

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

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| Members present | Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Jim Ptolomey |
| Apologies | Ian Denvir SC, Hilary McGregor, David Scott, Heather Wright, Police Scotland |
| In attendance | Doug Ashworth, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, 14 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) |
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CC541 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2017

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

CC542 – MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2017

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

CC543 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC524 – Community Sports Hub**
It was announced that the Balfron Sports Hub will not proceed as efforts will be concentrated on the Bannockburn Hub.
- **CC526 – Matters Arising, Finnich Glen**
Articles have been published by Lomond Mountain Rescue in The Scotsman and Stirling Observer warning of the dangers of Finnich Glen. Mountain Rescue have been called out, on average, once a month to the site. KCC have requested that SC provide warning notices at the entrances to the Glen, and Croftamie and Strathblane CCs shared our concern about access to the site. As landowner, David Young expressed thanks to KCC and SC for their assistance in this matter.
- **CC526 – Matters Arising, Cars on Football Field**
As cars have continued to park on the football field, the football club has been asked to inform members and visitors that parking is not permitted on the field.
- **CC526 – Matters Arising, Telephone Kiosk**
Some repairs have been carried out to the Telephone Kiosk with repainting still to be done.
- **CC536 – Any Other Business, 20 mph Limit in Residential Areas**
A response has been sent in support of MSP Mark Ruskell's Member's Bill for 20 mph speed limits in residential areas throughout Scotland. It was noted that residents of Callander are also interested in this Bill.

CC544 – POLICE MATTERS

As the police were unable to attend the meeting, Margaret presented the police report:

There were incidents of antisocial behaviour during the summer, several road traffic accidents and theft of and from vehicles, including an incident in Station Road where the thief entered an insecure house, stole car keys and drove the vehicle away. Residents are asked to ensure that properties are secure. Bogus callers are targeting the local area claiming to be from a bank, BT, Microsoft or Apple. Residents are warned to be aware of these telephone scams. Rural Watch Scotland is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free. Further details from www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

As travelling criminals appear to be working again in the local area, a member of the public suggested the police set up stop-and-search road blocks around Killearn.

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

CC545 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug gave a verbal report outlining the latest situation:

- Auchengillan Outdoor Centre now has a radio connection from the exchange in Killearn to provide faster broadband. It is hoped a similar scheme can be extended to other areas in Killearn and surrounding villages.
- The SC Broadband Delivery Group has had its first meeting.
- R100 project to begin at end of 2018. This aims to extend faster broadband to all properties in Scotland.

CC546 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00466/FUL Creation of Parking Area with 1.8m High Fence at The Old Meal Mill, Fintry G63 0LQ
No comment.

17/00487/FUL Provision of new Tennis Court and Fence at Shepherd's Lodge, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
No comment.

17/00483/FUL Single storey rear Extension at 1 Blane Road, End Cottage, Killearn G63 9LA
No comment.

17/00499/FUL Erection of new Dwellinghouse at land SW of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
No comment.

17/00522/FUL Erection of Dwellinghouse at garden ground NE of The Willows, Beech Drive, Killearn G63 9SW. (supersedes 16/00793/FUL)
KCC objected to this proposal.

17/00540/FUL Erection of front Porch at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RL
No comment.

17/00529/FUL Change of Use class 7 to 9 and Conversion to form 14 Flats at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9 NG
KCC objected to this proposal.

17/00543/FUL Alteration to Roof at 12 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NJ
KCC objected to this proposal.

17/00604/FUL Change of Use to form 5 Apartments at former bank building, 4 Main Street, Killearn G63 9NH
KCC objected to this proposal.

17/00605/FUL Extension to Forrestry Track at Drumore Wood, Gartness Road, Killearn
No comment.

17/00643/FUL 2 storey Extension to rear Replacing Conservatory, side Extension replacing Garage and addition of front Porch at 42 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
No comment.

17/00667/FUL Erection of Dwellinghouse on land at Killearn House, Walled Garden, Killearn
KCC supported this proposal.

17/00673/FUL New Flue with rain cap for wood burning Stove at 1 Lampson Road Killearn G63 9PD
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00095/FUL Erection of 2 new Dwellinghouses at Red Cottage, Blane Smiddy Road, Killearn G63 9QQ
Approve with conditions.

17/00365/FUL Erection of 2 storey side Extension and single storey front Extension at Meikle, Boquhan, Fintry G63 0LQ
Approve.

17/00483/LWP Single storey rear Extension at 1 Blane Road, End Cottage, Killearn G63 9LA (certificate of lawfulness)
Approve with conditions.

17/00356/FUL Erection of new Dwellinghouse at Plot 1, Wishing Well Camping Site, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
Approve with conditions.

17/00354/PPP Erection of new Dwellinghouse at Plot 2, Wishing Well Camping Site, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
Approve with conditions.

17/00355/PPP Conversion of building containing 3 Flats and Coffee Shop to single Dwellinghouse at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Drymen G63 0NJ
Approve with conditions.

17/00487/FUL New Tennis Court and Fence at Shepherds Lodge, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
Approve.

