

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2014

Members present	J Allan, M Burdon, A Donaldson, J Duncan, M Harrison (Chair), E Robertson, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	E Cairns
In attendance	Cllr I Muirhead, PC D McNally, 10 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

Margaret welcomed Christine Bauwens as Minute Secretary to the meeting.

CC024 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2013

Subject to an amendment adding ten members of the public to 'In attendance', the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC025 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC002 – KCC Vacancies**

It was announced that anyone interested in joining KCC should apply by 14 February. There are currently four vacancies.

- **CC013 - Miss Shand's Bequest**

As this was being discussed at the Horticultural Committee on 15 January, it was hoped a decision would be made by the next KCC meeting.

- **CC020 - Priority Based Budgeting**

Having put information on KCC website and on both the village hall and Spar notice boards, Margery said no further comments had been received. Therefore, information was sent to SC on 4 January. It was announced that a meeting would be held in Balfron Campus on 27 January, 7.00 – 8.30 pm when various responses would be discussed and outcomes of consultations given.

- **CC022 - Road-end Bin Collection Points**

Following discussion regarding SC proposal to position road-end bin collection points to be used in the event of severe wintry weather, it was agreed that Heather write to SC requesting more grey bins be provided at such collection points to allow residents to dispose of bagged waste when their own grey bins could not be uplifted in the normal way. *(Action HW)*

Jim agreed to be the co-ordinator for the Winter Resilience Plan. It could be amended in the light of SC's proposals regarding road-end bin collections. *(Action JA)*

CC026 – POLICE MATTERS

David reported that it had been a quiet month with no crime to report.

An update was given on the Killearn Home Farm fire on-going enquiry. The fire had been deliberately started, resulting in a lot of damage. Members of the public with any information that might be helpful should contact David.

The subject of parking problems at the top of Station Road was discussed. David was aware of the situation and monitoring it.

Margery spoke to the item of correspondence regarding consultation on the local policing plan. David felt that the consultation was not really aimed at Community Councils and said that the only significant issue in Killearn was housebreaking.

With regard to the correspondence regarding Police Scotland's notice of transfer of traffic warden services to Local Authorities, David confirmed that the police will continue to deal with dangerous and problem parking. They will have authority to issue tickets, especially to repeat offenders.

CC027 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CC028 – YOUTH MATTERS

It was with sadness that Eilidh informed KCC of the death of a fourth year student at Balfron High School on Boxing Day. Her funeral took place on 8 January. In order to offer extra support to her fellow students, the school staff opened the Strathendrick Suite as a place of sanctuary.

Eilidh also reported on the Health Hub which is currently taking place on Monday lunchtimes. This is a support group of professionals available to talk to students who are experiencing problems. Information, leaflets and advice are available.

CC029 – TREASURER'S REPORT

No transactions have taken place during the last four weeks. Current balance stands at £1223.09.

David informed the meeting that he had been experiencing considerable problems with the Bank of Scotland with regard to the KCC account. Should these not be resolved satisfactorily, it was agreed that the account be moved to the Royal Bank of Scotland.

CC030 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

13/00779/FUL Proposed new dwelling on the footprint of previous slurry tank at land and building 65 metres north of Ballochruin Farm, Killearn

KCC decided to make no comment on this application

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

13/00654/FUL New site access with gated entrance at Beechknowe, 6 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG. Decision: Approve with conditions

13/00672/FUL New extension including double garage, bedroom over and new connecting stair at Endrick Cottage, Killearn G63 0LF.
Decision: Approve with conditions

13/00680/FUL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 33 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NZ. Decision: Approve with conditions

13/00727/FUL Rear extension to dwelling house at 3 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RE. Decision: Approve with conditions

- **Planning Appeals**

13/00337/FUL Erection of dwelling house at garden ground at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn [house with thatched roof]. Decision: Appeal allowed and planning permission granted by the Reporter to the Scottish Government, with conditions.

- **Planning Enforcement**

13/00132/UNAUTH Erection of garden shed at The Oaks, Killearn G63 9SF. Case closed: no breach of planning control

- **Other Planning Issues**

Stirling Open Space Strategy: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Post Adoption Statement, November 2013.

- **Stirling Local Development Plan Update**

Examination of the Local Development Plan for Stirling is still current. The final report will appear on the Department for Planning and Environment Appeals and on SC websites. It is anticipated that the report will be published by 6 March 2014.

CC031 – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL (SCOTLAND) BILL

A sub-group of David, Heather, Jim and Margaret formulated a draft response to the above, commenting on 50 of the 75 questions. It was agreed that Margaret send this response to the Scottish Government by 24 January expressing in favour of the following aims of the Draft Bill:

- Community ownership or control of assets such as land and buildings
- Community participation in improving service delivery
- Onus on local authorities to establish and publicise registers of all Common Good assets
- Extension of community right to buy to all areas of Scotland
- Establishment of Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) between local authorities and other public sector bodies in their area, to strengthen community planning
- Encouragement of allotments in areas where there is a demonstrated demand
(Action MH)

CC032 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- The main points from the results of SC Survey of Local Authority CCs were described.
- It was agreed to register interest in Scottish Rural Parliament by email.
(Action MB)
- Following very positive discussion on the consultation on the proposed move of Dumgoyne Post Office to Oakwood, Margery would send the following comments:

Easy access available at Oakwood, especially for disabled customers
Good car parking facilities
Appreciate seven day service availability
No concerns about new location, indeed appreciate that a Post Office will remain in this locality
No local community issues affected
Express appreciation of the excellent service given by Killearn postal workers
(Action MB)
- It was agreed that KCC should participate in the Broadband Advisory Group and that Andrew represent the council at meetings.

CC033 – SPECIAL TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Three topics were suggested:

- Communication

Following discussion, it was agreed that Margery produce a one-sided A4 sheet of information on KCC with key points. (*Action MB*)

KCC website is currently being updated by Andrew and will be available for initial comments from members in due course.

- Rural Broadband
- Youth Meeting

CC034 – ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Jim spoke regarding the High Hedges Scotland Act which is due to come into force in 2014 and will empower local councils to reduce the height of high hedges and bill the owner if no resolution can be met with the respective neighbours. Despite contacting SC Tree Officer, Scottish Media Networks and the Citizens Advice Bureau to find out more information, no-one seemed to know whether SC had prepared guidelines for action on high hedges. Cllr Muirhead agreed to make further enquiries and update KCC.
- Following a meeting in February with Killearn Hoolie, it is hoped to agree a date for a formal handover of the memorial plaque for the Queen Elizabeth Field.
- It was announced that the path at the top of Birch Road had been opened just before Christmas but no final date is known for the completion of the new bungalows.
- Due to insufficient available funds, the building of the Football Pavillion has been delayed.
- It was agreed that Margaret represent KCC on Killearn Community Futures Co.

CC035 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 19 February 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2014

Members present	J Allan, M Burdon, E Cairns, A Donaldson, M Harrison (Chair), D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	J Duncan, E Robertson
In attendance	Cllr A Berrill, PC D McNally, B Wilson, 8 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

Margaret informed the meeting that David Morley has been appointed as a new member of KCC.

CC036 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2014

Subject to the bank balance figure in CC029 being altered from £2200.00 to £1223.09, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC037 – GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Brian Wilson from Trading Standards, Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils spoke on Doorstep Crime. There has been an increase in bogus callers scamming local residents out of large sums of money for shoddy work, and although the vast majority of businesses are entirely reputable, Mr Wilson emphasised the need for vigilance when dealing with cold callers. Often the elderly and vulnerable are targeted and once deceived, they sometimes lose self-confidence, resulting in loss of health or independence.

Mr Wilson explained how bogus callers offer to carry out a relatively simple job such as clearing gutters. Once gaining access to the roof, they “discover” something more serious that needs attention, all the while increasing the cost of the job. It should be noted that a company carrying out any job costing £35 or more, must give details of written cancellation rights to the customer.

Anyone who has any doubts regarding a cold caller or flyer posted through their door should contact Trading Standards by phoning 01786 443322 or by emailing tradingstandards@stirling.gov.uk. They will be happy to answer any queries and have the authority to run checks on suspicious businesses or telephone numbers. Internet, telephone, letter and doorstep crime are all investigated by Trading Standards. For local approved traders, please contact Trading Standards or visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

It was suggested that residents put stickers on their door saying items or services are not purchased at the door. Stickers are available from KCC or from Stirling Doorstep Crime Partnership by telephoning 0845 277 7000. It was also suggested that residents emphasise that Killearn is a no cold calling zone.

CC038 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC031 - Community Empowerment and Renewal (Scotland) Bill**

A response to the Scottish Government has been sent.

- **CC032 - Proposed move of Dumgoyne Post Office to Oakwood**

The consultation response has been submitted.

- **CC025 - Miss Shand's Bequest**

Following the Horticultural Committee meeting, the requested funds have been made available to replace the fallen oak tree on the field.

- **CC022 - Road-end Bin Collection Points**

Following further communication regarding the above, SC does not have spare bins to be provided in the event of severe wintry weather. However, KCC should approach them again at the end of the year.

