would be scheduled for the November meeting of the Community Council

CC246 Youth Matters

Cairi stated that there was some interest among young people in coming on to the Council. The Chair said that she could invite any interested young people to come and see how the Council conducts its business at meetings and they could see if they might be interested.

CC247 Meetings and other CC matters

Customer Service Stars Two members of Killearn Primary School, Frances Devoy and Hector MacDonald, were presented with this award for excellent service to the public. The Council congratulated them on this well-deserved honour.

Queen Elizabeth Fund Challenge As part of the Jubilee celebrations, a number of playing fields and public open spaces were to be given the designation Queen Elizabeth II Fields. Once designated, an application could be made to the SITA Trust £1 million fund for improvements to the recreation area. Killearn Park, the recreation area comprising the football field and play area had been nominated by Stirling Council. However to achieve designation, the people of the area had to show their enthusiasm for their park by voting on line at <http://www.qe2fields.com/>. The voting had not yet been launched, so check the Community Council website and notice board for notice that voting had opened. There would be a period of one month to cast your vote. Tell all your friends and neighbours, as it was important to get the majority supporting this initiative.

CC248 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Mary Young, information re group being set up to resist windfarms; Donna Lawson, SCC Consultation regarding speed limit changes in Dumgoyne; Helen Geddes, Notice of NHS Forth Valley Annual Revue; Helen Geddes email intimating Severe Weather Seminar; Helen Geddes, information on ASCC online bulletin; Helen Geddes, September Community newsheet; David McNally, Request for information re Killearn for community profile; Helen Geddes, Guide to taking part in Queen's Diamond Jubilee beacons; Helen Geddes, invitation to seminar on 'Community renewables' in Inverness; Forth Estuary Forum Newsletter (online); Helen Geddes Call for Evidence to Commission on Rural Education; notification of public procession for fireworks display;

An email from the Stirling archaeologist expressed interest in buried remains at Killearn Palace, north of Killearn Glen, enquiring if there was local interest in community excavation. It was understood that the query more likely referred to the Place of Killearn, which was completely dismantled early in the nineteenth century. It was not really the remit of the Council and information had been passed to KCFC and Killearn Trust.

CC249 Any Other Business

Fireworks Display It was noted that the bonfire and fireworks display would take place on Friday, 4th November as it had proved impossible to get a company to run the display on the Saturday night.

KCFC AGM The AGM of Killearn Community Futures Company would be held on 25 October in Killearn Village Hall. The Council was required to nominate a director to fill a designated place on the board of the company. Brenda Pell was nominated to serve for a further year, proposed by Janet Duncan, seconded by Peter Wilks and passed unanimously.

CC250 *Date of Next Meeting*

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 16 November 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011

Present: M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart; P. Wilks.

In Attendance: Councillor C. O'Brien; and 36 members of the public.

Apologies: E. Smith; H. Wright; PC D. McNally.

CC251 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2011 were adopted.

CC252 *Matters Arising*

There were no matters arising not already included on the agenda.

CC253 *Treasurer's report*

Number 1 Account balance £491.75, Number 2 Account balance £815.58.

There was no change from last month in either account.

CC254 *Roads*

Nigel Kelly described the proposal for an island in the middle of Station Road and changes to the layout of Balfron Road which was rejected at the last meeting. It was not possible to deflect the money to other projects, such as safety measures at Finnich Toll, because the finance was in different budgets. A member of the public said the budget could be better used in providing traffic calming at Kings Mile. A number of members of the public spoke against the proposal, saying it made the village more urban in appearance with excessive street furniture and was unnecessary as there had been no recorded pedestrian accidents in that area. The Chair said the scheme was part of a more extensive plan proposed over four years ago. Councillor O'Brien said Councillors and Community Councillors are placed in a difficult position when majority opinion opts to reject the advice of professional road engineers and vote against what is proposed as a safer measure.

A compromise had been suggested by Stirling Council: the changes to Balfron Road would be dropped, and improvement to the pavement at the top of Station Road would be undertaken when the budget allowed.

The Chair proposed that the compromise of the traffic island on Station Road and a promise to repair the pavement be accepted. This was approved by the Council, 6 votes in favour, 3 votes against. The Chair then asked the public for a show of hands for the compromise, which was rejected by a very large majority.

