

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2016

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Ian Denvir SC, Tom Morley, Police Scotland
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, Euan Shaw, 9 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

Margaret welcomed Jim Ptolomey as a full member of KCC. It was noted that no formal communication from Stirling Council about the results of the October election had been received.

CC414 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2016

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

CC415 – POLICE MATTERS

As neither PC Graham nor PC Murphy was able to attend the meeting, Margery presented the police report.

- Complaint re youths setting off fireworks in Killearn village on 21 October and 4 November.
- Report of noisy party in Oak Place on 4 November. Police spoke with owner.
- Complaint received in early hours of 5 November about persons fighting in Balfron Road. Police attended and large group monitored until they dispersed.
- Charity collector in Lampson Lane checked by police and confirmed to be a bona fide collector. Police emphasised they always welcomed information of this type.
- Accident on A875 between Killearn and Balfron on 28 October. Drunk driver reported to Procurator Fiscal.
- Speed checks carried out in Killearn area with drivers caught speeding.
- One fixed penalty ticket issued to driver cutting the mini roundabout at the top of Drumbeg Loan. Police emphasise that although it is a tight roundabout, drivers must take the roundabout in the proper manner.

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

CC416 – PRESENTATION BY STUART OLIVER, ECONOMIC GROWTH SERVICE MANAGER, SC

Stuart Oliver spoke of the difficulties and challenges faced in rural and city economic development within the SC area. His department, albeit small, is keen to support growth and investment through a variety of means. To assist in doing this, a report has been commissioned by Stirling University looking at rural areas to see how SC can promote particular areas. KCC will receive a copy of this report when available. Follow up plans

include getting to know local people, giving regular updates to KCC and providing good communication channels. It was confirmed that SC will consult on any plans for Killearn. Rural businesses can access grants through LEADER and STEP and a food and drink project is planned for rural areas (eg help with commercial kitchens). Enhanced tourism signage is planned. Stuart would like to know of any fledgling businesses in the Killearn area and offered his assistance. Please contact KCC with your details in the first instance. He has agreed to liaise with Punch Taverns re the empty Killearn Hotel and attend any meetings between KCC and Punch Taverns to help suggest ideas for the building. It was also suggested Stuart contact Business Blether, the networking event for local businesses in this area. KCC agreed to send Stuart's contact details to KCFC suggesting they get in touch also. *(Action MH)*

CC417 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC405 – Roads and General Maintenance Report**

As the road markings have not yet been restored at Branziert/Drumbeg, it was agreed Margaret contact Scottish Water to request an update. *(Action MH)*

Following the closure of A81 at Ballat, Scottish Water is still drawing reports together to decide who is to pay for repairs. It is hoped the reports will be available in the next week.

- **CC408 – Question Time – Spar, Co-op Post Office Counter and Killearn Hotel**

C J Lang is still in negotiation with a prospective tenant for the former Spar.

Co-op Headquarters have informed KCC that costings for taking on the Post Office are awaiting approval from their Finance Department. As it is now almost a year since the closure of the Post Office, it was agreed Margaret write again requesting a definite time for this and asking that the project be definitely undertaken in the next financial year. *(Action MH)*

Jim reported that there is no current interest in Killearn Hotel. Punch Taverns are now considering their options and their Estates Department rather than the local area manager now has responsibility for the building.

CC418 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

KCC wish to record their grateful thanks and appreciation to Doug Ashworth for the work he is carrying out to improve Broadband in this area. The full report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

Residents were informed of the Internet Supplier Roadshow organised by SC at Balfron High School on Wednesday 7 December 2016 from 6.00 – 9.00 pm. This event is aimed at bringing together poorly connected individuals and businesses in this area and the suppliers of alternative technologies.

CC419 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00687/LWP Single storey rear extension at 21 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RE.
No comment.

16/00693/FUL 2 storey extension replacing conservatory, Side extension replacing garage and new Front Porch at 42 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF.

No comment.

16/00726/FUL Amendment to application 15/00069/FUL. Change of house type no 7, Increase in area of house no1 and change of roof from hip to gable end at Home Farm, Killearn G63 9QH.

No comment.

16/00733/FUL Replacement of side and north extension and link to rear at Mill House, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LQ.

No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00633/FUL Revision of previous permission now for 3 bed dwelling at 54 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RM.

Approve with conditions.

