

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Hilary McGregor
In attendance	Ian Denvir (SC), Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, 26 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC382 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016

Subject to amending CC370 to read “New cabinet in Crosshead Road not yet in place.”, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC383 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC369 – Matters Arising – AOB Empty Sites**

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

Punch Taverns yet to respond to KCC’s letter but it is understood that two parties have expressed interest in taking over the Killlearn Hotel. In view of wedding reception cancellations because of lack of accommodation in the village, concern was expressed that the hotel be opened and successfully operated again as soon as possible.

- **CC374 – Councillor’s Report**

The new arrangements for waste collections are being phased in.

CC384 – POLICE MATTERS

Margery presented the Police Report as neither PC Graham nor PC Murphy was able to attend the meeting:

- Sheep worrying incident on 10 July resulted in death of one lamb. Identity of dog or owner has not been established.
- Complaints about noisy party at a farm on B818 reported on 17 June. Police attended and suitable advice given.
- Male charged with a Breach of the Peace offence in Main Street on 8 August.
- Commercial property on A81 broken into between 7 and 8 July.
- Male charged with theft of two bottles of whisky from Glengoyne Distillery.
- Male issued with Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for Careless Driving on A875 following a collision on 15 July.
- Male issued with Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for Careless Driving on Lampson Road following a collision on 16 August.
- On 18 July, rider of motorcycle involved with a one vehicle road traffic collision on A809 charged with dangerous driving.

- Complaint about farm vehicle using Main Street received on 18 June. Police attended and confirmed no criminality taken place.
- Male issued with Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for Careless Driving on Main Street on 19 July.
- On 20 June, driver arrested for driving through Killearn whilst unfit through alcohol or drugs.
- One vehicle road traffic collision on A875 involving damage to fence on 24 July. Driver subsequently charged with various road traffic offences and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Several complaints about speeding and inconsiderate/illegal parking in the village received.
- Motorist reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving at 53 mph in Station Road.
- On 16 July, an adult and four children rescued from Devil's Pulpit.
- Several complaints received re apparently abandoned vehicle on Beech Drive. Registered keeper contacted by police and vehicle removed.

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

Concern was expressed about the red road patch at Glengoyne Distillery as foreign tourists are confusing this with a pedestrian crossing. It was agreed to contact Jim McGregor of SC Roads Dept to highlight this problem.

A local resident raised the issue of parking on Beech Drive at the chicane points. KCC agreed to check the legality of this with SC.

CC385 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

As Doug was unable to attend the meeting Margery explained that in Killearn nothing much has changed over the summer. SC is planning another Supplier Event to encourage residents and businesses to meet potential solution providers and discuss how they can improve their situation.

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

CC386 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00402/FUL Alterations to existing House at Post Office, Killearn G63 9LA.
KCC no comment

16/00407/FUL Relocation of rear Access to create extra garden space at 1, 2 and 3 Old School Court, Killearn
KCC no comment

16/00431/FUL Construction of new Dwelling at land adjacent to and NE of 20 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
KCC no comment

16/00435/FUL Demolition of existing Cottage and erection of 6 Semi Detached units at Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn G63 9QQ
KCC no comment

16/00426/NAG Erection of general purpose Farm Building at land 540m SW of Little Moss, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
KCC no comment

16/00473/FUL Erection of rear 2 storey Extension and front Porch at 16 Elder Road, Killearn
KCC no comment

16/00522/ADV Erection of various Signs at 52 Main Street, Killearn
KCC no comment

16/00525/FUL Removal of Dormer and provision of free standing Shed at 18 Main Street, Killearn
KCC no comment

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00262/FUL Demolition of existing House and erection of new House and Garage at Pendle Cottage. Killearn G63 9LA
Approve with conditions

16/00302/FUL Change of use of Commercial premises to domestic Flat at 54 Main Street, Killearn
Approve with conditions

16/00402/FUL Alterations to House at Post Office, Killearn G63 9LA
Approve

15/00846/FUL Provision of new Car Park on land west of Beech Tree Inn with new Access Road to A81 at Killearn G63 9LA.
Approve with conditions

16/00407/FUL Relocate rear Access to create garden space at 1,2 and 3 Old School Court, Main Street, Killearn
Refuse

16/00426/NAG Erection of general purpose Farm Building 540m SW of Little Moss, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
Approve

16/00431/FUL Erection of new Dwelling NE of 20 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
Approve with conditions

16/00522/ADV Erection of various Signs at 52 Main Street, Killearn
Approve with conditions

16/00473/FUL Erection of rear 2 storey Extension and front Porch at 16 Elder Road, Killearn
Approve with conditions

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

16/00075/FUL Erection of 5 Houses NW of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn

16/00435/FUL Demolition of existing Cottage and erection of 6 Semi Detached units at Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/16/057/UNAUTH. Operation of Business from dwelling at Harpers Road, Killearn

No breach of planning control.