A member of the public brought up the problem of turning right at Drumbeg Loan because of the alignment of the mini-roundabout. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council reporting the results of this discussion and to enquire if the mini-roundabout could be re-aligned.

CC255 *Police Matters*

PC David McNally apologised for not being present at the meeting as he was on annual leave. His report was read to the meeting:

Thus far in the month since the last meeting, things have been pretty quiet - that is until the afternoon of Thursday 10 November. About 1600hrs yesterday, three males in a large grey or green saloon vehicle (maybe similar to a Renault Laguna) were seen acting suspiciously in many places in the village. One of the males from this vehicle called at an elderly couple's house in Allan Road where he offered his services to clear their driveway of leaves. The male talked himself into the house but left when the occupant firmly told him she wanted nothing to do with the services he was offering. The same male thereafter attended at another elderly lady's house in Endrick Road where he stated he was working on behalf of Stirling Council tidying up the trees in Endrick Road. The lady on this occasion quickly pointed out that Endrick Road is a private road and that the male was acting very

suspiciously - the male left empty handed. Finally, shortly after 4pm, a third identical incident occurred in Branziert Rd North. There at the home of an elderly couple, the male was invited in and stole a handbag with a small amount of cash in it.

I have submitted a lengthy article in the Central Scotland Police website regarding this incident offering advice to residents - particularly to look out for more vulnerable residents in the area. I have also provided Janet Duncan with a supply of literature advising how to deal with these individuals along with a large number of 'no cold caller' stickers. I would be grateful if you could highlight this incident at the meeting next week.

By way of reassurance, please advise those present that we are working hard at catching these individuals. A similar incident which occurred in Blanefield about 4 weeks ago is now detected and we are following positive lines of inquiry into these latest crimes.

Other than this, things have been very settled in the village.

Warnings were given by members of a number of computer and telephone scams. One phishing scam purported to come from the service team at BT/Yahoo, which should be reported and then ignored. A phone scam, which appeared to be from the Post Office, said a parcel could not be delivered and the respondent was then asked to ring an expensive 0900 number for information.

CC256 Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

CC257 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

11/00708/FUL Application for consent over Ridge levels at Rear Extension & an extra Velux (3 number to 4 number) in the Extension Roof. at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfron Road.

This application was part of an on-going series of applications for this site. The original application to develop the existing cottage was opposed by the Council and refused by Stirling Council. A revised plan was accepted by the Reporter on appeal. Since then, a number of retrospective applications have been forthcoming changing the plan approved by the Reporter. It was unanimously agreed to oppose this latest application on the grounds that the plan agreed on appeal should be adhered to. It was also agreed to send a letter expressing concern at the number of applications proposing changes to all the applications from this developer.

11/00659/FUL Revision to previously approved Application Ref S/06/00708/HAE incorporating demolition and replacement of existing conservatory with new sun-room extension, and construction of new double garage at 9 Drumbeg Loan.

11/00695/FUL Erection of one new dwelling at Land at Killearn House Walled Garden.

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The Council did not wish to comment on these applications.

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11/00591/FUL Change of use of existing holiday accommodation barn conversion to full time residential dwelling accommodation at Land And Building North Of Ballochruin Farmhouse.

Decision Refused by Appointed Officers

11/00427/FUL Erection of new dwelling house at Garden Ground At Drumwhirn 7 Drumbeg Loan.

Local Development Plan

Peter Rea outlined the scope and purpose of the Local Development Plan. It was a strategic document which aimed to give a vision for the future sustainable growth and development of Stirling City and the rural area of Stirling Council for the next 20 years. Councillor O'Brien said that pressure from Councillors had insisted that it was a draft plan in order to allow a period of consultation when the public, stakeholders, Community Councillors and Stirling Councillors could comment on and influence the final form of the development plan.

Peter Rea then outlined the settlement statement for Killearn. For the period 2010 to 2023, there were three proposed sites for housing development: 6 units at Crosshead Road which are already in the planning process, 20 units to the north of Station Road and 30 units on Blaressan Field. In addition the Killearn Hospital site has been identified as an area to zone for business over the period 2010 to 2033. The plan stated that for developments of 10 or more units, there would be 50% affordable housing units or a financial contribution towards this. There was capacity in the sewage system for the proposed developments, but there is limited capacity at Killearn Primary and Balfron High Schools which would necessitate a phased development of new housing.

