

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016**

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Janet Duncan, Kirstie Robertson
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, 10 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

AGM1 – MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 17 June 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, moved by Margery Burdon and seconded by Hilary McGregor.

AGM2 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair outlined the substance of the Annual Report for the year 2015/2016. KCC wish to record thanks to the police representatives and the three elected councillors for their support during the past year. It was announced that Jim Allan and Kirstie Robertson were leaving KCC. The Chair paid tribute to both for their work as Roads Correspondent and Youth Member respectively. Acceptance of the report was moved by Heather Wright and seconded by Andrew Donaldson. The Annual Report is attached to the minute.

AGM3 – TREASURER’S REPORT

David Scott presented the Audited Accounts for the year 2015/2016. Adoption of the accounts was moved by Jim Ptolomey and seconded by Jim Allan. The Audited Accounts are attached to the minute.

AGM4 – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Officers of the Council were re-elected, proposed by Andrew Donaldson and seconded by Heather Wright.

AGM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Killearn Community Council Annual report 2015-2016

The regular business of the Community Council involved commenting on planning applications, reporting road problems and contributing to Stirling Council's Priority Based Budget process. As in other villages in West Stirlingshire, closure of local shops and businesses was a real concern. Several of the vacant units will have a new function, the village Post Office will re-open in the Co-op in due course and Punch Taverns are advertising for a new tenant for the Killearn Hotel. We have written to the owners of the Spar and to the Bank of Scotland to enquire about their intentions for those buildings.

The arrival of Next Generation Broadband in Killearn and proposed new housing developments were major items of business. The merging of health and social care will have an impact on local services, and road repairs and improvements took up a great deal of our attention.

- Killearn Broadband Group was formed in June 2015 under the chairmanship of Doug Ashworth. Other members are Euan Shaw of iLomond and Andrew Donaldson, Margery Burdon and Margaret Harrison from KCC, and we are grateful for the expertise and advice of this group. The Community Council organized a Broadband Open Day, which was attended by over 200 people on 24 October 2015, and Doug and Andrew manned a technical help desk to give advice to residents and local businesses. Broadband updates are published monthly on KCC web site. Doug will represent all the Community Councils in the rural South West area on Stirling Council's Broadband Delivery Group. Further broadband cabinets are proposed over the next three years, to improve coverage in Killearn.
- Mactaggart and Mickel were appointed builders for Blaressan site and arranged a public consultation on their plans on 29 March 2016. Detailed comments from members of the public were passed to the builder, Stirling Council planners and elected Councillors. The comments may be viewed in full on KCC web site. Access via a roundabout from Station Road was a major concern for many people, and also the 'Designing streets' concept in which roads within the estate are shared by pedestrians and vehicles. This design has been used locally in Balfroun, Strathblane and Kippen and appears to be favoured by the Scottish Government and by planners. Mactaggart and Mickel are now in discussion with Stirling Council planners and roads department to devise a site development plan and road layout and further consultation will follow.
- A public consultation on plans for the former Killearn Hospital site took place on 16 May 2016. The plans are similar to those described at the meeting in Killearn Kirk several years ago, and comprise a large number of houses: 58 house plots plus 38 affordable houses in the form of 2 bedroomed cottage flats plus 7 live/work units for those working from home. In addition to the houses small commercial units are envisaged. Detailed comments on the proposals have been sent to the developer, SC planners and elected Councillors, and may be viewed on KCC web site.
- A Community Pilot Project with Balfroun and Strathblane will focus on Strathendrick Care Home and the need for respite care and rehabilitation in the rural South West area. The Home may be developed as a local Care Hub in the new merged environment of health and social care.

- Road safety. A no waiting area at the top of Station Road has been agreed with Stirling Council, a 40 mph buffer zone has been created on Station Road between Napier and Lampson Roads and a 20 mph speed limit imposed on all roads in the Trees estate. Motorists driving at excessive speed through the village remains a serious problem and Police speed checks are regularly carried out.
- Road repairs in Killearn are included in Stirling Council's projects for 2016-2017: passing places on Ballochruin Road, and repairs to pavements on Balfron Road from the Kirk to the Buchanan Monument. Drainage was installed on the turnip field to eliminate flooding of the pavement and road at the new section of Birch Road. It remains to be seen whether this has solved the problem.

I must express my thanks to all members of Killearn Community Council for their hard work throughout the year, and thanks also to our excellent Minutes Secretary, Christine Bauwens. We still have several vacancies, so if you are interested in contributing to our work for the duration of the present Community Council, until October 2017, please be in touch via our web site www.killearncc.org.uk or speak to one of our members.

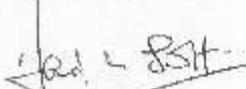
Margaret Harrison, Chair, Killearn Community Council

June 2016

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

	2016 £	2015 £
INCOME		
Stirling Council Grants:		
Administration	375.85	375.85
Minutes	270.00	270.00
Retiral Collections	-	472.40
Killearn Hoolie	-	-
Broadband Open Day	473.00	-
Interest	0.45	0.51
	<u>1,119.30</u>	<u>1,118.76</u>
EXPENDITURE		
D. Stuart Fund	<u>30.00</u>	<u>409.30</u>
Administration		
Room Hire	-	30.00
Postage	-	-
Website & Telephone	43.06	107.06
Data Protection ICO	35.00	35.00
Photocopying	-	29.90
Mileage	-	16.80
Minute Secretary	400.00	349.00
Audit Fee	17.59	19.00
	<u>408.65</u>	<u>684.76</u>
KCC Expenditure		
Notice Board Repairs	-	-
Thursday Club	-	-
Abbeyfield	-	-
Killearn Hoolie	-	-
Broadband Open Day	547.32	-
School Janitor	29.69	18.00
Rights of Way	20.00	20.00
Gates for Village Hall	-	-
	<u>597.31</u>	<u>38.00</u>
	<u>1,123.36</u>	<u>1,081.78</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the Year	(4.06)	37.00
Funds brought Forward	1,150.31	1,113.31
Funds Carried Forward	<u>1,146.25</u>	<u>1,150.31</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Bank Balance at 31 March	1,146.25	1,150.31
less Accruals	-	-
	<u>1,146.25</u>	<u>1,150.31</u>

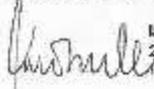
Signed by KCC Treasurer



David Scott
28th April 2016

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
28th April 2016