

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 2020

The present Community Council was constituted in November 2018 for a five year period. At the AGM on 26th June 2019, office bearers re-elected were;-

Jim Ptolomey	Chair
Fiona Rennie	Secretary
Elizabeth Jones	Treasurer

Other members continuing on the Council were;-

Andrew Donaldson (web site), Hilary McGregor (social/health care and neighbourhood and community reference group), Janet Duncan (no specific remit) and Suzie Henderson (no specific remit).

In the course of the year the Council was augmented by the additions of Caroline Carrick (face book) and Heidi Bryce (education).

Our AGM for 2019 – 2020 was due to be held on 17th June 2020 but due to the present pandemic and on instruction from Stirling Council we were not permitted to hold this, hence the delay until this evening. We did hold a meeting by zoom on 17th June at which office bearers agreed to continue until an AGM could be held. Accounts were also signed off at that meeting.

These are strange times and I would first like to acknowledge the support given to local residents by local volunteers – their contributions – whether doing shopping, helping with chores, just being a friendly face is much appreciated. We are lucky to live in a community that has seen a high level of engagement in ‘support’ activities and has seen local businesses adapt to maintain services as best they can.

The year commenced with the announcement of major developments, Affordable Housing at Lampson Road, a Housing Development for the Hospital Site and approval for Conversion of The Killearn Hotel. These projects involved continued discussions throughout the year with the outcomes that a scheme for 89 houses at the hospital site is being processed through the planning department, a submission has been made for the hotel to transform it to accommodate 16 flats whilst detailed submission is yet to be made for Lampson Road.

Otherwise McTaggart and Mickel completed development of the Blaressan site and a further submission was made for parking and a Visitor Centre at Finnich Glen. This proposal would resolve major traffic problems which have occurred throughout the year and presently exacerbated by increases in visitors numbers during the pandemic.

The resilience plan was updated and a further inspection of all roads in the village and approaches was undertaken and forwarded to Stirling Council. Some of the identified problems are being attended to but it is an ongoing issue. Major improvement has been carried out in the Branziert, Drumbeg Loan , Main Street and through Boquhan. The Community Council continued dialogue in respect of a crossing in Main Street.

The March meeting was cancelled due to the restrictions as a result of Coronavirus. Meetings resumed via Zoom from 15th April and will continue via Zoom until restrictions are lifted. Despite this change there continues to be good attendance.

Assistance was given to KCFC in pursuit of establishing The Heritage Trail within the village and boards will soon be erected at various locations.

During the pandemic the Community Council has ensured all information and advice from Forth Valley Health Board and Stirling Council has been publicised for all residents and will continue to pass on the latest information.

The Council is appreciative of the continued efforts of Doug Ashworth and Euan Shaw in Broadband Development with all its' frustrations and for the continued service of Christine Bauwens as minute secretary.

Thanks to all our Community Council members, elected Councillors and Police for their support on our behalf throughout the year.

Jim Ptolomey

Chair

Killlearn Community Council

November 2020.