It was noted that housing development was often controversial, but that all areas were being asked to absorb some housing development. Councillor O'Brien stated that in the last local plan, Killearn had been protected from major housing development, which for the western villages, had occurred mainly in Balfron. The current plan selects sites most likely to succeed on planning grounds. Some development was required to ensure the viability of village life, and to protect schools and shops from closure, but the over-riding need was for affordable housing to avoid the villages becoming commuter dormitories. There was hidden homelessness in the rural area because of the lack of affordable homes.

It was noted that the Station Road site was effectively a bog and would require extensive land engineering.

There were a number of questions on the Blaressan site. It was noted there would be problems with access onto Station Road. A number of references were made to a report by Drivers Jonas. It was stated by the Chair that the proposals contained in this report had not been discussed with any village organisation or personnel and should, at present, be considered as purely speculative. The letter about this proposed development which had been widely distributed did not come from the Community Council, but any feedback would be forwarded by the Council to Stirling Council as part of its own consultation process.

The Chair stressed that everyone should take the opportunity to take part in the consultation process. There would be a Drop-In session in Killearn Village Hall on 2 December 2011 from 3.00 to 9.00 pm, with Stirling Council officers present to present the plan, answer questions and allow comment. The plan is available in libraries and online and could be easily accessed from the planning page of the Community Council website. If you wish to make a written comment you should use the down-loadable form, which is also available from Stirling Council's website.

CC258 Youth Matters

Cairi stated she had formed a group to comment on the plans for the Village Hall.

CC259 Severe Weather Conference

Nigel Kelly gave an overview of the conference he attended with Heather Wright. He stated that he received a very positive feel from the conference, which was reinforced by a talk from Councillor Fergus Wood to the Rotary. The severe weather for the last two years had been unprecedented and the cost to Stirling Council had been £3M compared with £1M in previous winters. Good and bad performance last year had been analysed and lessons learned. It was important to prioritise and be flexible. More equipment had been purchased as reported in the October minutes. There would be more local involvement, including use of farmers to clear roads. House owners and shopkeepers could safely clear snow in front of their premises without fear of litigation in the event of an accident. A local emergency plan had been trialled in Strathblane and it was agreed to set up a small steering committee to endeavour to develop a similar plan here.

CC260 Correspondence

A record of correspondence is now circulated as an Appendix to the Minutes. This is available on request via the website.

Additional Correspondence received:

John Risk, review of guidelines for the sale of small parcels of land. It was suggested that Community Councils should only be involved when stage 4 of the sale process had been reached, and Killearn Community Council was asked to take part in a pilot scheme to trial this. It was agreed that a letter be sent accepting this invitation.

CC261 Any Other Business

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Peter Wilks said that voting would take place during the whole of December, and it was important that every household in the village should vote for Killearn Park. Use the link on our website or printed in the Courier to vote. If we achieve enough votes and the Park is designated, we can access substantial grants and be assured that the site is protected as open space.

CC262 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 21 December 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 DECEMBER 2011

Present: M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks.

In Attendance: Councillor G. Lambie; PC D. McNally; Hannah McLaren and 19 members of the public.

Apologies: N. Kelly; H. Wright.

It was agreed that as PC McNally was on duty, *Police Matters* would be taken immediately after *Matters Arising*.

CC263 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2011 were adopted with the following amendments:

CC 257 (Valid Planning Applications Received) Remove duplicate item - 11/00624/FUL *Installation of replacement windows at Kirkland, 69C Main Street;*

CC 257 (Local Development Plan) (Para 2) Replace *an area for possible industrial development with an area to zone for business;* (Para 3) Replace *but all that areas with but that all areas*

CC264 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not already included on the agenda.

CC265 Police Matters

PC David McNally said there had been no reported crime in the last month. A car had been damaged by another vehicle on Main Street, and there had also been an accident when a car left the Kirk car park and went into the nursery premises opposite. There had been a number of reported incidents of on-line fraud, including one purporting to come from the police, and frightening the recipient into the payment of a non-existent fine. If paid, the money was fraudulently taken and could not be traced. Such incidents should be reported to the police. It was noted that in extreme cases, a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol could result in the vehicle being confiscated.

CC266 Treasurer's report

Number 1 and Number 2 Accounts have been merged into a single account. The only expenditure during the month was for Data Protection Registration - £35.