- **Other Planning Issues**

Revised proposed Development Plan issued.

CC387 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT

Following the Community Panel meeting with SC Road's staff, and Mactaggart and Mickel's meeting with SC Roads and Planning departments, Mactaggart and Mickel will host a public presentation and Q&A session on 27 September in the Village Hall from 7.00 – 8.00 pm. A revised draft plan will be available. Rural Stirling Housing Association will also speak about affordable housing. The Community Panel will meet on 26 September and again after the public consultation with a view to bringing draft comments to the October KCC meeting. See KCC website for further information.

Concern was expressed about the number of houses in the draft plan having increased to 37 and it was agreed Margaret query this with Mactaggart and Mickel before the meeting.

CC388 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Since Jim Allan's resignation from KCC in June, it was agreed Margaret and Margery cover this department. For ease of management, future reports will be divided in two, covering *completed* road and general maintenance issues and *current* road and general maintenance issues. Both will be posted on KCC website but only the current report will be presented at the KCC meeting.

Margery spoke to the following points:

- Ongoing issue with drainage and surface water on new section of Birch Road. Margery to request update following SC meeting with Scottish Water. It was also agreed Cllr Lambie take the matter up with SC Chief Executive.
- Unreadable road sign opposite Old Mill still not repaired.
- Ian Denvir SC to investigate pavement repair allocation process and Killearn's position. KCC to report potholes between Well Green and The Co-op.
- Priority arrows sign at Blane Smithy Bridge turned round and trees cut back.
- Broken pane in bus shelter reported but may be some time before repaired.
- Request for railings at War Memorial to be repainted has been submitted but unlikely to be carried out in current financial year.

CC389 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Graham Lambie reported on the following:

- New waste collection service.
- Road maintenance programme for 2016/2017.
- Roads Spend to Save proposal.
- 40 mph signage near Carbeth Inn on A809.

- A811 motorway slip road proposal.
- A81 safety signage at Glengoyne Distillery.
- Killearn Hospital site.
- Balfroun High School structural building checks.
- Community Day event at Balfroun High School.
- Policing report.
- SC local government boundary changes.
- Blairessan development.
- New car park at Beech Tree Inn.
- Request to relocate farm building at Carston Farm.
- First Bus changes and Demand Response Service (DRT).

Councillor Lambie requested information on privately-owned pavements in Killearn.

CC390 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Current bank balance £957.64

As the annual grant of £385 has still not been received from SC, it was agreed David email Jean Cowie SC funding officer to raise this issue. (*Action DS*)

CC391 – STIRLING COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Margaret spoke to the meeting regarding the section relating to Killearn, outlining the three most important issues as:

1. Road maintenance
2. Gaps in transport network so not everyone is able to access jobs, services and opportunities
3. Impact of traffic on health and environment

It was agreed KCC submit a brief response to SC and stress that KCC expect to be fully consulted on any local issues.

A meeting regarding the demand and problems re parking in Killearn will be held on 27 October with local businesses invited to attend.

CC392 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC393 – YOUTH MATTERS

Two local youth residents expressed concern about the cancellation of buses calling at Balfroun High School to take pupils home following the very popular after school clubs.

CC394 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret reported on the KCFC meeting attended on 15 September

- Country market to return to Saturday
- AGM on 20 October. Brenda Pell encouraged members of the public to attend.

CC395 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- Traffic and other issues on Station Road.
- Lack of after school bus provision.
- BT phone box – BT requested to repair

CC396 – INTERIM VACANCY ELECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Due to local Council elections taking place in 2017, Community Council elections will be postponed until 2018. This means that the present KCC will serve for five years instead of four. There are currently four vacancies, including one co-option (co-opted members require to re-apply) and Youth membership. Applications open on 3 October. Local residents are encouraged to apply by 21 October if interested in joining KCC.

CC397 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the concern about vacant commercial premises in all rural villages, it is hoped that Carol Beattie from SC Economic Development Unit will attend a future KCC meeting to address this issue.

It was agreed that Margaret continue as KCC representative on KCFC for a further term.

CC398 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held on 19 October 2016 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The date of the December KCC meeting has been changed from 21 December to 14 December.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.