

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2018

Members present	Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Eva Mailer, Hilary McGregor, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Ian Denvir SC, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, 17 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC659 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018

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

CC660 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the Police Report.

- Two instances of sheep worrying. Dog owners were reminded of their obligation to keep dogs under control in the countryside.
- High visibility patrols continue to be carried out to improve road safety.
- Ongoing issues re parked vehicles on A809 near the Devil's Pulpit. The recent Bank Holiday Monday saw four fixed penalty tickets issued to drivers as a result of dangerous parking.
- Since the last meeting, a number of the business premises at Killlearn Mill have been broken into.
- Male was disturbed acting suspiciously near house on Main Street.
- PC Garry Martin has been appointed second community police officer for the area and will take up post before the end of May.

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

CC661 – PRESENTATION BY COLIN O'BRIEN

Margaret welcomed Colin O'Brien to the meeting. Having served the local community in various capacities over the years, Colin spoke of his current role as Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire. As a representative of the state, Colin acts on behalf of the Queen in matters such as organising 100th birthday cards and celebrations, 60th wedding anniversary cards, award ceremonies, presenting certificates, assessment and presentation of Queen's awards, citizenship ceremonies and organising royal garden party invitations for local people. For assistance in any of these areas, contact Colin via Irene Peat, PA to Chief Executive of Falkirk Council and he will be delighted to help.

CC662 – PRESENTATION BY TRICIA CUMMING

Margaret welcomed Tricia Cumming of Active Stirling to the meeting who spoke of local walks led by qualified volunteers, organised to encourage health and wellbeing. Walks take place in the Killlearn and Blanefield areas on Thursdays at 2.00 pm and local

residents are encouraged to join in. Walk leaders have received special training to adapt the walks to assist those in the community with dementia to attend with their carer, family and friends. Contact 01786 273555 or <http://www.actvestirling.org.uk/walking/>

CC663 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC646 – Matters Arising, Community Benefit Fund**
It was confirmed that the £35,000 community benefit fund can only be used for children's play equipment. A Friends of the Playpark Group will be set up by KCFC to plan improved play facilities for the play parks and primary school.
- **CC657 – Any Other Business, Dog Waste Bin**
SC has been asked to replace the dog waste bin at Station Rd/West Highland Way.
- **CC653 – Question Time, Estate Agent Advertising Signs**
Jim informed the meeting that estate agent advertising signs are only permitted on the property for sale or other land with permission. It is a matter for the local police to check which signs are not permitted and to remove same. Members of the public should not undertake this themselves as this may be classed as theft.

CC664 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug presented the following broadband report:

- New cabinet now in The Square, adjacent to the old cemetery. Some properties with postcodes G63 9NE, G63 9PX, G63 9PY and G63 9RL should benefit.
- Shaun Marley appointed as SC new Community Broadband Officer (CBO).
- SC to launch a competition for community groups to bid for the prize of support from the CBO to do a feasibility study for a community broadband project.
- Digital Scotland upgrade project now into its GainShare phase.
- R100 contractual negotiations continue with four bidders.
- Business voucher scheme re-started with up to £3000 available to help a business connect to an available fibre source. There can also be help for adjacent residential properties.

CC665 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00259/FUL Extension above garage conversion at 8 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
No comment.

18/00283/PPP. Erection of Dwelling in ground to rear of 11 Gartness Road, Killearn
KCC to comment that social impact should take precedence in this case.

18/00293/FUL Single Storey Extension to Orangery at 26 Balforn Road, Killearn G63 9NJ. (amendment to application 16/00170/FUL)
No comment.

18/00291/FUL Erection of three car detached garage and home gymnasium at Stilwater, Killearn G63 9QW.
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/00164/FUL Demolition of Single Storey Building and Erection of 2 Storey Staff Welfare Facility at Glengoyne Distillery, Strathblane G63 9LB
Approve.

18/00167/FUL Erection of Front Porch at 7 Cedar Road, Killearn G63 9RU
Approve.

18/00194/FUL Installation of Replacement Windows at 2 Gartness Road, Killearn G63 9NT
Approve.

18/00180/FUL Addition of dormer at rear of house at 4 Elm Road, Killearn G63 9RY
Approve.

- **Planning Panel Recommendations**

17/00977/PPP Residential Development at land adjacent and South of 1 and 3 Lampson Loan, Killearn
Refuse.

17/00978/PPP Residential Development at land adjacent to 1 and 2 Lampson Road, Killearn
Refuse.

- **Planning Panel Decisions**

17/00977/PPP Residential Development adjacent to and south of nos 1 & 3 Lampson Loan, Killearn.
Refused.

17/00978/PPP Residential Development at land adjacent to 1 and 2 Lampson Road, Killearn
Approved subject to section 75 agreement.