The balance in the account - £1272.35

CC267 Roads

The Chair stated that because of the extent of feeling against the proposed changes at the top of Station Road/Balfron Road, Stirling Council had decided to not proceed with the scheme, and the finance had been reallocated to another area. The Roads Department would like to return to a Council meeting to discuss the A875 Management Plan. It was agreed to invite the officers in the New Year.

CC268 Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

CC269 Planning

Decision Approved by Appointed Officers

11/00535/FUL Proposed garage and single storey extension to side of dwelling house at Greenend Cottage 36 Balfron Road.

Decision Refused by Appointed Officers

11/00695/FUL Erection of one new dwelling at Land At Killearn House Walled Garden.

Planning Enforcement

**11/00153/UNAUTH Erection of decking structure at Harpers Road, Killearn, G63 9TA
No breach of planning control**

Local Development Plan The Chair outlined a possible draft response to the plan.

KCC understood the need for more housing in rural areas but would emphasise that the type of housing required in Killearn is affordable, modest in size and suitable for elderly persons and young families. The existing housing stock had been extended and developed to such an extent that smaller affordable homes were in short supply. This, coupled with *right to buy legislation* had resulted in the offspring of long-term inhabitants being unable to afford housing in the village. KCC thus welcomed the opportunity to provide housing of this type listed above.

The following comments were offered on the choice of potential sites:

H101 Station Road_Given the difficulty of finding sites to develop in this area, the extension of housing on Station Road was acceptable. There would be some loss of impact of a rural approach to the village. The land had degenerated into a very boggy area. An entry road leading off Station Road to a residential road developed on both sides would accommodate 20 houses and would not use up too much open space. Although on one side the back gardens would look on to Station Road, it would match the already developed line of Station Road on the south side. Although an increase in vehicular traffic would result from this development, commuter traffic would already be at one of the exits to the village and the increase in traffic would be less likely to impinge on the centre of the village.

H102 Blairessan Field_Since publication of the Draft Local Plan KCC had been made aware of a large body of opinion strongly opposed to this potential development site and had been the recipient of a considerable amount of correspondence on the subject. It should be noted that included in the section recommending this site was a piece of text describing a possible development which had been taken from a report by Drivers Jonas. This had been compiled with no consultation with the community and displays no knowledge of the current position of the community and its major players – in terms of its residents, its Community Council and its Community Futures Company.

The Council had grave reservations about the recommended means of access as the proposal for entry from Station Road was projected to be made via a mini roundabout on a steep incline, close to an abrupt bend. This was viewed as being unsafe, as Station Road was a busy road, being one of three entry/exit routes into and out of the village. The bend already caused problems for drivers who frequently swung wide and met oncoming traffic in the middle of the road causing a number of accidents. Because of the incline there was difficulty in successfully accessing the top of the road in wintry conditions. A roundabout would exacerbate this problem. Both Gartness Road and Drumtian Road, the two roads on the edge of this site are rural roads and in the view of the Council unsuited to provide safe access to a development.

The site currently offers attractive views from the west of the approach to the setting of the village. Loss of this aspect would be a loss of amenity in the setting of the village. There would inevitably be a loss of trees and an increase in the built appearance at the edge of the village which was to be deplored.

This was an area of land tucked between developed areas of the village which, were it not for the difficulties outlined above, might offer a site for a small development fairly close to village amenities.

B47 Killearn Hospital—This site had lain undeveloped for over 40 years and currently presented a neglected appearance. It required management, maintenance and upgrading which development could provide. Given the size of the site, the Council could see no reason why development could not be a mix of residential and business space. In this particular area, it is unlikely that there would be opposition to a planned mixed development – which might provide sufficient profit to allow the required de-contamination of the site to take place prior to any development. It would provide some of the required additional housing in the area. The existence of a roundabout on the A81, opposite the entry to Oakwood Garden Centre, already provided the necessary access. Commuter traffic would immediately be en route via the A81 without adding to the traffic through the centre of the village. There was already some high class residential development close by at Killearn House and Croy Cunningham Steadings, which established a precedent in this area. Any development would be at some distance from the village and it was likely that vehicular transport would be required to access amenities in the village. A view was expressed that a large development would require its own infrastructure.

CC270 Youth Matters

Cairi stated that she had discussed the vacancy for a Youth Member at Balfroon High School and Hannah McLaren had come forward as a volunteer.

CC271 Reports of Meetings Attended

NHS Forum A report of this forum would appear on the website.