- **CC033 - Communication**

Two KCC news Update sheets have been produced giving details on items of local interest. These were posted on the two village notice boards and will also appear in the Killearn Kirk newsletter. Subsequent KCC updates will be printed in different colours and use the QR code to enable anyone to access KCC website directly. Suggestions for future Updates should be given to Margery.

- **CC034 - Queen Elizabeth Field Plaque**

The cairn for the memorial plaque will be built by the end of March and sited at the Endrick Road end of the field.

The new road for the bungalows in Birch Road is under construction and is hoped to be completed by March/April.

CC039 – POLICE MATTERS

PC David McNally reported that it had been a relatively quiet month again with the exception of three break-ins at the end of January/beginning of February. In two cases, the owners were away on holiday. No-one, as yet, has been arrested but the police are continuing their investigations with the aid of DNA evidence.

David emphasised the need for vigilance when neighbours are on holiday and made several helpful recommendations to deter would-be burglars. Members of the public with any concerns should contact David.

Police Scotland have defined priorities for policing in this area as housebreaking, road safety, community policing and anti social behaviour.

CC040 – QUESTION TIME

A question was raised as to when the brown bins would be collected again. Margaret agreed to check SC website for further information. (*Action MH*)

CC041 – YOUTH MATTERS

Ellie reported on the following activities at Balfron High School:

- Visit of Blood Transfusion Service for pupils aged over 17 years to donate blood
- First Curriculum for Excellence prelims held in January
- Fund raising programme for Malawi students to visit Balfron in the summer

CC042 – TREASURER'S REPORT

It was agreed that the KCC account with the Bank of Scotland be closed and that the bank account be moved to the Royal Bank of Scotland, Drymen Branch.

The end of year for KCC annual accounts is 31 March. The accounts require to be examined by an independent person and David agreed to find a suitable examiner.
(Action DS)

CC043 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

13/00721/FUL Proposed shop front alterations including relocating existing entrance and new porch extension and ramp to rear of store at 52 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH [Co-op]

13/00756/FUL Extend front of outbuilding at side and new pitched roof at 15 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QF

13/00799/MS C Erection of single dwelling house with detached garage at land adjacent to north of Craighat Cottage, Blanefield. The applicant has Planning Permission in Principle 10/00636/PPP and 11/00285/PPP to build a house on this site. The present application deals with Matters Specified in Conditions of the approval in principle

14/00047/FUL Front entrance porch at Drumtitan House, Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QA

KCC decided to make no comment on these applications.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

13/00779/FUL Proposed new dwelling on the footprint of previous slurry tank at land and building 65 metres north of Ballochruin Farm, Killearn
Decision: Approve with conditions

- **Stirling Local Development Plan**

The report will be completed on 6 March 2014 and will appear on the Department for Planning and Environment Appeals website.

CC044 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margery reported on the meeting regarding Priority Based Budgeting on 27 January. Overall she felt that comments made had been taken on board. The consultation process will culminate at the SC budget decision meeting to be held on 20 February 2014.

One thousand people had been involved in producing responses. Further information is available in the Communications Report on SC website. Appendix G provides lists of comments and responses. Although a channel of communication with councillors had been opened up, it was felt that better documentation and better information from SC was required if more community engagement is to be encouraged.

The South West Area Forum met on 17 February and Margery outlined the following points from the meeting:

- Priority to be given to dealing with house break-ins and card skimming in PACT Report & Review of Forth & Endrick Police Plan.
- Free home fire safety visit from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service available to local residents.
- Intensive medical care for patients over 65 years by caring for them at home rather than in hospital. Following a pilot study in Callander, funding has now been secured for a similar project in Balfron.

CC045 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

Further information from Service Manager, RVS Forth Valley regarding voluntary services for older people is being sent.

Recent flooding in the Rowan Crescent area was discussed as concern regarding contamination of drinking water had been raised by a local resident. SC have been contacted and the matter discussed at their meeting on 20 February 2014. The meeting was informed that former KCC member, Nigel Kelly, was willing to be consulted and give advice on this matter.

CC046 – ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- The KCC website has been updated by Andrew and is now live. Any feedback and comments are welcome and should be sent via the contact address on the website.
- Over the next year, everyone in Killearn will be consulted regarding ideas for new facilities in the village to make it a better place. The updating of the Village Plan is being co-ordinated by Brenda Pell and Peter Wilks.
- A Beauldy-Denny Stirling environmental mitigation consultation drop-in event will be held on Monday 17 March 2014 at the Allan Community Centre Lounge, Bridge of Allan.

- Further to the discovery of lead and arsenic contamination in Blanefield, the UK Government has agreed to contribute £255,000 and SC has pledged £125,000 to help with removal costs. It is hoped that the Scottish Government will also contribute.
- A member of the public expressed concern about a very loud firework display organised at a charity event in the Village Hall on 15 February 2014. No warning had been given to village residents. It was agreed that Margaret raise the issue at the KCFC Board Meeting on 20 February 2014 and, if needs be, write to the event organiser and Village Hall Committee regarding these concerns.
(Action MH and MB)

CC047 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 19 March 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.38 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2014

Members present J Allan, M Burdon, E Cairns, M Harrison (Chair), D Scott, H Wright
Apologies A Donaldson, J Duncan, D Morley, PC D McNally, E Robertson
In attendance Cllr G Lambie, 22 members of the public,
 C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC048 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2014

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC042 alter first sentence to read, "It was agreed that the KCC account with the Bank of Scotland be closed and that the bank account be moved to the Royal Bank of Scotland, Drymen Branch."

CC046 alter point four to read £255,000 instead of £225,000.

CC049 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC037 – Doorstep Crime**

Margery reported that she had spoken to the Thursday Club, alerting members to the increase in Doorstep Crime. Literature was distributed and is also available from the Village Hall.

- **CC046 – AOCB - Firework Display**

Following concern about the recent firework display at an event in the Village Hall, the matter was raised with KCFC. A letter of apology was received from the Chair of the Village Hall Operating Committee. It would appear that the organisers of the event disregarded the terms of agreement. This situation will be rectified and in future, notice of firework displays will be given to residents.

- **CC040 – Question Time - Brown Bins**

SC informed KCC that brown bins will be uplifted from 20 March for all residents.

CC050 – POLICE MATTERS

As PC David McNally was unable to attend the meeting, his report was given by Margery.

It had been a relatively settled and quiet month with the exception of two incidents. In the early hours of 2 March, the bus stop in Main Street near the Co-op was vandalised. A local resident notified the police and two males were traced and charged.

Between the early hours of 2 March and the morning of 3 March, a number of interior tiles were stolen from an agricultural shed at Killearn Home Farm. Anyone with any information regarding this matter should contact Balfron Police Office.

In addition to the above, the closure of B834 from 14 - 17 April for resurfacing was announced. The issue of safety at the bridge near Blane Smithy was raised with suggestions that cutting back bushes and trees to improve visibility would be helpful. It was also voiced that traffic lights or reversing priority to favour downhill traffic approaching the bridge should also be investigated. It was agreed that Margaret write to Brian Roberts of the Road Safety Department, SC and that Cllr Lambie also raise the issue. *(Action MH)*

It was reported that fly tipping had occurred at Station Road. It was agreed that Heather contact SC Environmental Department and Margery alert PC McNally regarding this. *(Action HW and MB)*

The result of the nomination for PC McNally as a baton bearer for the Commonwealth Games is still awaited. The baton will pass through Killearn on Sunday 6 July.

CC051 – QUESTION TIME

Concern regarding contaminated water in the Rowan Crescent area was raised again. A new drain is due to be put in the school grounds during the Easter holidays. This will be of some help but does not address the sewage contamination problem. Cllr Lambie agreed to contact SC Head of Housing Department regarding the situation.

A number of residents spoke to the problem of dog fouling, in particular on the path to the school beside the new housing development. To help raise awareness, it was agreed to highlight the problem via the Killearn Courier and through correspondence from the school to parents. It was requested Cllr Lambie arrange for the Dog Warden to patrol the area again. *(Action HW)*

CC052 – YOUTH MATTERS

Ellie reported that pupils welcomed KCFC offer of study space in the Club Room of the Village Hall. This will be available Monday – Thursday from 4.00 - 6.00 pm for six weeks during the summer term at a cost of £1 per evening.

CC053 – TREASURER'S REPORT

The banking situation has improved with the KCC account now held with Royal Bank of Scotland in Drymen. Over the past month, cheques have been issued to the value of £109.80, leaving the current balance at £1113.29.

As the end of year for KCC annual accounts is 31 March, David Scott informed KCC that he would have a draft set of accounts produced for the meeting in April.

CC054 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00086/FUL Proposed change of use of agricultural land to garden ground at land adjacent to West of Kincaple, Jenny Gunns Loan, Boquhan

14/00151/FUL Replacement of previous double garage, dismantled in 2013 for relocated access at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ

14/00154/FUL Erection of dwelling house on garden ground north east of
29 Main Street, Killearn

KCC decided to make no comment on these applications.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

13/00603/PPP Erection of a dwelling house in garden ground of 25 Station Road,
Killearn

Decision: Approve with conditions.

