

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2016

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Tom Morley, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey
Apologies	Brenda Pell, David Scott, Heather Wright
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Ian Denvir (SC), Cllr Alistair Berrill, 15 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

Margaret introduced Tom Morley as the new Youth Member of KCC.

CC399 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

CC400 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC384 – Police Matters – Chicanes on Beech Drive**

The police have confirmed that it is legal to park at the chicanes on Beech Drive unless vehicles are dangerously parked. To report any such vehicles, please email the police at ForthEndrickCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

- **CC389 – Councillor's Report**

The Parent Council at Balfron High School have negotiated with First Bus (B10 service to Glasgow) to collect students at the High School following after-school activities. Ongoing discussions are taking place re the B12 service to Stirling.

- **CC391 – Stirling Council Local Transport Strategy Consultation**

Response has been sent to SC.

- **CC395 – Correspondence – Phone Box**

The broken cover over power supply in the phone box has been replaced.

CC401 – POLICE MATTERS

As PC Graham and PC Murphy were on holiday, Margery presented the police report.

- Male reported to be acting suspiciously on New Endrick Road on 23 September but no trace of him on police arrival.
- Report of possible bogus workmen in Napier Road on 6 October. When police officers were available to attend, there was no sign of people/vehicles in the area.
- Speed checks carried out in Station Road on 8 October and two people reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences.

- Complaints received re vehicles parking on double yellow lines on Main Street. Officers will monitor the situation and take appropriate action.
- Routine patrols carried out in attempt to deter travelling criminals.
- Reminder to encourage residents to set lights on timers when not at home in the dark evenings.

A member of the public reported vehicles on Beech Drive not observing the 20 mph speed limit especially around 7.00 – 8.00 am and from 3.00 pm onwards. Complaints were also made about drivers using mobile phones whilst driving. Margery agreed to forward these points to the police. (*Action MB*)

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

CC402 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug spoke to the meeting regarding the current situation. There are, however, no significant changes since last month.

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

CC403 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00622/FUL Take down Chimney to roof level and reinstate to match existing original chimney at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG.
No comment.

16/00623/FUL Take down existing Chimney and reinstate to match original in height colour and finish at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG.
No comment.

16/00633/FUL Change of use and revision of previous application 16/00302/FUL to form 3 bedroom Dwelling at 54 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH.
No comment.

16/00673/FUL New house 55m east of Ballochruin Farm, Killearn G63 0SE.
No comment

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00473/FUL Provision of rear Extension and front Porch at 16 Elder Road, Killearn G63 9RX.
Approve with conditions.

16/00525/FUL Alteration and removal of Dormer with rear Extension and Shed at 18 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RQ.
Approve.

CC404 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT

Following the public meeting with Mactaggart and Mickel on 27 September 2016, the Community Panel met to discuss the questions and answers raised at the event. A document summarising same is available on KCC website. KCC has requested a further meeting with Mactaggart and Mickel but no response received to date. It was agreed the Community Panel discuss the following main issues when the meeting is arranged:

- Landscaping of site
- House types
- Cross section of site
- Safe pedestrian access from site
- Change house or garden layouts at end of roads to prevent future development

CC405 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Margery presented the report and outlined the following:

- No response from SC received in reply to KCC's email of 22 September regarding problems of drainage and surface water on new section of Birch Road.
- Road sign opposite Old Mill replaced.
- Plans awaited re upgrading of pavements from Gartness Road to bottom of Station Road.
- Scottish Water still working in Killearn, so no reinstatement of road markings at Branziert/Drumbeg yet.
- Road crossing at Glengoyne Distillery raised with SC but no response to date. Police said that it was a Roads issue, but they would keep a lookout.
- Request that bus timetables on shelters be updated.
- Closure of A81 at Ballat until mid April 2017. It was agreed to contact Scottish Water to request partial opening of road. (*Action MB*)

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

CC406 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Alistair Berrill reported on the following:

- PBB 'light touch' process.
- Planned council tax increases to raise £100m for schools (free school meal figures to indicate level of need and appropriation of funds). No council tax increases for homes in band A, B, C and D. The following bands will face increased council tax as under:
 - Band E up 7%
 - Band F up 13%
 - Band G up 18%
 - Band H up 23%

Should this not raise the necessary funds, a council tax increase of up to 3% will be levied on all houses.

It was noted that council tax raised from Killearn for the years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 amounted to £1.23m and £1.24m respectively but SC had spent nil and £13793 in the same periods on capital projects in the same area. It was strongly felt that residents were not receiving value for money when compared with other areas in SC.

The state of the pavements in Killearn was again raised and comparisons made with neighbouring villages which have much better pavements. It was agreed KCC continue to press SC to clarify the policy for assessing and prioritising pavement repairs.

CC407 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance £917.76

KCC are still awaiting the annual grant from SC.

CC408 – QUESTION TIME

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- Current situation regarding Spar.
Margaret to request update from C J Lang re situation. (*Action MH*)
- Request for drop kerb at either end of New Endrick Road. (*Action JP*)
- Update on new football pavilion.
Not in use yet as awaiting sewerage connection.
- Post Office counter in Co-op.
Margaret to request an update from Killearn Co-op manager. (*Action MH*)
- Killearn Hotel.
No-one currently interested. Jim to contact Punch Taverns for update. (*Action JP*)
- Double yellow lines on Station Road.
Margery to contact SC to request when this will be done. (*Action MB*)

CC409 – YOUTH MATTERS

Tommy informed the meeting of the following:

- B10 bus service to Glasgow now stopping outside Balfron High School to collect students attending after-school clubs. Students wishing to attend the clubs now have to pay for a bus ticket to get home. As a result, there has been a marked decline in pupils attending the clubs. It is also a matter of concern that after-school Supported Study Groups will also be adversely affected.
- Balfron High School show commences 14 November.
- Loch Katrine conservation and wildlife management event held 18 October.
- S6 pupils currently applying for colleges, jobs and apprenticeships.

CC410 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Andrew reported on the KCFC meeting attended looking at bringing all village websites into a manageable arrangement. It is hoped to have a single online entry point for Killearn which will then lead to all other websites. A search facility and Facebook portal for dynamic information are also being considered.

CC411 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- Road sign for Ballochruin. Agreed to support residents requesting this.
(*Action MB*)
- National campaign regarding hate crimes and incidents
- First East bus group survey completed by Margaret and Margery.

CC412 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KCFC Annual General Meeting to be held on 20 October 2016.

CC413 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 16 November 2016 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School. Carol Beattie from SC Economic Development Unit will be in attendance.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.