Area Forum There were two main items on the agenda. Chief Inspector Findlay described changes at the Balfroon Office, including the appointment of Inspector Pat Scroggie and the addition of another Sergeant to the Office. He stated that co-operation with Strathclyde Police was good. New regulations from the National Park had improved the ambience of the east side of Loch Lomond. There had been an increase in the occurrence of preying on the elderly by rogue traders. He congratulated PC McNally on his article in the Killearn Courier. The main item on the agenda was an introduction to the role of local development trusts in attracting funding for economic development. This would be discussed further at a later Forum meeting.

CC272 Resignation

The Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Betty Smith. Betty had served the Council for sixteen years, the majority of which as Treasurer, a post she fulfilled with distinction. Her resignation left three vacancies, two members and one youth member. Elections would be held in the period January to March. Volunteers for the two member posts were sought, in addition to Hannah McLaren who had put herself forward as candidate for Youth Member (*see* CC270).

CC273 Correspondence

A record of correspondence was now circulated as an Appendix to the Minutes.

CC274 Any Other Business

Meals on Wheels The introduction of commercial frozen meals had been delayed, as investigation of best practice in different areas was sought. The service would not be replaced by a “blanket one-size fits-all” system

Arc Lights at Glengoyne Distillery Peter Rea stated that these lights were distracting and could cause a traffic accident. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council.

Waste Bin at Village Hall Gate Peter Rea stated that the presence of the large wheeled waste bin at the gate entrance was a hazard and asked if a more suitable place could be found for it. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Emergency Committee In response to the Severe Weather Initiative of Stirling Council a local Emergency Committee had been formed. There would be a telephone cascade system to disseminate information. A team had been formed to clear snow, equipment being stored in the KCFC Paths Group tool shed. Ballikinrain had offered help under the auspices of

Andy McKay. The Kirk also had a response team and offered parking space in the event of side roads being snowed in.

Councillor Colin O'Brien Tribute was paid by Cllr. Lambie to the thirteen years' service of Colin as a Councillor, initially as a sole Councillor and subsequently as a member of the team of three for the Strathendrick area. He had served the Community Council well, and the good wishes of all the Council were sent to him for his future retirement.

Stirling Council Website It was noted that the new Stirling Council Website was up and running. Residents could register for an information system called *myStirling*, which gave information such as disruptions to bin collections, etc., personalized to the street of the resident.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge There were now 210 votes for Killearn Park for the Challenge compared to the next highest of 9 votes.

CC275 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 18 January 2012 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2011

Present: I. Beaton; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart E. Smith; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

In Attendance: J. MacMillan; J McGrory; and 28 members of the public.

Apologies: M. Burdon; Councillor A. Berrill; Councillor G. Lambie; Councillor C O'Brien; PC D. McNally.

SM5 *Introduction*

The Chair stated that this was a special meeting of the Council to consider the revised plans for the erection of 3 pairs of semi-detached bungalows (6 units) at land north east of telephone exchange and 22 Birch Road. The meeting would also consider the future of the remainder of the land known locally as the turnip field and the proposed nomination of the park for the *Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge*. The Chair then introduced John MacMillan and Jim McGrory from the Housing Department of Stirling Council who would describe and answer questions on the proposed revised planning application.

SM6 *Revised Application*

John MacMillan said that the application for planning for the bungalows had received a number of objections, as well as a petition from three primary aged children. The objections mainly centred on the deviation of the footpath and the view down the park which would look very built up with the fencing to the rear of the properties. There were also problems with the depth of soil at the upper end of the site, the rock head, which was only 1.5m below the surface, making the provision of services difficult and expensive. Taking account of the objections and the geology, the bungalows were turned through 180° so that the properties now faced on to the park, giving a more open appearance and reducing their footprint. The path could also be in approximately the same position as the existing path. The revised layout also had the advantage of having a smaller impact on the field. The houses were of the same design, but with a roof pitch of 25° instead of 35° giving a significantly lower roof height. As before, there were 3 pairs of semi-detached units. Each bungalow was 4-person (2 bedroom) unit designed for the elderly (60+) and amenity use (e.g. wheelchair users). Under the points system, persons with a local connection would have priority. Because this was a new application, the full planning process would have to be gone through; therefore final approval could not come before November at the earliest. This meant that construction would probably be scheduled for the spring, with approximately 30 weeks on site.