13/00721/FUL Proposed shop front alterations... [Co-op]

Decision: Approve with conditions

13/00756/FUL Extend front of outbuilding at side and new pitched roof at
15 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QF

Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00047/FUL Front entrance porch at Drumtian House, Drumtian Road, Killearn
G63 9QA

Decision: Approve

- **Planning Enforcement**

13/00081/UNADV Siting of estate agent signage, land adjacent to east of
Beech Drive, Killearn

Case closed - signage removed

- **Stirling Local Development Plan**

The decision of the Reporter can be viewed at www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan. Margaret had prepared a summary of the decisions (Appendix to this minute). In discussion the following points were raised:

Unease was expressed regarding the process, whereby the Reporter, who was not democratically accountable, overturned the proposals put forward by SC. Concern was voiced that the views of SC planning team were so different from that of the Reporter. Confidence in the planning process was lessened and members of public felt that the considerable work undertaken by Killearn residents had been ignored and the democratic process sidelined.

Considerable concern was expressed regarding the impact of 30 new houses at Blairessan. It was felt that the proposed roundabout access from Station Road, additional footpath and possible pedestrian crossing together with necessary tree felling, would have a major impact on the village with views of the Glebe and Loch Lomond being totally changed. KCC would exercise the opportunity to comment on the detailed development brief for the site and at every stage of the planning process thereafter.

The Killearn Hospital site was an opportunity to create a high quality design mix of housing, business, leisure and tourism developments. Disappointment was expressed that the Reporter considered that without intervention by an outside agency, no development might take place in the foreseeable future. The site has lain derelict since the hospital closed in the late 1960s and the collapsing buildings are a health and safety hazard. The community wishes action to be taken to clean up this site as soon as possible.

It was noted that the Station Road site was to be removed from the LDP, and KCC welcomed the decision not to build 50 houses on this site.

According to advice from SC planners, the circumstances in which SC may depart from the Reporter's recommendations are very limited. However, Cllr Lambie intended to investigate the possibility of challenging the recommendations, as the Reporter did not agree to hearings for both Killearn and Fintry, despite a request from the full SC.

Following discussion, it was agreed that on behalf of KCC, Margaret would express considerable disquiet about the Blaressan development and access from Station Road, taking into account the views expressed at the meeting. When it comes to planning the detailed development brief for the site, KCC wish to be involved and would try to influence matters at that stage. KCC would also urge the development of the Hospital site as a matter of priority.

CC055 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret outlined the following points from the meeting attended with KCFC on 20 February:

- Progress reports on KCFC projects
- Discussion on recent firework display
- Update of the Village Plan
- Need to publicise club facilities below the Village Hall

CC056 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- Changes to Post Office at Main Street, Killearn resulting in facilities being available during Spar opening hours.
- Notification from the Boundary Commission that work has started on the review of local government electoral arrangements.
- Dumgoyne Post Office will open at Oakwood on 7 April.

CC057 – ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Jim informed the meeting that all councils have now received government guidelines on how to implement the High Hedges Scotland Act which is due to come into force on 1 April 2014.
- He also drew attention to speeding traffic on Station Road. Unlike other local villages, Killearn has no 40 mph signs leading into the 30 mph zone. It was suggested that the 30 mph limit be extended to Lampson Road at the edge of the village, with a 40 mph zone enforced until the roundabout.
- A request was received from a resident that a 30 mph sign be erected on Gartness Road on approach to the village.
- A81 will be closed at Blanefield on Sunday 23 March from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.
- Work will continue on Main Street from March - August with traffic disruption.

- Heather spoke regarding pothole damage. As SC will only provide compensation for damage to vehicles if they have a record of a formal complaint prior to the incident, residents are urged to report potholes when seen. Please email complaints to stirlingcouncilcrm@stirling.gov.uk and state the following:

Location of pothole, giving name of road and nearest house address if appropriate

Approximate size of pothole – width, length and depth

Include a photograph of the pothole if possible

CC058 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 16 April 2014 at 8.00 pm.

Please note change of venue to Killearn Village Hall (Committee Room).

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2014

Members present	J Allan, M Burdon, A Donaldson, J Duncan, M Harrison (Chair), E Robertson, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	E Cairns, D Morley
In attendance	Cllr G Lambie, PC D McNally, 15 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC059 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC060 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC050 – Police Matters - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

SC was contacted regarding the issue of traffic priority at the bridge near Blane Smithy but as no response had been received, it was suggested the matter be raised at the South West Area Forum in May. *(Action MH)*

- **CC051 – Question Time - Contaminated Water**

Disappointment was expressed that the new drain had not been put in the school grounds during the Easter holidays. The work is now due to take place in June. It was agreed that Margaret contact SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency) to seek their advice regarding the sewage contamination problem, with a copy being sent to SC Environmental Health Department. *(Action MH)*

- **CC051 – Question Time - Dog Fouling**

The Primary School Parent Council has agreed to raise the issue of dog fouling in their next newsletter to parents. SC Dog Warden has also been alerted to the problem. In addition, Margery advised the meeting that if anyone sees dog fouling taking place, they should report it by calling 0845 277 7000. Members of the public can phone anonymously if they wish and can also report names if they recognise the dog owners.

CC061 – POLICE MATTERS

PC David McNally reported the following incidents:

- Theft of champagne, expensive beef and cheeses from Co-op. This occurred on the same day as similar products were stolen from the Co-op stores in Callander and Aberfoyle. The perpetrator was identified and caught in Inverness.
- Tree lopper stolen.
- Car vandalism at Ballikinrain School.

- Vandalism at Ibert House.
- Person charged with possessing drugs on Main Street.
- Audi Q7 car theft. This was the second time this car had been stolen. It was found in Barlanark, Glasgow and returned to owner.
- Break-in at two houses in Allan Road and Lampson Road. Both houses were unoccupied with residents away on a short break. David urged members of the public to be especially vigilant when neighbours' houses are empty and to contact the police with any concerns.
- Drunk driver apprehended in Napier Road.
- Four speeding charges have been made, with fixed penalties issued.

CC062 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC063 – YOUTH MATTERS

Eilidh reported that Balfron High School had taken part in a fund raising event for Sport Relief. The National 5, Intermediate 1 and 2, and Advanced Higher exams will take place from 28 April to 2 June. At the end of school year, a special lunch event is planned for this year's school leavers.

CC064 – TREASURER'S REPORT

David Scott presented a draft Income and Expenditure Account for 2013/2014 and informed the meeting that Ian Somerville has been asked to examine the accounts. As he is currently on holiday, Ian will examine the accounts at the beginning of May, thus enabling David to produce the final draft of accounts for the next KCC meeting.

CC065 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00094/FUL Proposed removal of existing conservatory and extension to rear of property to form new family room with wood burning stove. Ridge line to be increased in height. Front entrance door to be relocated and existing door to be infilled to form new window at Birchwood, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY [on pipeline track]

14/00169/FUL Formation of 2 dormers (one to south and one to north) at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NW [in Conservation Area]

It was agreed that KCC object to 14/00169/FUL on grounds of loss of privacy.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

13/00799/MSC Erection of single dwelling house with detached garage at land adjacent to north of Craighat Cottage, Blanefield
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00086/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to garden ground at Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan
Decision: Approve

- **Other Planning Issues**

Implementation of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013, came into force on 1 April 2014. Householders may apply to Stirling Council for action where neighbours have not been able to resolve a dispute amicably

- **Stirling Local Development Plan**

Margaret presented a draft response by KCC to the Reporter's decision on the Stirling Local Development Plan. We had not been invited to respond, but KCC wished to emphasise strongly the need for SC and the developer to consult the local community at each stage of the proposed development at Blaressan field. KCC also wished to convey the views of the local community that the former Killearn Hospital site should be cleared and redeveloped as soon as possible. There followed a lengthy discussion with members of the public voicing their thoughts on the matter. The draft was agreed, subject to strengthening of the first paragraph and mention of the desirability of developing brownfield sites, rather than greenfield ones. It was agreed the KCC response document should be sent to Kevin Robertson and Peter Morgan. A copy is attached as Appendix to this minute.

CC066 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Heather outlined the following points from the Stirling Public Partnership Health Forum attended on 26 March 2014:

- Introduction of Alex Linkston as new Chief Executive of Forth Valley Health Board.
- Living it Up (LiU) website initiative aimed at the over 50s to promote healthy living and management of long term conditions. Please see www.livingitup.org.uk for further information.

CC067 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- Petition from Boquhan residents seeking support for upgrading a section of the pavement, south of Blackhill crossroads, on A875 between Killearn and Balfron. It was agreed that KCC should support this petition.
- Complaint from a resident about the state of the Woodland Cemetery. KCFC and SC Cemetery Officer were working to try to rectify the situation.
- Removal of 30 mph speed limit on Station Road to beyond Lampson Road is under consideration by SC.
- The new bungalows on Birch Road are complete but waiting for water to be connected. Once this has been done, the road and pavements will be finished. Margaret had spoken with Scottish Water regarding the situation and awaits their reply.

