

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, David Scott
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Morley, Heather Wright
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, Ian Denvir SC, PC Steven Graham, PC Raymond Murphy, Euan Shaw, 36 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
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CC478 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2017

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

CC479 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Steven Graham presented the police report:

- On 2 March, police attended a property in Crosshead Road and gave suitable advice, following a complaint about loud music being played.
- Police continued to carry out proactive patrols in the playground of the Primary School where youths have been drinking alcohol and discarding litter. Local residents are urged to contact Police Scotland if they see anyone causing damage or annoyance.
- Four road traffic collisions occurred in the local area. No injuries sustained but damage caused to the narrow bridge on the B834.
- Patrols in the area around the Primary School continued in response to complaints about inconsiderate and illegal parking.
- Two motorists issued with a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for speeding offences on Station Road.
- Speed checks conducted on A875 near Branziert Road North and advice given to motorists not taking the mini-roundabout in the proper manner.
- Quantity of alcohol stolen from Killlearn Co-op on 28 February and man responsible reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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

CC480 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC466 – Matters Arising, A81 closure**

Andrew attended a meeting on 21 February and gave an update on the situation. Repair work will take place between May and autumn 2017 with a break during the summer months so that tourist traffic will not be affected. Diversion route - A81 at Blane Smithy Roundabout, via Finnich Toll, Croftamie and Drymen, rejoining A81 at Ballat. Following complaints, SC and Scottish Water have agreed to clarify signing for the diversion route, providing more information for drivers.

A request was received from a member of the public that the damaged bridge at Blane Smithy be repaired before the diversion, and that temporary traffic lights be provided at the bridge when the A81 is closed.

- **CC466 – Matters Arising, Co-op Post Office Counter**

Margaret informed the meeting that Killearn Co-op will not open a Post Office counter as, having received turnover trading figures from 2015 and taking into account their own costs, the counter would not be financially viable.

It was agreed KCC write to the Co-op thanking them for considering the proposal and point out it is likely the Co-op Post Office counter would be more heavily used than the one in Spar. In addition, planning permission for 50 new houses is currently being processed which would provide increased custom and perhaps Co-op would reconsider the proposal in the future. (*Action MH*)

- **CC474 – Reports of Meetings Attended, Football Pavilion**

The footpath at the Pavilion and crushed bark at the Flying Fox have now been reinstated. KCC wish to minute their thanks to the volunteers from Paths Group for carrying out this work.

CC481 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Euan informed the meeting of latest progress:

A new broadband cabinet installed at the BT premises is due to go live soon. This will serve houses in the “Trees” estate. Status of individual connectivity can be checked on WhereandWhen pages of the BT Openreach website or Digital Scotland website.

Mobile masts are also being upgraded to 3G and 4G capability.

The full report can be seen on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC482 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00095/FUL Provision of two new Dwellings (one replacement) at Red Cottage, Blane Smiddy Road, Killearn
No comment.

17/00108/FUL First floor Extension to side of house over garage at 21 Birch Road, Killearn G63 9SG
No comment.

17/00122/FUL Change of Use class 7 to 9 with Alterations and Extension to form 17 2 and 3 apartment flats at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG.
KCC to agree to change of use. See below for further comments.

17/00152/FUL Alterations and Extension including Hair Salon at 8 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RG
No comment.

17/00177/FUL Two storey extension to lower ground floor at 8 Chestnut Avenue, Killearn
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00749/FUL Extension for Boiler Room and Biomass Store at Carston Mews, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LJ.
Approve.

16/00796/FUL Change of Use from Brownfield site to Garden at Endrick Cottage, Killearn.
Approve.

16/00832/FUL Erection of Summerhouse and Decking in rear garden at 9 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD.
Approve.

17/00007/FUL Extension with New Dormers to create Upper Floor at 8 Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG.
Approve.

- **Planning Schedule Recommendations**

17/00040/LBC Minor repairs to chimneys at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn. G63 9LG
Agreed.

Other Planning Issues

The Local Development Plan was submitted to ministers in December 2016. Ministers have 6-9 months to approve.