There then followed questions. A number of speakers questioned the position of the turning area on the roadway sited between the block nearest the telephone exchange and the middle block. It was felt that the narrow road opposite the end pair of houses would make backing out difficult and could pose a hazard to pedestrians. John said the proposed scheme had been devised in consultation with the roads department. The road was two-car width to the turning area and then single-car width, therefore the turning area was the effective road end. When asked if the frontage would be fenced, John gave a categorical 'no' as the idea was to give an open aspect. A number of people feared that the road would be used by parents dropping children off at school. It was stated that this was not a planning matter, but double yellow lines could form part of the planning application. He stated that the road would have standard lighting as in Birch Road. When asked if making the houses with an upper-bedroom and relocating them to the other side of the field with access from The Square would reduce the footprint further and reduce the amount of tarmac, John said the houses could not then be designated elderly/amenity and would then be open to any applicant, and would not have a significantly smaller footprint. The road had to be to a given standard otherwise it could not be adopted by Stirling Council; a smaller road would then be a charge on the housing budget for maintenance.

The Chair thanked John for a clear and concise explanation of the proposed development. She said that the meeting was a consultation exercise, as a formal planning application had not yet been lodged and thus the meeting would not come to a formal decision. However an informal show of hands would indicate the feeling of the meeting. The meeting overwhelmingly supported the proposal.

SM7 *Nomination for consideration for the Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge*

2012 would mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. *The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge*, operated by Fields in Trust, is a new campaign to protect outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of this great event. The Challenge would give communities an opportunity to vote for an outdoor space in their area to become part of the scheme and be permanently protected as a tribute to the Diamond Jubilee. Seventy places had been allocated for the whole of Scotland, and ten would be nominated by Stirling Council. Stirling Council was proposing to include Killearn Park in these nominations and asked the approval of the Council. Currently the remainder of the turnip field was not included in the application and it was not immediately clear how it could be included. On a show of hands, the meeting unanimously agreed that Stirling Council should enter Killearn Park in the Challenge. If successful, the park would remain public open space in perpetuity with an obligation for the local council to maintain it. For our bid to succeed it was imperative that all villagers vote.

SM8 *Future of the 'Turnip Field'*

It was agreed in the initial discussions on the development of the 'turnip field' that the six bungalows would be the sole development on the site and that the remainder of the field would be protected as public open space. Stirling Council has signified its agreement and intention to secure this aim. John MacMillan said that the option to transfer it to Killearn Community Council or other local body would confer an obligation to insure and maintain it, which would be a significant on-going financial burden. The preferred option was to transfer the land from the housing account to Stirling Council's General Fund, which would make it part of the parks portfolio and thus would be maintained by Stirling Council. This option was fully supported by the meeting. Investigations are ongoing to determine how this might be achieved.

SM9 *AOCB*

Ian Beaton Ian had been an excellent youth member of the Council and would be a loss to the Council as he proceeded to the next stage of his career. The Council congratulated him on achieving five A-grade passes at Higher Level and admission to Glasgow University to read Aerospace Systems Engineering. He had also passed his driving test.

Meetings Notice was given of the next Forum Meeting on 19th September and the offer of Zero Waste Training for members in Glasgow.

Guest Speakers Proposed guest speakers for the next session included the Banks Group on the proposed wind farm, David Riggle or David Hopper from Stirling Council to talk on Waste Collection and Management, and Hilary Kennedy, the new Trees Officer.

Draft Plan Members were reminded that the draft Local Plan was due to be published in October and would require consideration by the Council.

SM10 *Date of Next Meeting*

The next ordinary meeting would take place in the Primary School on Wednesday, 21 September 2011 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 15 JUNE 2011

Present: M. Burdon; J. Duncan; M. Harrison; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart.

In Attendance: Councillor G. Lambie; PC D. McNally; P. Campbell; and 19 members of the public.

Apologies: I. Beaton; N. Kelly; C Macintosh; E. Smith; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

AGM1 *Minutes of Last AGM*

The minutes of the AGM held on 16 June 2010 were approved, proposed by J. McDougall, seconded by D. Stuart.

AGM2 *Chairman's Report*

The Chair presented the Annual Report for the year 2010/2011. Acceptance of the report was moved by P. Rea and seconded by J. Duncan. The Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1 to the minute.