- The cairn and commemorative plaque have been erected in the park. It is hoped to arrange an inauguration ceremony at the forthcoming Killearn Hoolie.
- Killearn Primary School Parent Council is trying to raise funds to upgrade the path from Beech Drive to the school. It was recommended they contact Jean Cowie at SC regarding organisations to contact for funding. (*Action JA*)

CC068 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A81 closed at Blanefield on 27 April 2014, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, for resurfacing works.

CC069 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 21 May 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2014

Members present	J Allan, M Burdon, E Cairns, M Harrison (Chair), D Morley, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	A Donaldson, J Duncan, E Robertson
In attendance	PC J Parkinson, 18 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC070 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC071 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC060 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

As further road works are due to commence on 2 June, it was agreed Margaret contact SC Roads Department to request the issue of traffic priority at the bridge be considered at that time. (*Action MH*)

- **CC060 – Matters Arising - Contaminated Water**

Although SC still intend carrying out remedial work in the summer, no date has been set. This work will address the problem of surface water from Crosshead Road and the Primary School. Any potential sewage contamination is the responsibility of Scottish Water, not SC. SEPA will only investigate where there is evidence of contamination.

- **CC067 – Correspondence - Birch Road Bungalows**

Scottish Water is still awaiting information from SC regarding water connection. Following a complaint from a local resident, the Stirling Observer newspaper plans to print an article on Friday 23 May regarding the lack of progress with this development.

- **CC067 – Correspondence - Field in Trust**

Following contact with Killearn Hoolie, it is hoped to have a small inauguration ceremony on 7 June at the children's races event. (*Action MH*)

CC072 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Jamie Parkinson was welcomed to the meeting. Following changes to policing in Forth Valley Division, there are now 5 community police officers providing 24 hour policing in this area.

PC Parkinson reported the following incidents:

- Jewellery stolen from a house break-in in Branziert Road North.
- Dangerous driving on Stockiemuir Road, resulting in three males being charged.
- Break-in at Croy Leckie at Killearn Home Farm. Four individuals have been traced following a similar break-in in Argyll. Further to the fire at Home Farm in December 2013, significant information has come to light. An update will be given at next month's KCC meeting.
- Road accident at Blane Smithy roundabout where a car crashed and was set on fire. Three individuals have been arrested and have appeared at court.
- Six fixed penalties for speeding offences issued in Killearn. Speed checks conducted in Boquhan and Dumgoyne in response to community concerns.
- House break-in in Maple Crescent with high value jewellery being targeted.

Over the past month, up to ten officers have been working night shifts in the west Stirlingshire area in an effort to resolve the housebreaking problem. Members of the public are urged to remain vigilant and immediately report anything suspicious to the police by dialling 999.

A request was made for police to monitor bad driving at the chicanes on Beech Drive.

CC073 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of difficulties experienced by those using mobility scooters around the village. An audit of accessibility of roads and pavements around Killearn would be worthwhile, and it was suggested that this be discussed at the forthcoming Village Action Plan meeting on 22 May.

Due to the lack of progress with the new bungalows in Birch Road, it was agreed that KCC write to SC protesting about the matter. It was also requested that the makeshift footpath at the top of the Birch Road be made safer. (*Action MH*)

It was announced that KCFC had received an anonymous donation of £1400 to purchase a defibrillator which will be housed outside the village hall.

As Janet Duncan will be retiring from Killearn Post Office at the end of May, it was agreed to organise a monetary collection at the Village Action Plan meeting as a token of the village's appreciation for her work. An information flyer and collecting box will be available at the meeting and David Scott agreed to act as banker for the funds.

CC074 – YOUTH MATTERS

Ellie reported that unfortunately there had been a very low uptake on the offer of study space in the village hall. National 4 and 5 exams, together with Intermediate 1 and 2 and Advanced Higher exams are underway. S6 pupils have now left school after their graduation ceremony and school leavers' lunch.

Ellie and Eilidh will be leaving KCC in the summer. Emily Gardner has been proposed as a new youth member and will be invited to the June meeting. Ellie agreed to try to find a second youth member.

CC075 – TREASURER'S REPORT

There have been no transactions in the past month. KCC draft Income and Expenditure Account for 2013/2014 was audited by Ian Somerville and appreciation was recorded for his help in this matter. KCC approved the account for adoption at the June KCC AGM.

CC078 – PLANNING

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/000094/FUL Proposed removal of existing conservatory and extension to rear of property to form new family room with woodburning stove. Ridge line to be increased in height. Front entrance door to be relocated and existing door to be infilled to form new window at Birchwood, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00151/FUL Replacement of previous double garage, dismantled in 2013 for relocated access, at 5 Main Street, Killearn
Decision: Approve

14/00154/FUL Erection of dwelling house at garden ground north east of 29 Main Street, Killearn
Decision: Refuse

14/00169/FUL Formation of 2 dormers (one to south and one to north) at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfron Road, Killearn
Decision: Approve

14/00204 Erection of dwelling house at garden ground to south west of Drumfin, Endrick Road, Killearn
Decision: Approve with conditions

KCC expressed concern at the apparent lack of consistency in planning decisions within the conservation area of the village.

No new planning applications had been received.

- **Stirling Local Development Plan**

A response to KCC comments on the SLDP has been received from SC planners. This will be made available on KCC website at www.killearncc.org.uk.

Just before the beginning of the KCC meeting, Margaret had received an email from Steve Taylor of Ideas Ltd on behalf of Mansell Homes in connection with the development on Blaressan Field. Whilst wishing to encourage dialogue, KCC agreed that a future meeting be arranged with the developers once SC has outlined its brief for the site. (*Action MH*)

CC079 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margery outlined the following points from the meeting organised by SC for community councillors and Digital Scotland held on 23 April 2014:

- Digital Scotland is the organisation appointed by the Scottish Government to ensure superfast broadband is delivered throughout Scotland. Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC) infrastructure will be required for most areas to allow download rates of around 80 Mbps, compared to about 8 Mbps currently available in Killearn.
- Killearn is due to be upgraded in the second half of 2016.

At the KCC meeting, members of the public expressed the desire that the whole of Killearn Parish be upgraded and not just Killearn village.

Margaret reported the following from the Rural South West Area Forum held on 19 May 2014:

- Information from the roads maintenance programme showed that of 1011 km of roads in SC area, 42% require attention. (Scottish average is 36%).
- LEADER programme for rural development to run from 2015 – 2020. Emphasis will be on economic benefit with possible additional funds for broadband and rural businesses.
- Role of the Area Forum in community planning.

CC080 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- The Commonwealth baton relay route on Sunday 6 July will come from Aberfoyle, via B834, Station Road in Killearn and then on to Balfron.
- A81 closed from Ballat crossroads to roundabout at Aberfoyle. 26 – 30 May.
- Blane Smithy Road closed from 8.00 am – 8.00 pm on any one day from 2 – 6 June.
- A81 closed from Ballat crossroads to Ward Toll. 2 – 4 June.
- Killearn Post Office at the Spar will be closed from 5.30 pm on 10 June until 12 June for refurbishment. New opening hours will be Monday – Saturday, 7.00 am – 10.00 pm and Sunday, 8.00 am – 10.00 pm.

CC081 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notification was given of the KCFC Village Action Plan meeting to be held on Thursday 22 May in the village hall. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

CC082 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM and next KCC meeting will take place on 18 June 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014

Members present M Burdon, A Donaldson, M Harrison (Chair), D Scott, H Wright

Apologies J Allan, E Cairns, J Duncan, D Morley, E Robertson,

In attendance Cllr A Berrill, P Campbell (SC), 12 members of the public,
C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC083 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC084 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC071 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

SC has agreed to erect road signs warning of oncoming traffic in the middle of the road. In order to improve visibility, trees will also be cut back. No dates for this work have been given.

- **CC071 – Matters Arising - Birch Road Bungalows**

As SC have not responded to communications from Margaret or Cllr Lambie, it was agreed that Margaret write a strongly worded complaint to the Chief Executive, SC regarding the situation.

Concern was again expressed about the deteriorating pavement at the top of Birch Road and it was requested that this be repaired as soon as possible.

There was strong feeling amongst members of the public that the remaining grassed area of the turnip field was unacceptable as an appropriate play area for the children. It was felt the area was unsafe and posed a health and safety risk for children. The area requires to be made safe by clearing all stones and rocks, then levelled appropriately and reseeded with grass.

(Action MH)

- **CC078 – Local Development Plan**

The Modified Plan would be presented to Stirling Council on 26 June and if approved would then be sent to Scottish Government. It was envisaged that the Modified LDP would be adopted by Stirling Council by the end of July.

CC085 – POLICE MATTERS

As the police had been called out to an incident, no-one was able to attend the meeting. Margery, therefore, explained the new policing arrangements for Forth Valley Division.

David Konkol and David Hannah are the two sergeants at Balfron Police Station who will cover the day to day policing in the area. In addition, there are 15 officers in Balfron to provide 24 hour policing, five of whom have specific focus on Killearn, Blanefield and

Fintry. These officers are Constables Lorna Deans, Steven Graham, Alan McCallum, Ross McNaught and Paul Roose.

