

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Tom Morley, Heather Wright
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Janet Duncan, Ian Denvir SC, Hilary McGregor, Police Scotland
In attendance	Mairi Clark, Euan Shaw, 13 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
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The motion was proposed by Margaret and seconded by Andrew to co-opt Robert Dunn to KCC membership with full voting rights. Robert was welcomed to the meeting.

CC431 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2016

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

CC432 – POLICE MATTERS

Margery presented the following police report:

- On 18 November, male motorist found in possession of cannabis on A81 Killlearn.
- Various suspicious persons and vehicles reported by members of the public.
- Road traffic collision on A81, Killlearn on 19 November. Fencing damage.
- On 10 December, road traffic collision on B834, Killlearn (Station Road). It was agreed Margery request exact location of this accident. (*Action MB*)

The full police report is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk

CC433 – PRESENTATION BY MAIRI CLARK, PLANNED MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Mairi Clark spoke to the meeting regarding her plans to open a Montessori School in the former Spar premises. Subject to planning and Registration Scotland, it is hoped to open in August 2017. The whole site including the upper flat and outdoor area to the rear of the property will be taken over as a school for up to 40 pupils with 4/5 staff, teaching classes P1 to P7. Initially the ground floor will be developed, incorporating an extension to the rear to form the entrance to the school. There will also be parking spaces and drop-off as well as an outdoor area at the rear. As the school hopefully grows, the upper floor will be developed. A Forest School will be developed in Aberfoyle. Mulberry Bush Nursery will remain open on Balfron Road, Killlearn. KCC notice board can continue in use.

CC434 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC417 – Matters Arising, Roads and General Maintenance Report**

The A81 at Ballat is now partially open but will close in February until May to allow for the damaged bridge to be repaired.

As no further information had been received from Scottish Water, it was agreed Margaret contact them again regarding the road markings at Branziert /Drumbeg. (*Action MH*)

- **CC417 – Matters Arising, Co-op Post Office Counter and Killlearn Hotel**

A reply is awaited from Co-op regarding the proposed Post Office.

Agent for Punch Taverns to meet with KCC and KCFC on 21 December to discuss Killearn Hotel. On 14 December, Punch Taverns received two possible takeover bids. It is hoped that this may help the local situation.

CC435 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

There have been no significant changes over the last month. The full report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CTI have completed upgrades to 4G on masts covering Blanefield/Strathblane and Balfron. Vodaphone customers should see an improvement in mobile phone signals.

CC436 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00740/FUL New single storey rear Extension with decking and new front Porch at 4 Crosshead Road, Killearn G63 9RN.
No comment.

16/00749/FUL Extension for Boiler Room and biomass Store at Corston Mews, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LJ.
No comment.

16/00756/FUL Alterations to front Door at pend, new Rooflight, new sliding Door to bedroom and replace existing Door with glazed door at master bedroom at 18 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RQ.
No comment.

16/00772/FUL Conversion of existing Barn and Outhouses to form Dwelling and Amenity at land and buildings 25m NE of Laighparks Farm, Killearn.
No comment.

16/00793/FUL Erection of single storey house in garden grounds NE of Willows, Beech Drive, Killearn.
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00064/PPP Planning permission in principle for new House 580m SE of Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road, Killearn.
Approve with conditions.

16/00687/LWP Single storey rear Extension at 21 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RE.
Approve with conditions.

16/00693/FUL Two storey Extension at 42 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
Approve.

- **Planning Enforcement**

Investigation into siting of Advertisement at Beech Drive, Killearn.

Consideration of new Structure in rear garden of 9 Lampson Road, Killearn. The Enforcement Officer has advised owner that this does require formal planning consent and application will now be made.

CC437 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT

Planning permission has been applied for a total of 35 houses at Blaressan. When it is registered on SC website, the planning application can be seen by the public.

It was noted that the plan shows a new footpath to be provided towards Balfron Road with a dropped kerb crossing to the Glebe side of Station Road. KCC still feel the safest route to the school and park would be down Station Road to Endrick Road. When the plans are made public, KCC will comment. It is hoped that this will be at the January meeting.

CC438 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Margery presented the report and outlined the following:

- Pavement repairs currently taking place on Balfron Road.
- Meeting to take place in January with Alistair Brown SC and KCC re pavements.
- No response from SC re drainage and surface water on new section of Birch Road. KCC have contacted Ian Denvir for assistance.
- Request for white line outside driveway to Mulberry Bush granted.
- Damaged gate at playpark and three strip warning approaching Dumgoyne reported as being knocked over. Await response from SC.
- Various blocked drains reported to SC.

Full report available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk

CC439 – PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING (PBB)

No information has been received on 2017-18 proposals. SC will receive budget information from Scottish Government on 15 December and set their budget in mid February 2017.

CC440 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

CC441– TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance	£1029.36
Expenses from last month	£136.50

KCC received grant which has covered all the costs of the parking consultation analysis.

CC442 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of signs erected at Beech Drive/Main Street by estate agents and contractors. These will be reported.

Residents of Gartness Road complained that their green bins have not been collected since the new bins were issued. This item will be revisited at the January KCC meeting.

CC443 – YOUTH MATTERS

Tom presented the following Youth Report:

- Annual school dances taking place throughout December at the High School.
- Christmas Fair Friday 16 December, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Balfron High School.
- School production of Grease was a great success with all performances sold out.
- The issue of First Bus now charging pupils to travel home having attended after school activities was again raised. Tom reported how this has negatively impacted supported study groups and sports activities. It was agreed KCC contact elected councillors and SC Education Department to raise the problem. In addition, Tom would contact Stirling Observer newspaper, highlighting the difficulties experienced by pupils.

CC444 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

The following meetings were attended:

KCFC Board Meeting on 10 November when youth activities and career opportunities at non-university level were discussed. Consideration was also given to establishing Friends of Killlearn Glen to co-ordinate paths and other work.

Home Energy Meeting in Balfron. Unfortunately the organiser did not arrive. A list of questions planned for the meeting was sent and answers will be posted on KCC website.

CC445 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- Resident raising safe route to school at the bottom of the Branziert.
- December Community News Sheet
- Traffic calming and mini-roundabout issues at Branziert
- Traffic on Station Road and maintenance of Endrick Road.
- Dean Lockhart MSP surgeries in Village Hall on 27 January and 24 March 2017.

CC446 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Report from Parking Consultation now received and will be discussed at January meeting.

It was announced that Stirling Council to take responsibility for decriminalised parking next year.

It was agreed KCC request regular reports from Ian Denvir, Community Liaison Officer on other community council's business.

CC447 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 18 January 2017 at 8.00 pm in Killlearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.