AGM3 *Treasurer's Report*

M. Burdon presented the Audited Accounts for the year 2010/2011.

Acceptance of the accounts was moved by P. Rea and seconded by H. McArthur. The Audited Accounts are attached as Appendix 2 to the minute.

The meeting declared a unanimous vote of thanks to the Treasurer and the Auditor.

AGM4 *Election of Office Bearers*

The Chair intimated the resignation of Heather Wright as Secretary in order to give her full attention to the running of Sustainable Killearn. The meeting declared a unanimous vote of thanks for all the work she has done as Secretary to the Council.

B. Pell proposed Margery Burdon as Secretary, seconded by M. Harrison. There being no other nominations, Margery was elected as Secretary.

The Chair suggested that the remaining Officers of the Council should be re-elected en bloc. This was moved by D. Beaton and seconded by E. Montgomery-Smith.

The Officers of the Council for the year were then re-elected: Chair: Brenda Pell; Vice-Chair/Minutes Secretary/Webmaster: Peter Wilks; Secretary: Margery Burdon; Treasurer: Betty Smith; Planning Correspondent: Peter Rea.

AGM5 *Any Other Business*

There was no other business.

AGM6 *Vote of Thanks*

The Chair thanked all members for their contribution to the work of the Council during the past session. The meeting declared a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chair.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

APPENDIX 1
KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

The past year has seen the ending in October of the previous Community Council and the installation of a new Community Council in November. The retiring members were Iain Moreland, Kay Pollock and Christopher Riches, all of whom have given excellent service. Killearn Community Council won an award for the Most Outstanding Local Group in the Stirling Local Newspaper Awards and this was presented to Kay Pollock as a mark of appreciation for having served with distinction on KCC since the formation of Community Councils thirty-six years ago.

Two new members: Jenni May and Nigel Kelly (who has seen previous service) were welcomed to the newly formed Council comprising: Brenda Pell (*Chair*); Peter Wilks (*Vice-Chair, Minutes Sec., Webmaster*); Heather Wright (*Sec.*); Betty Smith (*Treasurer*); Peter Rea (*Planning Correspondent*); Janet Duncan; Nigel Kelly; Aileen May; Jenni May; Derek Stuart with Iain Beaton and Cairi Macintosh (*Youth Members*). One vacancy remains. Any resident interested in serving on KCC would be welcome to complete the team.

Our meetings have been attended by one of our Councillors, in rotation, by our Community Police Officer, David McNally as well as by a number of residents. As well as dealing with concerns raised by residents, the regular business of roads and traffic management, planning matters and local projects, KCC has endeavoured to keep the community informed of new developments by inviting speakers to address meetings on specific subjects. Our guest speakers this year from Stirling Council, have been Tony Cain, Head of Housing and Sarah Winstone, Youth Services. Community Council members also attend a range of meetings, such as the Local Area Planning Forum, the NHS Forth Valley Forum and others, in order to participate in discussion of issues that affect or will soon affect our community. Reports are communicated at our regular monthly meetings and included in the Minutes.

Aileen May is to be congratulated for producing a KCC handbook which provides members with an easy reference manual for their Community Council work. Stirling Council also produced a handbook for Community Council members. These, combined with the excellent support we receive from Pam Campbell, Rural Villages Development Officer, and our three elected Councillors, have resulted in an improved communication system between us and Stirling Council and enabled us to transmit your concerns as speedily as possible.

The first stage of the traffic management plan, designed to address concerns about road safety and the speed of traffic passing through the village, was completed with the re-positioning of the bus stop and alterations to parking at Spar. Whilst there have been complaints about the narrow entry to this car park and sometimes drivers are guilty of thoughtless parking in this entry or even on the pedestrian pathway, on the whole this has eliminated the dangerous practice of reversing on to the carriageway and made this a safer area. It is hoped that the marking on the road surface and the new signage at the bank corner will improve the safety of this area. The installation of illuminated speed warning signs is helpful in reminding drivers to slow down as they drive through the village.

Drainage problems which caused flooding around the Well Green have hopefully been eliminated by remedial works to the culvert in that area. The severity of the winter caused further degradation to the roads in and around the village but Stirling Council has gradually been addressing these over the past months, although we should also like to see the pedestrian pathways improved.