Any queries can be emailed to ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk and will be dealt with by a sergeant.

Please phone 999 in an emergency or for non-urgent matters, phone 101 to speak to a local officer.

The monthly written police community council report contained the following information:

- Speed enforcement duties carried out in Killearn have resulted in 8 offences, three of which were by Killearn residents. Two drivers were reported to the Fiscal for driving at 52 and 59 mph.
- Housebreak-ins have continued in the area. It was suggested that further details be requested in future reports such as numbers, location, timings etc.
- Patrols have been increased in the local villages and additional resources used to provide extra patrols and co-ordinated road checks at strategic junctions. Checks are currently taking place on the A81.

Noisy driving around the village appeared to have ceased. Appreciation was expressed by local residents who had contacted the police by phoning 101 and had their queries dealt with very efficiently.

CC086 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC087 – YOUTH MATTERS

There were no youth matters.

CC088 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Transactions in the past month: £88.06

Current bank balance: £1113.31

CC089 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00318/PPP Subdivision of building into 3 and 4 bedroom dwelling houses and erection of one new dwelling house at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ

KCC to question whether this application meets planning guidelines for houses in the countryside and ask if the property could be re-used for business use.

14/00325/PPP Proposed single storey dwelling house at land adjacent to west of Kincapple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan [The applicants recently applied to convert this ground from agricultural to garden use]

No comment.

14/00329/FUL Two new dwellings at land and buildings at former Hall, Main Street, Killearn [Scout Hall site]
KCC to question planning rules relating to infill developments within the Conservation Area and lack of consistency in decision making. Also note refusal of similar application in 2009 and access road restriction to five houses.

14/00341/FUL Demolish existing playroom, internal alterations and single storey side extension to existing dwelling house at Blairbeg, 7 Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QA
No comment.

14/00357/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new side and rear extension at 27 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QF
No comment.

CC090 – COMMUNICATION

Margery and Andrew spoke on communication. KCC Update posters with items of immediate interest to the community have been produced and placed in the Village Hall and Spar notice boards. In addition to this, it was agreed to compile a mailing list of residents wishing to receive Updates by email. With regard to information to be given in the email, the following points were discussed:

- Road closures.
- Normally one Update per month unless emergency information requires to be given.
- Information on floods, snow, fallen trees etc.
- Purpose of email must be clearly defined at the outset.
- After one year, request feedback.
- Unsubscribe facility be made available.
- Provide links to other information.
- Subscribe to email list from KCC website.
- Start in September.

CC091 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret reported on the KCFC meeting attended on 5 June 2014 and outlined the following points.

- Defibrillator to be located left of entrance to the Village Hall on Friday 20 June. Training will be advertised. It has been suggested that another defibrillator be located, possibly at the Co-op.
- Village Action Plan meeting on 22 May 2014 was attended by over 100 people. Suggestions are currently being analysed. A questionnaire will be delivered and collected from all households in August.
- Friends of Abbeyfield to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.
- All Killearn Archive have interviewed Jay Houghton re the early days of the Post Office and have photographed the interior of Dumgoyne Post Office which is now closed.

Margery reported the following from the Community Council Conversation meeting:

- Speakers were Stewart Carruth, deputy chief executive SC, Joyce Wrighton, Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) and Margaret Vass, Strathblane Community Council.
- Group discussion provided an opportunity to make useful contacts and share ideas.

Heather informed the meeting she would attend the health meeting on Wednesday 25 June 2014. Her report will be available on KCC website at the end of June. The meeting would focus on the Ambulance Service and first responders.

CC092 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- Residents are encouraged to gather on Station Road at 11.52 am on Sunday 6 July 2014 to see the Commonwealth baton being carried through Killearn.
- Consultation on proposals for councillor numbers.
- A809 closed from junction with A811 to junction with Endrick Way from 8.00 am – 8.00 pm, 30 June – 4 July.
- Closure of Strathblane Road at Milngavie Reservoir for one week beginning 23 June from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm each day.
- Closure of A811 from Gargunnock to Stirling for Armed Services Day on Saturday 28 June from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm.
- No Waiting at Any Time restriction on Main Street, Drymen opposite Buchanan Arms for 18 months from 1 July as parking is causing congestion.
- First aid training for CC members on 18 September in Village Hall. It is possible this may be extended to other nominated people pending clarification.
- Wind-up torches and 2-way radios etc to be added to existing community resilience packs.
- Community empowerment and renewal bill launched.

CC093 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

CC094 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 September 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.44 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

Members present	M Burdon, A Donaldson, J Duncan, M Harrison (Chair), D Morley, K Robertson, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	J Allan, Cllr I Muirhead
In attendance	PC L Deans, 14 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting after the summer recess and introduced Kirstie Robertson as the new youth member of KCC.

CC095 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC096 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC084 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

SC has cut back the trees to improve visibility. New road signs have yet to be erected.

- **CC084 – Matters Arising - Birch Road Bungalows**

The bungalows have been completed and are now occupied. Pavements at the top of Birch Road have been patched and the water pipe removed from the field and graveyard. With regard to the remaining grassed area of the turnip field, SC has agreed to restore the field and reseed the grass. This work has still to be carried out. SC has also ordered new child-sized goal posts.

- **CC067 – Correspondence – Speed Limit Sign**

It was agreed Margery contact councillors regarding an update on moving the 30 mph speed limit on Station Road to beyond Lampson Road.
(Action MB)

- **CC090 – Communication – Mailing List**

Andrew informed the meeting that the mailing list for residents to receive Updates by email was ready to implement. Residents can subscribe to this through KCC website. It was agreed to advertise the mailing list on the next Update, in December's Courier and also to send the information to the Kirk Newsletter.

CC097 – POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was informed of the following items from the police report for the month of September:

- Break-in at house in Lampson Road.

- Speed checks with hand held Radar revealed one driver having no MOT certificate for the vehicle.
- Police officers on foot and mobile patrol in Killearn as often as time permits. As police are now community and response police, there is less time to dedicate to foot patrol.

Margery provided information on a new crime prevention scheme to be launched on Monday 29 September in Killearn. 'Smartwater', a commercial product, is a liquid used to mark items of property. Invisible once dry, it can be seen using the correct ultraviolet light. The chemical contains a unique marker which is registered to the user and can help to reunite recovered property with the owner. Killearn has been chosen to host the official Scottish National Media launch and, as part of a pilot study, local police officers will visit houses in Killearn after the launch to offer the service free of charge.

The problem of inconsiderate parking at the school was again raised by a local resident with the request that the police be made aware of this.

The meeting was reminded to phone the police number 101 to report any problems. This is a free call from landlines and mobiles. For emergencies, please call 999.

A resident reported a painted graffiti YES on a stone wall in Endrick Road.

Details of personnel and new policing arrangements for the community can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and clicking on Your Community.

CC098 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As Cllr Muirhead was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Councillor's Report.

CC099 – MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Margaret reiterated the need for three further KCC members, including a Planning Correspondent. Please contact Margaret if you are interested in applying to join KCC. Kirstie Robertson will be one of the new youth members of KCC. It was agreed that Andrew add energy and broadband to his KCC duties and that Christine take on some additional administrative work. Agreement in principle was reached regarding inviting representatives of local bodies such as Killearn Primary School Parent Council to attend KCC meetings.

CC100 – QUESTION TIME

A number of complaints about the state of the pavements in Killearn were voiced. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the October KCC meeting and to ask if a member of staff from SC could be present to provide further information.
(Action MB)

CC101 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

- Balfron High School pupils are currently working on a Musical production to be performed in November.
- During a recent cancer awareness week at the high school, over £850 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

CC102 – TREASURER'S REPORT

David informed the meeting that the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Drymen is closing and that future KCC banking will be done in Milngavie.

Figures from 1 April 2014:

KCC expenditure	£292.31
KCC income	£842.36

Current bank balance	£1664.36 (includes D Stuart Fund)
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CC103 – PLANNING

▪ Local Development plan

The modified local development plan was adopted by SC on 18 August 2014. The revised Conservation Area report can be seen on SC website. It was agreed that KCC contact Cllr Muirhead regarding progress on the hospital site.
(Action MB)

▪ Valid Planning Applications Received

14/00487/PPP Subdivision of building into 3 no 3 and 4 bedroom dwelling houses and erection of 1 no new dwelling house at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
No comment.

14/00499/FUL Extension to side of dwelling at 25 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD
No comment.

14/00524/FUL Conversion and extension of old Scout Hall into 2 residential units at land and buildings at former Hall at Main Street, Killearn
KCC to object.

14/00568/FUL Front extension and garage conversion at Uplands, 13 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
No comment.

▪ Decisions of Appointed Officers

14/00325/PPP Proposed single storey dwelling house at land adjacent to west of Kincapple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan, Balfron
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00475/FUL Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling at Jura Cottage, Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RW
Decision: Approve with conditions

▪ Planning Enforcement

14/073/UNAUTH Erection of decking and summerhouse at Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG
Case closed: no breach of planning control

CC104 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- A report from Community Conversation meeting held in June has been circulated to all KCC members.
- Health Meeting attended by Heather on 25 June. Ambulance Service would like to concentrate on providing emergency medical support rather than patient transport. Report can be viewed on KCC website.