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M&M have submitted an additional design statement addressing some of the comments from KCC. It was agreed the Community Panel will meet to discuss same and send their response to SC by 4 April.

Information has been received from Rural Stirling Housing Association (RSHA) on the demand for the 12 proposed rented houses. Applications have been received from 23 households in Killearn plus 7 from those with a need to move to Killearn for support or employment. 36 applications from neighbouring villages have also been received.

Killearn Hotel

Since the Hotel closed, Punch Taverns had been unsuccessful in finding a new tenant, and had also failed to find a buyer for the site on the open market. As the building is located within the Conservation Area, acceptable alternative uses for the site are limited. After discussion, KCC agreed by 6 votes to 1, to accept the proposed change of use from hotel to residential accommodation and request that it be referred to the Planning Panel. Cllr Muirhead agreed to support this. It was requested that a vote be taken of the members of the public present. This was agreed and the result was: 19 in favour of the change of use and 13 in favour of remaining as a hotel. The following comments were requested for consideration by SC:

- Protection of wall around monument
- Incorporate lift in design
- Ensure building facade is kept
- Need for more 2 bed flats
- Consider one bed flats for single people requiring supported living
- Traffic control around premises - consider one way system
- Concern about overlooking neighbouring properties

CC483 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Margery presented the report and outlined the following:

- Continued dialogue with SC re Birch Road drainage problems.
- Email reminder to SC re broken pane in bus shelter – to be carried out soon
- Following pavement survey results submitted to SC and communication with appropriate SC officials, work is being carried out.
- Repair work to drain at Napier Road/Station Road done very quickly and some drain clearing undertaken.
- Street sweeping in some areas of village.
- Killearn due for deep clean in 2018.
- Padlock on bollard on entrance to the park repaired. SC is the sole keyholder.
- Repair to gate in children's area still awaited.
- Tree surgery undertaken at oak tree in park.
- Unauthorised vehicle access to park has resulted in compaction of tree roots. SC vehicles have been told not to drive across park. Please report any infringement to SC.
- KCC to compile list of mossy pavements with significant risk of slipping. These will be cleared by SC. Please email KCC with any pavements to add to the list.
- As SC does not do routine inspections, it is important for community to work together with SC to report problems eg pot holes, damaged pavements, sunken drains, blocked drains, hedges impinging on pavements etc. Please contact info@stirling.gov.uk with details of location and, if possible, photographs.
- It is regrettable that SC mobile cleansing units, instead of being used elsewhere, are attending Balfron High School every day to clear up after pupils at lunchtimes.

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

CC484 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Ian Muirhead spoke to the following points:

- Ongoing issue of B12 bus service to Stirling.
- Refer Killearn Hotel planning application to Planning Panel.
- SC now dissolved until after election on 4 May. Executive Committee set up to deal with emergencies etc.
- Rural economic action plan to have dedicated member of staff.
- Rural business forum.
- Rural digital hub
- SC budget passed with increased finances in the following areas:
 - Education attainment fund
 - Social care
 - Rural transport
 - Roads
- All weather sprint track at Balfron High School.

- Localities programme keen to have input from local villages to liaise with SC on how services are run and budgets allocated.

CC485 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Current bank balance	£1182.78
Expenses from last month	£200.91

£60 from next year’s funds to be allocated for repair to Notice Board at former Spar.

CC486 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public reported a proposed interactive internet-accessible screen for the village. KCC agreed to investigate this with Visit Scotland. (*Action MH*)

CC487 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Tom was unable to attend the meeting, there was no youth report.

CC488 – CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation document from Police Scotland will be addressed at the next KCC meeting.

CC489 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to nominate Dementia Support Group to receive £250 award from Rural Stirling Housing Association.

KCC Millennium Committee and Gala Committee will be formally wound up by Peter Wilks after the village notice boards have been refurbished.

CC490 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 19 April 2017 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School. It is hoped Stuart Oliver from SC Economic Development Unit will speak on encouraging rural businesses. A representative from “On the Verge” will also talk about plans for wild flower meadows at the April meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.12 pm.