The retirement of our Village Officer has meant that the cleansing of our streets is now conducted by the Mobile Squad who visit daily. The National Spring Clean Campaign was again supported by several youth groups and we are grateful to the Boys Brigade, Rainbows, 2nd. Killearn Brownies, 1st. Killearn Guides and P5/6 pupils of Killearn Primary School for their work in tidying up our village. Certificates were given to these groups as a mark of our appreciation.

Various projects, such as the renovation of the War Memorial, the adoption of the telephone kiosk at Dumgoyne and the improvement of footpaths are either ongoing or nearing completion. Major village

projects come under the 'umbrella' of KCFC but receive the support of KCC. Important at present is the proposed renovation of the Village Hall. KCC sees this as the means of providing the village with a valued facility suited to present day and future needs and signified its support by hosting a special meeting to present the plans to the village. Linked to this is our interest in the provision of amenities for young people which found expression in our Focus on Youth at a recent meeting when information was exchanged between those involved in working with young people. Our Youth Members have, throughout the year, given admirable leadership in pursuing ideas for expanding facilities for the young in our community.

Matters that are expected to arise in the near future are proposals for affordable housing on the 'turnip field', which has been held by Stirling Council as potential housing stock for as long as the village has regarded it as recreational land, together with the provision of changing rooms for the Football Club. In what could be a series of contentious issues it is hoped that a compromise solution may be found that will satisfy all parties. The new Local Development Plan, currently in production by Stirling Council, emphasises that change must come everywhere and certainly it is agreed that affordable housing in the rural areas is a must. Recent changes in planning legislation have relaxed some of the restrictions for building in the countryside but balancing this is the Open Spaces Strategy which encourages us to think about how we value spaces in our local area.

Finally, we are encouraged to turn our thought to broader issues which confront our civilisation. KCC held a Special Eco meeting in May. It was an 'awareness raising' venture and was designed as the preliminary to an Eco Fair planned for 18 September.

In our village there are a number of initiatives going on in an attempt to achieve a 'greener' lifestyle. It is our aim to spotlight these ventures and to encourage us all, as a community, to develop a more thoughtful and cooperative approach towards our use of scarce resources. We hope you will support your Community Council in pursuing this ideal.

KCC news can be found on the noticeboard, in the local press and on our website:
www.killlearncc.org.uk

*Brenda Pell
June 2010*

APPENDIX 2

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010
NUMBER 1 ACCOUNT**

EXPENDITURE

Totals £0.00

INCOME

Interest £0.00

TOTALS £0.00

£0.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2009

LIABILITIES

Balance at 1st April 2009 £58.75

ASSETS

Bank Account £58.75

TOTALS £58.75

£58.75

(E.G.Smith) Treasurer

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared in accordance with the vouchers and information supplied to me.

(C. Delany) Auditor

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010
NUMBER 2 ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
		Grant Stirling Council	£373.35
Postage and Distribution	£161.36	Stirling Council Community Pride	£117.70
Website/Fax etc./Telephone	£35.11	Stirling Council Data Protection	£35.00
Information Commissioner	£35.00		
Photocopying and Printing	£50.00		
Administration Expenses (mileage etc)	£165.60		
Audit Fee	£28.00	Stirling Council Error	£270.00
Refurbishing Noticeboard	£183.99	Stirling Council Error	£270.00
Stirling Council – Repayment for Error	£540.00		
Scotways	£20.00		
		TOTAL	1066.05
Hall Hire	£12.00		
TOTAL	£1231.06		
Deficit for Year	£165.01		
TOTALS	£1066.05		£1066.05

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2010

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Balance at 1st April 2009	£1502.61	Balance per Bank	£1780.55
Add Stirling Council Repay	£270.00		
	1772.61		
Less Deficit for Year	£165.01	Less Cheques not Presented	£172.95
TOTALS	£1607.60		£1607.60

(E.G.Smith) Treasurer

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared in accordance with the vouchers and information supplied to me.

(C. Delany) Auditor

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 ST MARCH 2010

HALL HIRE	12.00
WEBSITE	35.11
POSTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION	161.36
PHOTOCOPYING AND PRINTING	50.00
DATA PROTECTION CHARGE	35.00
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (MILEAGE)	165.60
AUDIT FEE	28.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	20.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	£507.07

SIGNED C.Delaney (Auditor)

INSURANCE WILL BE ARRANGED AT A COST OF £70 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SUM WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION GRANT

SIGNED E.C. Smith (Treasurer)