Margaret informed the meeting of the KCFC meeting to be held on 18 September 2014 and of the Priority Based Budgeting meeting on 20 October 2014 at Balfron Campus.

CC105 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery explained that due to the large number of pieces of correspondence received and the amount of work involved in logging items and passing them on, it had been agreed that all correspondence be sifted and a shortened record be issued to the monthly KCC meetings.

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- No further details on first aid training for CC members due to take place on 18 September. It was thought this may have been overshadowed by the Scottish Referendum.
- Closing date for nominating your local health hero is 26 September 2014.
- Information was given regarding the Petition on Balfron to Killearn footway. Spare funding for 100m may be available pending a meeting to take things further.
- Proposal from Killearn Path Group re paths through Killearn Glen. It was agreed to contact Norman McNab to give notice of support from KCC.
- An email had been received expressing concern about speeding on Birch Road. It was agreed to contact the local police requesting they speak to residents about the situation.

CC106 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following the death of Derek Stuart, a former member of KCC, the meeting was informed that the family wish to give something to the village in his memory. A sum of over £350 was collected at his funeral and this will be used to purchase a wooden bench and memorial plaque to be located near the village hall.
(Action DS)

Further to the matter of a water tap at Killearn Cemetery, Margery informed the meeting that because of the risk of harmful bacteria in any water provision and the resources required to provide maintenance, examination and testing of same, SC have advised that it will not be possible to provide a water supply within the cemetery.

CC107 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 October 2014 at 8.00 pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2014

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Kirstie Robertson, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	David Morley, Brenda Pell
In attendance	PC Paul Roose, 10 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC108 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC109 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC105 – Correspondence – Speeding on Birch Road**

Further to a number of complaints about inappropriate speed on Birch Road, SC was contacted requesting that a 20 mph zone be implemented in the area. A reply is still awaited and it was agreed that Jim would contact SC again.
(Action JA)

PC Roose agreed to pay extra attention to the problem and encouraged members of the public to contact the police on 101 to report inconsiderate and unsafe driving on Birch Road.

- **CC096 – Matters Arising – Speed Limit Sign**

In the absence of a local councillor, there was no update on this matter.

- **CC099 – Membership and Responsibilities**

It was reported that no further volunteers had come forward to join KCC.

The headteacher at Balfron High School had been contacted regarding a further youth member of KCC. She agreed to circulate the information, but no response to date.

It was announced that KCC would invite the Parent Council of Killearn Primary School and KCFC to be formally represented on the community council.
(Action MB).

- **CC090 – Communication – Mailing List**

Andrew informed the meeting that 18 people have subscribed via KCC website to the mailing list to receive Updates by email.

CC110 – POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was informed of the following items from the police report for the month of September:

- Collision involving a motorcyclist near to Killearn Lodge.
- One speeding offence involving a local resident.
- Further to problems with farm animals on the road, local land-owners were requested to check fences and gates regularly to make sure boundaries are secure.
- Following the launch of Smartwater, local officers have been visiting houses in the area.
- Regular foot and mobile patrols have been carried out, as well as additional patrols from the Central Motorcycle Unit based in Glasgow.
- As nights become progressively darker, PC Roose encouraged members of the public to check vehicles are road worthy and check that houses look occupied at night by leaving a light on and making sure security lights are working.

Margery explained to the meeting the arrangements for circulating the Police Report and asked for any issues residents wished to raise to be forwarded to her for inclusion in the report back to the police.

CC111 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It was noted with some disappointment that recent emails to all three councillors had not received answers and it was felt that the councillor's absence from the meeting again was very unsatisfactory. It was five months since a councillor had attended a meeting of KCC. *(Action MB)*

As no Councillor was in attendance, there was no Councillor's Report.

CC112 – QUESTION TIME

Following a question about the brown bin collection, the meeting was informed that the last collection would be on Thursday 27 November. Services will resume in March 2015. Full details are on the website.

CC113 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

Jeans for Genes day raised over £900 on Friday 26 September. £450 was donated to Genetic Disorders UK and £450 to Robyn House Hospice.

Third year pupils have been involved in the French Exchange Programme in October.

Balfron High School welcomed former pupil and gold medal winner of 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Ross Murdoch, to the Swimming Gala. Ross acted as judge, raced against the seniors and provided a photo opportunity at this special event.

CC114 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Over the past month, the following transactions have taken place:

Expenses	£16.80
Income	£5.13
Current bank balance	£1652.69

CC115 – PLANNING

▪ Local Development plan

The final local development plan has now been published and is available from local libraries or online at www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan.

▪ Valid Planning Applications Received

14/00572/FUL Proposed side extension at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ [Old School House].

14/00580/FUL Proposed rear two storey extension and internal alterations at Mews Cottage, Drumtarn Road, Killearn G63 9QB.
No Comment

14/00590/FUL Proposed conservatory to rear at 44 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH
No comment.

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Decision: Approve with conditions.

14/00499/FUL Extension to side of dwelling at 25 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD
Decision: approve with conditions.

• Planning Applications Withdrawn

14/00572/FUL Proposed side extension at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ [Old School House]

• Planning Enforcement

14/104/UNAUTH Tree removal on development site at Drumbeg Loan, Killearn

CC116 – KILLEARN PAVEMENTS

Residents were asked to contact KCC with details of areas of pavement that need repairing. Information will be given on the next Update and on KCC website. It was agreed that Jim co-ordinate the information.
(Action JA)

SC have agreed to repair 330 metres of footpath between Blackhill and Killearn in the near future.

CC117 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret attended KCFC meeting on 18 September and reported on the following:

- *Three Sisters Bake* has been appointed to operate the Village Hall coffee shop from early November. When a function is occupying the main space, coffee shop service will be offered downstairs.
- Derek Stuart's memorial bench may be located in front of the low wall near the entrance to the Village Hall.
- Following the success of the Astrid Quartet concert, KCFC are keen to encourage further concerts in the Village Hall.
- KCFC AGM will take place on 23 October 2014.
- Residents were reminded to complete the questionnaire on the new village action plan.

Heather reported on the meeting regarding Killearn Glen held on 10 October:

Green Aspirations of Drymen have been approached to investigate managing the woodland aspect of the Glen, initially to restore a mediaeval oak coppice. KCFC, Paths Group and All Killearn Archives will all work in partnership with Green Aspirations. As the Glen belongs to SC, a meeting will be arranged with them and a full survey done of the area. The spring edition of Killearn Courier will provide further information on this project.

Priority Based Budgeting meeting at Balfron Campus scheduled for Monday 20 October has been postponed to 25 November.

SW Area Forum will take place on 17 November in Balfron.

CC118 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- Forth Valley Health Care Survey requires further clarity.
- Concern was expressed about future arrangements for community councils following receipt of a review of strategic engagement from Community Engagement, SC.

CC119 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Further to receipt of information about Neighbourhood Watch, it was agreed that KCC investigate this further at a future meeting.

It was unclear whether the First Aid Course had taken place in September. It was agreed to find out if another course would take place. (*Action MB*).

CC120 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 19 November 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.56 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), David Scott,
Apologies	David Morley, Kirstie Robertson, Heather Wright
In attendance	Cllr Alister Berrill, PC Ray Murphy, 14 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC121 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC122 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC109 – Matters Arising – Speeding on Birch Road**

Having emailed and telephoned the Roads Department of SC requesting 20 mph signage on Birch Road, Jim expressed frustration at the lack of information from SC on this important matter. It was agreed to ask Cllr Berrill to take the matter up with a more senior manager and press for clarity in how to move forward. It was noted that the Safer Routes to School initiative had been funded by Scottish Government, but this funding was no longer available.

- **CC109 – Matters Arising – Speed Limit Sign on Station Road/Lampson Rd**

Cllr Graham Lambie has been asked to look into this matter and it is hoped further information will be available at the next KCC meeting.

- **CC109 – Membership and Responsibilities**

There has been no response from the Parent Council to our invitation to join KCC. KCFC feels that a full exchange of information already exists between the two organisations and, therefore, there is no need for KCFC to be a member of KCC.

No response to date to the request for a second youth member to join KCC.

A further election for new members of KCC will be held in February 2015.

- **CC109 – Communication – Mailing List**

48 people have subscribed to KCC mailing list to date. Please visit KCC website to subscribe and receive Updates and other important information by email.

- **CC116 – Killearn Pavements**

Residents were encouraged to contact KCC with areas of pavement that require repair in order for Jim to co-ordinate the information.

Due to ongoing work by Scottish Water, the repair to the footpath between Killearn and Boquhan has been postponed.

- **CC117 – Reports of Meetings Attended – KCFC meeting**

Derek Stuart's memorial bench is now in place at the Village Hall. A memorial plaque will be ordered in the near future.

- **CC119 – Any Other Business – First Aid Course**

A First Aid Course will be held on 24 and 27 November in the Village Hall for emergency resuscitation and a demonstration on the use of the defibrillator.