17/00240/MSC Erection of 1.5 storey Dwellinghouse with Garage and Septic Tank at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ (PPP ref 14/00487/PPP)
Approve MSC (matters specified by conditions)

17/00540/FUL Erection of Porch, 51 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RC
Approve.

16/00784/FUL Erection of Residential Development between Gartness Road and Blairessan House, Killearn.
KCC objected to details of this proposal.
Deferred to Planning Panel on 5th September.

17/00499/FUL New Dwellinghouse at land adjacent to Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
Approve with conditions.

17/00543/FUL Alteration to Roof at 12 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NJ
Approve.

17/00605/NAG (agricultural notification) Extension to Forrestry Track at Drumore Wood, Gartness Road, Killearn
Approve.

17/00605/NAG Extension to Forrestry Track, Drumore Wood, Gartness Road, Killearn.
Approve.

- **Planning Schedule Recommendations**

16/00784/FUL Erection of Residential Development between Gartness Road and Blairessan House, Killearn
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Panel Decisions**

Erection of Residential Development between Gartness Road and Blairessan House, Station Road, Killearn.
Approve subject to section 75 agreement.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

17/00122/FUL Change of Use and formation of 17 Flats at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn. Revised application 17/00529/FUL submitted.

- **Planning Enforcement**

17/077/UNAUTH Erection of platform type Structure in rear garden Killearn G63 9RF
No breach of planning control.

Blairessan

Margaret informed the meeting that the Blairessan development should provide a community benefit for the village, such as some new play equipment. Suggestions and ideas should be given to KCC. It was agreed Heidi liaise with the Parent Council of the

primary school and KCFC (who developed the existing playpark at the football field) liaise with SC regarding this benefit.

It was also agreed that the Community Panel continue to liaise with the builder to discuss any problems that arise in the process of building.

Killearn Hotel

The planning application for Killearn Hotel is likely to be considered by SC Planning Panel on 3 October.

CC547 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert reported on the status of road and pavement repairs at Harpers Road, Drumbeg Loan, Drumtitan Road and Station Road. A81 closed for approximately three months from 18 September to enable bridge repairs to be carried out. Work on Blane Water Bridge postponed because B834 is diversion route while A81 is closed. New bus shelter to be erected on Main Street near Co-op. Request from resident for signage at Ballochruin Road and safety of junction with Station Road, Balfroon.

It was agreed KCC request the parking time restriction at the hairdresser's on Main Street be removed.

The full road report is available on KCC web site www.killearncc.org.uk.

CC548 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lambie spoke to the meeting and mentioned the following in his report: SC administration details and his own duties, road maintenance programme for 2017-2018, Finnich Glen, road safety at Glengoyne Distillery, closure of Springkerse Road bridge, Stirling and partial closure of A809 at Catterburn Bridge, Croftamie.

Councillor Lambie's full report is available on KCC web site www.killearncc.org.uk.

CC549 – TREASURER'S REPORT

As David was unable to attend the meeting, Margaret presented the Treasurer's Report.

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| Bank balance at 17 September | £906.86 |
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It was noted that SC grants for admin and minutes secretary have not yet been received. Cllr Lambie agreed to pursue this.

CC550 – QUESTION TIME

A question was raised regarding the former Spar building. No reply has been received from Margaret's enquiry as to the current situation.

CC551 – YOUTH MATTERS

KCC have vacancies for two youth members and Margaret encouraged anyone interested to contact her. Prospective youth members must be aged 16 or over, live in Killearn and be on the electoral roll.

CC552 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret attended three meetings and reported on the following:

- First Bus vehicles are currently being upgraded and new ticketeer machines installed for contactless payment. The B10 route has been rebranded the Discovery Line to publicise rural villages and Glengoyne Distillery. Most buses only achieve 5 miles to the gallon with 15 mpg in the most efficient vehicles.
- At the KCFC meeting on 12 September, it was agreed a plaque in memory of Donald Beaton be placed on the Football Pavilion. Support was pledged for the Green Aspirations' bid to the Climate Challenge Fund to encourage food growing, cycle use and the establishment of a tool library in Killearn. KCFC AGM will be held on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.
- South West Area Forum was held on 18 September when rural digital hubs, digital smart screens, local tourism events strategy and B9 bus service were discussed.

CC553 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margaret spoke to the following correspondence:

- Opening of a rural business hub and training centre by Fraser Robb in Drymen. General support for such a venture was expressed but more information required before KCC could give a letter of support.
- Walk in Flu Clinic on Monday 9 October at Killearn Health Centre.
- Filming of children's TV programme "Grandpa's Great Escape" in various parts of the village during late September and early October.
- Scottish Government consultation on Low Emission Zones in cities. It was agreed KCC would not respond to this.

CC554 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jim wished to express his thanks to KCC members for answering his emails about planning issues so promptly throughout the summer.

It was agreed a Working Group be set up to investigate using Twitter and Facebook by KCC to communicate with the public. Robert (Chair), Andrew, Euan Shaw and a Youth member would form the group and report to the December KCC meeting.

Margaret informed the meeting that the deadline for the November issue of Killearn Courier was 29 September.

CC555 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.