

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19.

Killearn Community Council was formally disbanded in September 2018 coinciding with the standing down of some members whose experience of village matters had been invaluable. Margaret Harrison stood down as the Chairperson who had excellently guided the council through the previous term as did David Scott as Treasurer, Heather Wright as Health Correspondent and Robert Dunn as Roads Correspondent. The Community Council was reconstituted in November 2018 for a five year period with 7 members and Eva Mailer as Youth Correspondent. Suzie Henderson joined as a new member and Christine Bauwens has agreed to continue as Minutes Secretary. The Council is also grateful for the continued efforts of Doug Ashworth and Euan Shaw in Broadband Development. At present the Council is looking to adopt two new members. As detailed in the Courier remits are;-

Jim Ptolomey	Chair & Planning
Fiona Rennie	Secretary
Elizabeth Jones	Treasurer
Andrew Donaldson	Website
Hilary McGregor	Neighbourhood Care Team & Community Reference Group. Social/Health Care.
Janet Duncan	No Specific Remit
Suzie Henderson	No Specific Remit
Eva Mailer	Youth Representative

Main Issues throughout the Year have been;-

- The development of the Mactaggart and Mickel site progressed quickly with all affordable houses being occupied largely by residents with a Killearn connection early in 2019. At present only four houses remain available and the development should complete by the end of the calendar year.
- Approval was given to construct twelve affordable houses at the bottom of Lampson Road. Soil investigations are about to commence but the Housing Association wishes to develop the site in conjunction with the community. It was noted this brought the number of units to 63 compared to the prescribed total of 50 in the Local Development Plan.
- Approval has also been granted to develop five houses at Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road and work has commenced.
- Approval was obtained to convert Killearn Hotel into fourteen two and three bedroom flats and on that basis the hotel was sold by Punch Taverns to Heineken. The new owners

advertised for a developer with offers going to a closing date of 24th April. The outcome is at the moment unknown.

- A traffic island was created at the junction of Station Road and Balfron Road, positioned to allow crossing, avoid corner cutting and yet allowing on road parking outside the commercial properties. The situation is being monitored by the Roads Department but at the moment the best compromise to satisfy all conflicting interests would appear to have been found.
- Pre application discussion has taken place with Stirling Council, Cala Homes and the landowner to develop the Hospital Site. It is likely that this will lead to involvement with the Community Council as the site development brief evolves. At present it is considered that at least fifty nine houses and other amenities will be incorporated in the site.
- The Resilience Plan was updated but as yet there has been no requirement to enact the plan. This will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
- Footpath resurfacing has been undertaken in the Branziert Estate with minor patching throughout the rest of the village. The Community Council again conducted a walk round of all roads and pavements and have forwarded findings to the Roads Department for their consideration.
- In terms of The Participatory Budget/You Decide, thirteen proposals were submitted for Killlearn and voting for these was undertaken between 27th May and 24th June. As yet we do not know if any projects for the village have been selected. The budget for this is 1% of Stirling's budget or £100,000. This covers 9 villages and therefore projects will be limited in scale. Projects are for work which may be undertaken by in house services of Stirling Council.
- Strathendrick Home in Balfron will remain open as a respite unit and £300,000 has been identified by the Health Board for the facility to be upgraded.

Thanks to all Community Council members and to our Minute Secretary for their hard work throughout the year and to the Broadband Group. Thanks also to the elected Councillors and the Police for their work on our behalf.

Jim Ptolomey
Chair
Killlearn Community Council

June 2019.