CC123 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Ray Murphy informed the meeting of the following:

- One driver caught using a mobile phone whilst driving.
- One driver stopped whilst driving a vehicle with black bag over passenger window.
- Thefts of quad bikes in the local area.
- New drink/driving limit to be enforced from 5 December 2014.
- With regard to new vehicle road tax arrangements, residents should continue to put tax disks on windscreens until they are out of date. Thereafter, disks will not be replaced on renewal of road tax. Instead police computers will check records of vehicles whilst in motion.

The full Police Report is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk

CC124 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Berrill encouraged residents to attend the Priority Based Budgeting meeting on 25 November 2014 from 7.00 – 9.00 pm in Balfron High School and to utilise this opportunity to consult on the local government budget process.

Following lack of communication from SC regarding promised signage at bridge near Blane Smithy on the B834, Cllr Berrill agreed to find out when this will be done.

Following completion of the bungalows on Birch Road, the remaining turnip field still required to be restored to a satisfactory condition (stones removed, potholes and trenches filled in) and reseeded. KCC had raised the dangerous condition of the field with SC on several occasions, but this work has still not been carried out. Cllr Berrill agreed to follow this up with the new Director of SC responsible for this area and convey KCC's dissatisfaction

CC125 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC126 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Kirstie was taking part in a school musical production, there was no youth report.

CC127 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance £1520.69 (including £352.00 from Derek Stuart fund)

CC128 – PLANNING

▪ Local Development plan

KCC wish to be involved and able to comment on the development of the Blaressan site with regard to road layout, site plan and landscaping plan. It is thought the LDP outline consultation steps will begin in the spring of 2015. It was proposed that a small Community Panel of KCC members and close neighbours be set up in the future to discuss the development and report to KCC.

An early review of the LDP has been initiated with a call for land. KCC agreed to reply, stating firmly that the Killearn hospital site should be developed before any further green field sites in the vicinity of Killearn are allocated for housing.

▪ Valid Planning Applications Received

14/00605/PPP Erection of new dwelling house at land adjacent to Drumore Cottage, Gartness Road, Killearn
No comment.

14/00628/FUL Replacement of 4 No windows at 62 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH
No comment.

14/00644/FUL Alteration to roof to install dormer window at The Cottage, 37 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NZ
No comment.

14/00650/CON Downtaking in planned safe controlled manner of this detached timber building (single storey) in open site at Hall, Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ [former Scout Hall; 14/00524/FUL to replace the Scout Hall with two new houses is still under consideration – KCC objected to 14/00524/FUL]
No comment.

14/00659/FUL Erection of new dwelling house at garden ground of 25 Station Road, Killearn
KCC agreed to remind SC of concerns about the impact of this development on Station Road and Endrick Road, in terms of delivery and storage of materials (should be on site) and parking of contractors' vehicles.

• Decisions of Appointed Officers

14/00568/FUL Front extension and garage conversion at Uplands, New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00580/FUL Proposed rear two storey extension and internal alterations at Mews Cottage, Drumtarn Road, Killearn G63 9QB
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00590/FUL Proposed conservatory to rear at 44 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH
Decision: Approve

14/000638/FUL Proposed side extension to existing dwelling house at
3 Crosshead Road, Killearn G63 9RN
Decision: Approve with conditions

CC129 – PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING (PBB)

Margery spoke to the draft report “Working with you to shape Stirling’s future” and encouraged as many as possible to take part in the consultation process by attending the SC ‘Community Conversation’ at Balfron High School on 25 November 2014 at 7.00 pm. Please see KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk and visit the Home Page for detailed information on PBB. Following the meeting on 25 November, KCC will post a first draft response on the website in about 2 weeks time. This will form the basis of final discussions at the December KCC meeting.

CC130 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret attended KCFC board meeting on 18 November and reported on the following:

- Existing KCFC office bearers were re-elected.
- Future liaison between KCFC and KCC regarding dissemination of information.
- Emergency first aid training and demonstration of use of defibrillator.
- Child protection training.
- Killearn Paths Group discussion on repair of path from Endrick Road to field.

Margery reported on the SW Area Forum held on 17 November and outlined the proposal to move to Citizens’ Assemblies based on electoral wards.

CC131 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following items:

- Forth Valley Health Care update on Community Hospital and Front Door services
- Community Council Conversation on 13 December 2014
- Possible application for defibrillator
- Video on Community Growing Plans from SG

CC132 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Winter Resilience Plan should be suspended as it was out of date and to revisit it at some point in the future. The notice would be removed from the notice board and KCC website.

CC133 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 December 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), David Morley, David Scott, Heather Wright, Kirstie Robertson
Apologies	Brenda Pell, Janet Duncan
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, PC Alan McCallum, 18 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC134 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC135 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC122 – Matters Arising – Inappropriate Speed on Birch Road**

Margaret informed the meeting that SC has no funding at present to erect 20 mph signage on Birch Road.

- **CC116 – Killearn Pavements**

The list of areas of pavement that require repair will be finalised in January. It was noted, in particular, that the new pavements and road surfaces on Birch Road were extremely hazardous in the recent icy weather and that this area be added to the list for SC's attention.

- **CC124 – Councillor's Report – Bridge at Blane Smithy**

SC has agreed that the new road signage will be erected within the present financial year.

- **CC124 – Councillor's Report – Restoration of Turnip Field**

Some work has been done to the surface of the field since the last KCC meeting but, as yet, has not been inspected to make sure it is satisfactory.

CC136 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Alan McCallum informed the meeting of the following:

- Report of dangerous driving in New Endrick Road. Ongoing investigation.
- Hand Held Radar used in Killearn, including Beech Drive, with no speeding vehicles found. Beech Drive will continue to be monitored.
- Theft of security light from a house in Balfron Road on 7 December.

- Shops in Killearn, Balfron and Blanefield targeted on 12 December by a team stealing alcohol. Police investigation is ongoing.
- Reminder of new drink/driving limit effective from 5 December 2014.
- PC McCallum spoke about phone calls and emails which have been received by members of the public from companies implying that compensation for PPI/insurance/or from involvement in a road accident etc may be due. He advised residents to hang up if they were concerned in any way. The police, bank or insurance company will **never** ask for bank account numbers or ask for transfer of money over the phone.

The full Police Report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC137 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Muirhead outlined the following in his report:

- Expression of thanks to KCC for the PBB draft response.
- Recent changes in management structure within SC.
- Provision of free school meals to school pupils in P1 – P3 available from 5 January 2015.
- Alteration of signage at Blane Smithy Bridge to take place within current financial year.
- No funding available at present for relocation of 30 mph sign on Station Road. It is possible this may be available in 2016/2017 financial budget.
- No funding available for 20 mph signs on Birch Road. Cllr Muirhead plans to meet with the Leader of the Council to look at possible funding in the future. KCC expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of progress with this issue. It would appear the only way forward is to raise a petition, something KCC were trying to avoid due to the expense involved for SC. KCC pointed out that the cost of a petition could well be similar to the cost of erecting 20 mph signs and queried the sense in this.

Cllr Muirhead was asked to look into the issue of speeding on Balfron Road near the Tennis Club. Following a recent incident, it was suggested that a sign be erected warning drivers that children are at play nearby.

CC138 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of lights being left on for 24 hours in the Co-op. Margaret agreed to speak to the manager about this light nuisance. (*Action MH*)

Bin collections usually take place on Saturday and Sunday, instead of Thursday, during the Christmas and New Year period. Full details are available on SC website.

CC139 – YOUTH MATTERS

- 25 October – 5 November. Eight pupils from Robert Law Secondary School in Malawi took part in an exchange programme with Balfron High School.

- This year's school musical production in November was another great success with tickets being sold out. £280 was raised for MIND charity.
- On 14 November, Balfron High School raised £220 for Children in Need.
- Halloween Disco raised £1000 for Robin House Hospice in Balloch.
- Balfron High School was awarded Sports School of the Year in the 2014 Scottish School Sports Awards with former pupil, Ross Murdoch, receiving Sports Personality of the Year Award.

CC140 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£40.00
Current bank balance	£1480.69 (including £352.00 from Derek Stuart fund)

CC141 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00719/FUL Erection of a new house at land 95 metres south west of Cleveden, Main Street, Killearn
KCC to object

14/00748/FUL Side extension to existing dwelling house at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
KCC to object

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/00605/PPP Erection of new dwelling house at land adjacent to Drumore Cottage, Gartness Road, Killearn
Decision: Refuse [on the grounds that the building would not form part of a group or cluster of buildings in the countryside]

14/00644/FUL Alteration to roof to install dormer window at The Cottage, 37 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NZ
Decision: Approve

14/00650/CON Downtaking in planned safe controlled manner of this detached timber building (single storey) in open site at Hall, Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
Decision: Approve

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

14/00524/FUL Two new residential units at land and buildings at former Hall, Main Street, Killearn [former Scout Hall]

- **Local Development Plan**

Following the initiation of an early review of the LDP, KCC proposed to respond expressing the overwhelming view of Killearn residents that there should be no large scale developments in one place, that no more than 30 houses be built at Blaressan and that the brown field former Killearn Hospital site be developed before any more green field sites are allocated.

