

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2019

Members present	Andrew Donaldson, Chloe French, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie, Sophie Swift
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Janet Duncan, Hilary McGregor
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Police Scotland, Rural Stirling Housing Association (RSHA), Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 13 members of the public
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CC878 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2019

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

CC879 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Gary Martin presented the following report:

- Rear windscreen of abandoned vehicle at bottom of Station Road has been smashed. Ongoing enquiries to contact the registered keeper of vehicle.
- Drink Drive Campaign running in December and January.

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

CC880 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC869 – Roads and General Maintenance Report**
Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie and Ann Sommerville are working on updated roads and pavements survey to submit to SC.
- **CC875 – Correspondence**
SC Roads Dept has filled in some of the deep ruts on Ballochruin Road. A request for a sign “Single Track Road with Passing Places” has been submitted to SC.

CC881 – PLANNING

RSHA Presentation

Jim welcomed Fiona Maguire, Eugene McAleenan and Ewan MacDonald to the meeting to give an update on the proposed development for 11 new houses on Lampson Road. Jim advised the present position was that approval in principle had been granted for 12 affordable houses on the site per application 17/00978/PPP. It was acknowledged that RSHA had been very willing to involve the community in developing the scheme and following discussions with RSHA and a local community group, a number of changes had been made to the original suggestions. Architect Eugene McAleenan presented drawings of a development showing 1 x bungalow, 8 x cottage flats, 2 x three bed semi-detached houses, parking areas, trees and hedging. The 11 homes could accommodate 38 new

residents to Lampson Road. This compares with 12 units and 48 persons in the original drawings.

A pre-planning advice application has been submitted to SC and the architect would like to move the project forward early in the new year, in order to be able to come to a final decision on plans for the site by the end of March 2020.

The floor was opened for comments from the public which included the following:

- Concern about over-development of site.
- Result of feasibility study should be made known.
- Compliance with tree preservation order in the area.
- Extra vehicular traffic using an already busy junction with Station Rd/Lampson Rd.
- The proposed development is outside the village boundary and therefore should be opposed.
- Unsuitable location for housing due to distance from local amenities.
- Gardens for semi-detached houses are too small.
- Increased traffic may impact safety of children.
- If development goes ahead, 30 mph zone should be extended on Station Road.
- The current drawings do not show the residence/private road adjoining the lane.

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00900/FUL Extension to Rear of Dwelling House, Infill Existing Side Door to Store, Installation of Conservation Roof Lights to Rear Lean To and Alterations to Existing Chimney At The Toll House, 18 Balfroun Road, Killearn G63 9NJ
No comment.

19/00901/LBC Listed Building Consent for The Toll House
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

19/00813/FUL Erection of dwelling house at Land some 60 metres north of Endrick Cottage, Killearn
Approve with conditions.

19/00872/FUL Single storey extension to south elevation and two storey extension to west elevation with self contained one bedroom flat on first floor at Carston House, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

19/00612/FUL Erection of 2 Detached Houses at Land Adjacent and South West of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn.

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/19/011/UNAUTH Extension to Commercial Premises Killearn G63 9PT.
Case Closed and Resolved.

Other Planning Issues

Developers for the former Killearn Hotel have now received a response from SC regarding their pre-planning application. They will submit a planning application in January.

McTaggart & Mickel have vacated the Blairessan site. There are four houses still to be sold in the development.

CC882 - BROADBAND

Doug presented the following report to the meeting:

- P3 cabinet appears to be live, connecting premises at the bottom of the Drumbeg Loan area of the village.
- Community Group in Gartness has gained a partnership with BT.
- Thanks were expressed to Euan Shaw for his work on the Stockiemuir Community Internet Service.

Doug also gave a report on a recent 'Smart Digital Villages' gathering at Gartmore House, sponsored by Forth Valley Leader, bringing together communities across Europe to discuss digital solutions to challenges faced by rural communities.

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

CC883 – YOUTH MATTERS

New Youth Members, Sophie Swift and Chloe French from Balfron High School reported on the spring concert planned for April 2020 and working alongside Caroline Carrick with social media. They also suggested lighting be installed in the park and bike racks be provided at the Co-op.

CC884 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

KCC expressed thanks to SC for cleaning up the leaves throughout the village.

A member of the public commented on the poor state of the pavements on Main Street and Crosshead Road. It was agreed KCC pass this on to SC. (*Action JP*)

CC885 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Berrill presented the following local issues in his report:

- Concern about future of Strathendrick Care Home. KCC requested formal links to IJB minutes to lend its support to Cllr Berrill.
- As the Priority Based Budgeting process is no longer used, there is no opportunity to comment on SC budget, details of which will not be available until around February.
- New appointment of Police Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent.

CC886 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses £150.00
Current bank balance £1712.33

It was agreed KCC pay £198 for a repair to the defibrillator in Killearn.

CC887 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked for an update on the BT phone box but no news is available to date.

Following concern expressed about the disappearance of three young rowan trees at the bottom of Birch Road, it was agreed KCC investigate this further. (*Action JP*)

CC888 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

CC889 – CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- Update from BT still awaited re phone box.
- Festive lights installed on 2 December in tree outside Village Hall. KCC wish to express thanks to April Maxwell for her work in arranging this.
- Installation of electric vehicle charging points complete.
- Complaints about recent unreliability of X10 bus service to Stirling.
- Repair required to defibrillator at Village Hall.

CC890 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed the poor condition of the area around the lock-up garages beside the school be added to the update on roads and pavements for SC.

Two drains in Birch Road have been marked but work not carried out. The drains are opposite 4 Birch Road and at the bottom of Birch Road/Beech Drive. It was agreed Jim follow this matter up with SC. (*Action JP*)

CC891 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 January 2020 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and all of the best for the New Year.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.