- **Issues of Council Interest**

16/00622/FUL and 16/00623/FUL 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG Remedial works to chimneys are Cat C listed and must meet conditions set by Planning Dept.

Approve with conditions is the recommendation.

- **Planning Enforcement**

Erection of shed and summer house 9 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD.

CC420 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT

The Community Panel met with M&M on 16 November and Jim reported on the following:

- Number of houses reduced from 37 to 35.
- Still awaiting further details of landscaping of site.
- M&M hope to submit planning application at end of November with a view to beginning work in June 2017.
- M&M willing to support KCC concerns re safe pedestrian access from site and safe route to school via Endrick Road and the park.

It was agreed Jim contact Roads Department, SC to stress the safest route to school is along Endrick Road and the park and not along the main road. (*Action JP*)

CC421 – PARKING

Meeting held on 27 October 2016 to discuss the issue of parking in the village was chaired by a parking consultant and attended by local businesses. His report and recommendations are awaited.

CC422 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Margery presented the report and outlined the following:

- Work due to start at pavement outside Killearn Kirk in November and will continue until nearly Christmas at a cost of £35K.
- No response received from email to SC re double yellow lines on Station Road.
- No response received from email to SC re drainage and surface water on new section of Birch Road. MB to take it up again. (*Action MB*)
- Stretch of pavement on Station Road added to SC list of prioritisation but actual area covered will depend on budget.
- No response received from email to Roads Dept, SC re new road markings at Glengoyne Distillery.
- Request from Mulberry Bush requesting white line be painted outside their driveway. SC has been emailed but response awaited.

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

Margery informed the meeting that over the last three years, 274 emails have been written between KCC and SC regarding road and pavement issues. On 20 January 2015, Jim Allan, the then Roads Correspondent, wrote to SC about the state of the pavements but received no response. Since then, the state of the pavements has become worse, not helped by the lack of street sweeping and leaf clearing. Margery expressed frustration at the lack of information forthcoming from SC on their policy for assessing and prioritising pavement repairs. It was concluded, therefore, that SC has no such policy.

Following discussion from local residents and KCC members, it was agreed Margery write a strongly worded letter to Alistair Brown, newly appointed SC Director of Localities and Infrastructure, expressing our frustration and concerns. It was suggested he visit Killearn to see our pavements and to discuss strategy for prioritising such work to ensure that Killearn receives a fair share of the capital budget in the coming year. (*Action MB*)

CC423 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Ian Muirhead reported on the following:

- Lack of money for road and pavement repairs.
- Changes in SC staff may be cause for lack of communication from SC.
- B10 First Bus Balfron – Glasgow. Route change to stop at Balfron High School by end of 2016, beginning 2017.
- Demand Response Service (DRT) is best way to provide public transport in unprofitable areas.

CC424 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Current bank balance	£1165.86
Expenses from last month	£119.99

KCC has now received the annual grant from SC of £270. It was noted that this is less than the grant received 35 years ago.

Parking analysis grant of £550 awaited.

CC425 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public enquired if SC has a new policy on white line road markings. It was noted that several centre white lines on A811 have disappeared or have not been replaced in newly surfaced areas. This has resulted in dangerous driving conditions on some country stretches. It was agreed Cllr Muirhead contact SC regarding this situation.

CC426 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Tom was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Youth Report.

CC427 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Due to time constraints, there were no reports given.

CC428 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- Response from Primary School Head Teacher received after complaint about litter left by children.
- Priority Based Budgeting meeting on Monday 21 November at Balfron High School. Sessions at 4.30 pm, 5.30 pm or 6.30 pm.
- Steven Paterson MP holding surgery at Killearn Village Hall on 19 November, 10.30 – 11.15 am.
- Replacement NEC cards.
- Internet Supplier Roadshow at Balfron High School on Wednesday 7 December, 6.00 – 9.00 pm.

CC429 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following notification of proposed closure of public telephone kiosks in SC area, Margaret informed the meeting that Killearn phone box is not on the list for closure. Balfron will lose two phone boxes but their community council will adopt the kiosk on Dunmore Street. Similarly, Blanefield/ Strathblane will lose two kiosks but the community council will adopt the Strathblane one.

Northland Heritage report on the Killearn Glen project is now available online at www.kcfc.co.uk/glen/heritage.pdf

It is also available in printed form from Margaret.

CC430 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 14 December 2016 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.