Margaret explained to the meeting that according to Proposed Supplementary Guidance SG12 for residential alterations and extensions, proposals taking up more than 30% of plot size will be classed as overdevelopment.

- **Broadband Cabinets**

It was announced that BT broadband cabinets have been approved at Gargunnock and Thornhill.

CC142 – PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING (PBB)

Margery spoke to the first draft document, firstly covering general points followed by detailed responses. This document is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk Any comments on same should be emailed to KCC by 5 January.

CC143 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Due to lack of time, this item was postponed until the next KCC meeting. Heather's report on the Health meeting will be placed on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk.

CC144 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following item:

- Community council area profile from 2011 census. This is a very useful source of statistical information on the village.

CC145 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KCC elections will be held in February 2015. Further details to be given at the next KCC meeting.

All KCC meetings in 2015 will continue to be held in Killlearn Primary School with the exception of the April meeting which will take place in the Village Hall.

It was requested by a member of the public that white lines be restored to the entrance/exit to the Co-op car park at the edge of the building, clearly showing pedestrian right of way on the pavement. Margaret agreed to speak with the Manager about this.
(Action MH)

CC146 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 January 2015 at 8.00 pm in Killlearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014**

Members present M Burdon, A Donaldson, M Harrison (Chair), D Scott, H Wright

Apologies J Allan, E Cairns, J Duncan, D Morley, E Robertson

In attendance Cllr A Berrill, P Campbell (SC), 12 members of the public,
C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

AGM1 – MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 19 June 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

AGM2 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair outlined the substance of the Annual Report for the year 2013/2014. Acceptance of the report was moved by H Wright and seconded by M Burdon. The Annual Report is attached to the minute.

AGM3 – TREASURER’S REPORT

D Scott presented the Audited Accounts for the year 2013/2014. Acceptance of the accounts was moved by A Donaldson and seconded by M Burdon. The Audited Accounts are attached to the minute.

AGM4 – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Officers of the Council were re-elected, proposed by B Pell and seconded by H McArthur.

AGM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

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- The Bungalows on the Turnip Field. This project, involving SC using its own workforce to build 6 semi-detached bungalows for the elderly or for people with varying needs, was begun in August 2012. The houses were due for completion in March 2013 but are still not completed at June 2014. SC states that the houses are completed internally but no water supply has yet been connected. KCC has made repeated complaints to SC about the lack of progress, and Stirling Observer newspaper published a feature on the project.
- Post Office provision. KCC supported the proposal to move Dumgoyne Post Office to new accommodation within the Oakwood Garden Centre. The new facility is open 7 days per week, and the Village Post Office will also be open 7 days per week from June 2014. KCC paid tribute to the excellent service provided by local postal workers, particularly our Postmistresses, Jay Houghton and Janet Duncan, who recently retired.
- Broadband. We were represented at a meeting organised by SC with Digital Scotland, the organisation appointed by the Scottish Government to ensure superfast broadband is delivered throughout Scotland. Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) infrastructure will be required for most areas to allow download rates of around 80 Mbps, compared to about 8 Mbps currently available in the village. Killearn is due to be upgraded in the second half of 2016.

Other business included responding to a Community Empowerment consultation, now published as the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill 2014. This will extend the community right to buy land and buildings, and involve communities to a greater extent in agreeing priorities for action by public bodies. KCC supported a Community Petition by the people of Boquhan and Killearn for improvements to the safety of the footpath between the two villages. We hosted speakers from SC Trading Standards Department on doorstep crime, which targets the elderly and vulnerable in particular, and from First Bus Group, Balfron Garage. We welcomed the inclusion of Killearn in the Commonwealth Baton Relay, which will take place on Station Road and Balfron Road on Sunday 6 July. Field in Trust status was confirmed by the erection of a cairn and commemorative plaque on the football field.

We have introduced a one page newssheet – KCC Update - which is posted on the Spar and Village Hall noticeboards. We expect to circulate this more widely, using email, in the near future.

Finally, I should like to thank all Community Councillors for their hard work during the year, especially Andrew Donaldson for redesigning our website, and Christine Bauwens for her excellent minutes. Thanks also to our local councillors, Alistair Berrill, Graham Lambie and Ian Muirhead for their support. Congratulations are due to our Community Police Officer, David McNally on his promotion to Sergeant. We are losing both of our Youth Members, Ellie and Eilidh, and we wish them well as they move on to new challenges. Emily Gardner will join us as a Youth Member; we require another Youth Member and have three vacancies for Community Councillors. We are particularly keen to recruit a Planning Correspondent, so if you have an interest in, or professional knowledge of this area we would be delighted to hear from you. The work is varied and interesting, so please consider joining KCC.

Margaret Harrison, June 2014

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the YEAR ended 31 MARCH**

	2014 £	2013 £
INCOME		
Stirling Council Grants:		
Administration	375.85	373.35
Community Pride	-	400.00
Jubilee Fund	-	1,500.00
Killearn Hoolie	185.00	-
Interest	0.02	-
	560.87	2,273.35
EXPENDITURE		
Administration		
Room Hire	-	50.00
Postage	-	30.50
Website & Telephone	-	72.39
Data Protection ICO	35.00	35.00
Photocopying	14.00	176.19
Mileage	-	77.20
Minute Secretary	81.00	-
Audit Fee	-	28.00
	130.00	469.28
KCC Expenditure		
Notice Board Repairs	-	105.50
Thursday Club	-	300.00
Abbeyfield	-	100.00
Killearn Hoolie	-	130.00
School Janitor	21.00	22.00
Rights of Way	20.00	-
Gates for Village Hall	-	1,370.00
	41.00	2,027.50
	171.00	2,496.78
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	389.87	- 223.43
Funds brought Forward	723.44	946.87
Funds Carried Forward	1,113.31	723.44
REPRESENTED BY:		
Bank Balance at 31 March	1,113.31	2,121.44
less Accruals	-	1,398.00
	1,113.31	723.44

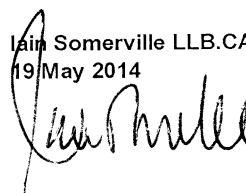
Signed by KCC Treasurer


David Scott
19 May 2014

Report by Independent Examiner

I confirm that I have inspected the above accounts and found them to be in accordance with the records maintained by the Treasurer and have received all necessary information and explanations.

Iain Somerville LLB.CA, Killearn
19 May 2014



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cleared as soon as possible. At the time of writing some activity to remove collapsed buildings appears to be taking place.

- The Bungalows on the Turnip Field. This project, involving SC using its own workforce to build 6 semi-detached bungalows for the elderly or for people with varying needs, was begun in August 2012. The houses were due for completion in March 2013 but are still not completed at June 2014. SC states that the houses are completed internally but no water supply has yet been connected. KCC has made repeated complaints to SC about the lack of progress, and Stirling Observer newspaper published a feature on the project.
- Post Office provision. KCC supported the proposal to move Dumgoyne Post Office to new accommodation within the Oakwood Garden Centre. The new facility is open 7 days per week, and the Village Post Office will also be open 7 days per week from June 2014. KCC paid tribute to the excellent service provided by local postal workers, particularly our Postmistresses, Jay Houghton and Janet Duncan, who recently retired.
- Broadband. We were represented at a meeting organised by SC with Digital Scotland, the organisation appointed by the Scottish Government to ensure superfast broadband is delivered throughout Scotland. Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) infrastructure will be required for most areas to allow download rates of around 80 Mbps, compared to about 8 Mbps currently available in the village. Killearn is due to be upgraded in the second half of 2016.

Other business included responding to a Community Empowerment consultation, now published as the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill 2014. This will extend the community right to buy land and buildings, and involve communities to a greater extent in agreeing priorities for action by public bodies. KCC supported a Community Petition by the people of Boquhan and Killearn for improvements to the safety of the footpath between the two villages. We hosted speakers from SC Trading Standards Department on doorstep crime, which targets the elderly and vulnerable in particular, and from First Bus Group, Balfron Garage. We welcomed the inclusion of Killearn in the Commonwealth Baton Relay, which will take place on Station Road and Balfron Road on Sunday 6 July. Field in Trust status was confirmed by the erection of a cairn and commemorative plaque on the football field.

We have introduced a one page newssheet – KCC Update - which is posted on the Spar and Village Hall noticeboards. We expect to circulate this more widely, using email, in the near future.

Finally, I should like to thank all Community Councillors for their hard work during the year, especially Andrew Donaldson for redesigning our website, and Christine Bauwens for her excellent minutes. Thanks also to our local councillors, Alistair Berrill, Graham Lambie and Ian Muirhead for their support. Congratulations are due to our Community Police Officer, David McNally on his promotion to Sergeant. We are losing both of our Youth Members, Ellie and Eilidh, and we wish them well as they move on to new challenges. Emily Gardner will join us as a Youth Member; we require another Youth Member and have three vacancies for Community Councillors. We are particularly keen to recruit a Planning Correspondent, so if you have an interest in, or professional knowledge of this area we would be delighted to hear from you. The work is varied and interesting, so please consider joining KCC.

Margaret Harrison, June 2014