

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2018**

Members present	Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Robert Dunn, Eva Mailer, Heather Wright, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary) 21 members of the public
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Margaret welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the present KCC.

### **CC704 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

### **CC705 – POLICE MATTERS**

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

- Issues with youths congregating at Primary School late evening at weekends.
- Fallen trees on roadways due to high winds.
- Continuing high visibility patrols in the area by traffic officers.
- Ongoing issues relating to parking on A809 near the Devil's Pulpit.
- Housebreaking reported from a local business.
- Local resident reported to the Procurator Fiscal for drink driving.
- Individual found in possession of 'personal use' illegal drugs.
- PC Scott Craigie to leave the role of ward officer to take up a position in response policing at Balfron. PC Gary Martin has been appointed to work with PC Steven Graham, both of whom will be based at Balfron Police Station.

The full police report is available on KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk)

### **CC706 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC692 – Matters Arising, Emergency Resilience Plan**  
Positive feedback has been received from SC and pending completion of legalities regarding the shed at the top of Station Road, it is hoped the plan will be in place by the November KCC meeting.
- **CC693 – Report from Killlearn Broadband Group, TV Signals**  
Residents who have recently lost many of their freeview channels as a result of changes to transmitter bandwaves, were encouraged to complain to Freeview Advice Line on 0808 100 0288 It was agreed KCC contact other local community councils to ask them to do the same.

## **CC707 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

Doug spoke to the meeting, giving an update on the situation. The installation of the new cabinet on Drumbeg Loan has been delayed and there has been no activity in The Branziert.

Good progress has been made by the volunteer team creating the Stockiemuir Community Internet (Dualt) network, with the project nearing completion.

The Rural Broadband Forum, replacing the Broadband Delivery Group, is anticipated to meet towards the end of November.

Doug expressed grateful thanks to Euan, Andrew and Margaret for their work and support.

## **CC708 – PLANNING**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00644/FUL Two Storey Extension to Rear of Camelot, Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH  
No comment.

18/00653/FUL Proposed Rear Extension at 6 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn, G63 9KH  
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/00500/FUL Extension Over Garage at 7 Harpers Road, Killearn G63 9TA  
Approve.

18/00525/FUL Replace Bay Window and Erect Single Storey Rear Extension at Struan, Drumore Road, Killearn G63 9NX  
Approve.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

18/00486/PPP Dwellinghouse West of Kincaple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan, Balfron

18/00280/FUL Change of Use and Extension to form 4no Apartments, 4 Main Street, Killearn G63 9NH (former Bank Building)

Jim informed the meeting that Heineken and SC have reached agreement on Section 75 in relation to the Killearn Hotel. Heineken will now take matters forward and will inform Jim of developments in due course.

## **CC709 – FINNICH GLEN**

Following the pre-planning public consultation held on 28 September regarding the proposed development at Finnich Glen, Jim outlined comments from KCC and members of the public. These included the following:

- Recognition for need to provide parking for the many visitors to the site and that site deterioration is causing an adverse effect on livestock and public health.
- Café/gift shop and toilets would enhance visitor experience.

- Concern at the scale of the proposed development and how it might affect the environment, flora and fauna of the area and spoil the wild beauty of the Glen.
- Regret at loss of more agricultural land.
- As local farms and rural businesses in this area are very vulnerable to theft, appropriate security on site arrangements must be given due consideration.
- The development would provide welcome local employment opportunities.
- Querying the long term interest in the Glen once the 'Outlander' effect recedes.

These comments will be given to Bell Ingram, planning consultant for the developer, and it is envisaged a planning application will be submitted in the new year.

## **CC710 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

As Robert was unable to attend the meeting, Margaret gave his report. It was agreed KCC email SC Roads Dept thanking them for the work done in the village and outlining that which is still requiring attention. This would include pavement repairs on Main Street from Graham Road to the former Bank building, on Napier Road, Graham and Buchanan Roads and on Beech Drive opposite Maple Crescent. Road repairs are also required on Napier Road, Lampson Road, Beech Drive from Abbeyfield to Maple Crescent, Main Street from Kirkhouse Road to Branziert Road and at the bottom of Drumbeg Loan past Lettreburn to the A81.

KCC wish to express many thanks to Robert for his work as Roads Correspondent during his term on the community council.

The full road report is available on KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk).

## **CC711 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Alistair Berrill highlighted the following points in his report:

- Kerse Road bridge in Stirling is to open on Friday 19 October.
- Deadline for community council elections is Friday 19 October. At the time of giving his report, Cllr Berrill informed the meeting that in Stirling District only two out of 42 fulfilled the requirements for forming new community councils.
- Community Empowerment Act to allow local communities to determine 1% of SC budget for 2020/21.
- Complaints to be investigated re C12 bus service from Balfron to Stirling and the extra 15 minutes added onto the journey due to travelling via Cambusbarron.
- Cllr Berrill to meet local police area commander and express concern at lack of police attendance at CC meetings.

Margaret expressed frustration at SC's lack of communication and how difficult it is for SC to address seemingly simple requests. The situation is worsening with shedding of staff, loss of corporate memory and lack of experience of new staff.

Cllr Graham Lambie who was also in attendance added the following comments:

- In response to Margaret's frustration, he recommended using SC corporate complaints email.
- Nicci Wallace now in charge of SC Roads Dept.
- Work to bridge at Blane Burn still outstanding.
- Changes to SC winter service policy mean that hiring of Tayforth Machinery to clear snow can be instructed more quickly.
- Carol Beattie is acting SC Chief Executive Officer for six months.

## **CC712 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

Expenditure £106.00  
Cash in bank £870.71

KCC grant has still not been received from SC.

## **CC713 – QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public complained about the difficulty in speaking to members of staff at SC. It would appear that calls are screened and when put through the call goes directly onto voicemail. As there are fewer staff in the council, it was recommended that residents email SC rather than trying to phone.

## **CC714 – YOUTH MATTERS**

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

## **CC715 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Margaret attended a debriefing meeting on the recent Children's Book Festival which was fully booked and a great success. There are plans for another book festival on 13/14 September 2019.

## **CC716 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification from SC regarding a series of Big Conversation events to put communities at the heart of budget planning. These will be held from 7.00 – 9.00 pm on:

22 October at Wallace High School, Stirling  
23 October at Stirling High School, Stirling  
24 October at McLaren High School, Callander  
25 October at Balfron High School, Balfron

## **CC717 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SCAMBusters event organised by Stephen Kerr MP to be held on Wednesday, 7 November from 6.30 – 8.30 pm at Mayfield Centre, Stirling FK7 0BD. Speakers from Police, Citizens Advice, Trading Standards and Which? will address the meeting.

KCFC AGM to take place on Thursday 18 October in Village Hall at 8.00 pm with exhibitions open from 7.30 pm.

On behalf of KCC, Fiona expressed sincere thanks to Margaret for all her work with the community council. Margaret is now retiring and KCC wish to minute their appreciation to her for her work as KCC chair for five years and community councillor for eight years. On behalf of the residents of Killearn, a member of the public thanked Margaret and all members of the KCC for their efforts on behalf of the village.

## **CC718 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 November 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.