Jim had contacted SC to enquire if this decision was competent, as it does not comply with the Local Development Plan and many other rulings in the Planning Act. SC confirmed that the decision was competent, and the LDP can be varied in exceptional circumstances such as social or economic benefit. It was agreed that Jim contact Rural Stirling Housing Association to enquire if there is ongoing need for affordable housing in this area. (*Action JP*)

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/18/038 Non Compliance with Planning Condition Killearn

EN/18/046/unauth A potential change of levels at Station Road, Killearn

- **Delegated Decisions**

EN/17/095/unadv Siting of placard Main Street, Killearn
Removed.

EN/17/096/unauth Siting of placard Kirkhouse Road, Killearn
Removed.

- **Forestry Planting and Felling Proposals**

Felling and Woodland Creation 3Km South of Killearn. (across from Dault Burn on A809 at Killearn Lodge) with Spruce, Pine, Birch, Hazel, Rowan and Cherry.

Other Planning Matters

It was agreed Jim contact SC Tree Officer to clarify the situation at Kirkhouse Woods where trees are being thinned and to express concern about replacing of oak trees with holly and rowan. (*Action JP*)

Cllr Lambie proposes to set up a planning group to discuss the Killearn Hospital site with assistance from SC Economic Development Manager, Stuart Oliver. Local community councils will be invited to take part.

CC666 – COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

Margaret informed the meeting that a response has been sent by KCC agreeing with most of the proposals but strongly objecting to the suggestion that all communication be directed through a named person. It was felt necessary to deal with officials directly in departments such as Planning, Roads and Land Services and continue sending general communications to info@stirling.gov.uk Comment was also made on the suggested requirement to hold a Special Meeting within ten days of a request. It might be difficult to obtain a quorum during July and August when KCC is in abeyance.

CC667 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert reported on the following:

- Double yellow lines to be painted at top of Station Road as part of traffic island works scheduled for 2018.
- A81 closed at Ballat for another month to allow installation of crash barrier technology.
- Repair to footpaths on Elm Road and Cedar Road now underway.
- Repair to footpath on Station Road completed.
- Parking restriction sign at Hairdresser's on Main Street to be removed.
- SC agreed to install signage on Station Road warning drivers of chicane.
- Gartness Road to have improved sight lines onto Station Road.

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

CC668 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies reported on the recent SC meeting which approved the local development plan, the new structure of SC, forthcoming changes to planning structures for local residents and the forthcoming meeting on 28 May with Loch Lomond National Park to discuss issues such as parking and traffic flow in rural areas.

CC669 – TREASURER'S REPORT

David presented the KCC Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2018. This was formally approved by KCC, proposed by Andrew and seconded by Janet.

David raised the issue again of the unrealistic grant from SC for KCC administration. In 1982, the grant amounted to £316.80. Some 36 years later, the 2018 grant was £367.78. Cllr Lambie intimated that he hoped the situation would be rectified in the future.

CC670 – QUESTION TIME

As a suggestion to encourage walking safely in the village, a resident of Lampson Road requested that KCC request lighting on the footpath through The Kingdom woodland which links Lampson Road to Chestnut Avenue. (*Action MH*)

Local landowner, David Young informed the meeting of continued dialogue with SC re traffic problems and parking at Finnich Glen, explaining that it is a complicated situation and that it will take time to deliver solutions

CC671 – YOUTH MATTERS

There was no youth report.

CC672 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Margaret attended a meeting on 20 April re Children's Book Festival on Sunday 2 September. This will be a free event, funded by SC and Scottish Book Trust and it is hoped to become an annual event. Sponsorship will be required in future.
- Fiona, Jim and Heather attended a meeting on 26 April with SC to discuss emergency resilience planning. The plan for Killearn will be prepared jointly with KCFC.
- SC Data protection meetings held on 2 and 10 May. KCC is already registered with the Information Commissioner but entry needs to be updated. (*Action FR*)

CC673 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona spoke to the correspondence received on the following subjects:

- Living Street projects
- Review of polling districts and polling places. It was agreed that Killearn Church Hall is a suitable and accessible polling place.
- Application by the Deli in previous Old Mill Giftshop for a licence to sell alcohol in a new restaurant facility
- Survey on SC libraries and archives. Residents strongly encouraged to complete survey by 25 May. See <http://bit.ly/StirlingLibraries2018>
- Notice of participation requests training at Balfron High School.

CC674 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request was received from the local Scouts group who are looking for a Treasurer to help for around 3 days per year. Please contact Robert Dunn for further information.

As the Balfron Bash has been cancelled due to lack of venue, it was suggested the Killearn Glebe may be a suitable site for this event.

CC675 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 20 June 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School with KCC AGM held beforehand at 7.45 pm.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.