

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019

Members present Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones,
Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie

Apologies Janet Duncan

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Cllr Graham Lambie,
PC Gary Martin (Police Scotland), Euan Shaw,
Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
16 members of the public

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CC760 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2019

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

CC761 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Gary Martin presented the police report, outlining the following:

- Report of youths causing issues in Main Street.
- Male warned in relation to a minor drug offence.
- Broken window in former Killearn Hotel.
- Road accident with serious injury at Dumgoyne. Driver reported for dangerous driving.
- Male arrested and charged with drunk driving after accident on B834.
- Driver reported in relation to careless driving on Station Road.
- Advice given to drivers regarding dangers caused when not properly defrosting windscreens in recent cold conditions.
- New Speed Gun used in local area.
- Report of fallen tree.
- Police welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons.

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

CC762 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC751 – Roads and General Maintenance Report**
SC monitoring situation regarding traffic island and yellow lines on Balfron Road.
- **CC754 – Question Time – Woodland Cemetery**
SC have advised that tree branches and soil deposited at the Woodland Cemetery are part of their maintenance programme and are to be rotovated into the soil to break up the clay. Chippings are used to firm up the ground at the graves. With regard to the stolen gates, these were not covered by SC insurance but will be replaced at some future date.

CC763 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug reported that there have been no changes to connectivity in Killearn this month. However, additional infrastructure work has been seen in various parts of the village. The Broadband Delivery Forum met in January and will monitor the project in Gartness to improve service. The current Gainshare programme will now run until December 2019 with access to about £20M additional funding. Contracts for the R100 programme are still under negotiation and are not expected to be resolved until end of the second quarter of 2019. The Better Broadband Scheme has been enhanced to include a 4G mobile-based installation with the supplier claiming the discount on your behalf.

In response to a query regarding how Killearn rates on percentage of properties with access to fibre broadband services vs surrounding villages, Doug will provide this information.

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

CC764 PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00006/FUL Partial Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Caravan Site for 5 Yurts and Ancillary Buildings at Land 200m North of North Ballochruin Farm, Killearn
No comment.

19/00035/MSC Amendment to Dwellinghouse Plans Approved under 18/00665/MSC at Ground to Rear of 11 Gartness Road, Killearn
No comment.

19/00058/FUL Demolition of Existing and Erection of Dwellinghouse at 1 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/00846/FUL Single Storey Front Extension, 2 Storey Rear and Side Extensions and New Roof with 3 Dormers at 42 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
Approve.

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/19/011/UNAUTH Extension to Commercial Premises Killearn G63 9PT

- **Other Planning Issues**

Draft supplementary guidance on developers' contributions. Reply by 9 May.

- **Forestry Planting and Felling Proposals**

Project Ref No 18FGS35358. Grid Ref NS514846.
Woodland creation at Drumore Farm, west of Killearn.

CC765 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

It was noted that Fiona and Jim will conduct a preliminary pavement and roads survey in the village and provide the results to Cllr Lambie as soon as possible. *(Action JP/FR)*

Following a recent accident at the Bank corner, it was decided to contact SC requesting that road markings be reinstated in order to prevent future confusion. *(Action JP)*

Further to complaints from members of the public regarding lack of response from SC in respect of repairs at Lampson Road and Branziert Road, it was agreed Cllr Lambie take this issue forward.

The meeting was informed of a traffic control barrier which has appeared at the entrance to Headrigg Square, off Main Street. As this area is part of the Conservation Area, it was confirmed that planning permission would be necessary for such a structure and that those involved would be informed by SC of the required procedure.

CC766 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report covering the Scottish Government Budget, Stirling Council Budget, Road Maintenance Capital Programme and road safety improvements, Cllr Graham Lambie highlighted the following local issues:

- Traffic Island at top of Station Road – status quo encouraged.
- Resurfacing of pavements on Branziert Road North and request for carriageway resurfacing afterwards.
- Roads and pavements in Killearn requiring prioritised repair.
- Oak tree in The Glen.
- Pre-application discussions between SC, CALA Homes and land owner of Killearn Hospital Site.

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

The outstanding repairs to Blane Water Bridge were discussed and it was agreed to send the following points to Cllr Lambie for consideration: *(Action JP/FR)*

- Importance of repairing and restoring this historic bridge, built circa 1840.
- Regular clearance of trees necessary to improve visibility.
- Repair required to collapsed verge at side of road approaching bridge from west.
- Investigate reversal of vehicle priority.
- Approaching the bridge from the west, consider flattening out the dip in road before crossing bridge to improve visibility.
- Consider moving give way signage and road markings further up road from west.
- Investigate traffic lights.

An update on Finnich Glen was given by David Young, who explained that the project is progressing despite a delay caused by difficulties in appointing SC Planning Department designated planning officer. The meeting was informed of interest expressed by "Outlanderites" from Nebraska, USA in organising visits to Finnich Glen. This group will be kept informed of progress and updated accordingly.

C767 – TREASURER'S REPORT

£749.05 grant has now been received from SC.
Cash in bank £1460.00

CC768 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked about latest information on the sale of Killearn Hotel. It is understood offers have been received and a closing date set but no further details are available.

A question was raised regarding the recently removed chicane near the Blaressan Development on Station Road. The meeting was informed that the chicane is to be reinstated on the other side of the road. Additionally, it was agreed KCC contact SC regarding the removal of old street lights in the same area. (*Action JP*)

CC769 – YOUTH MATTERS

The following youth matters were reported:

- Pupils back at school after half-term break now focussing on exams.
- Forth Valley dance competition.
- S6 pupils graduate in a few weeks' time.
- Training in building CVs by DYW (Developing Young Workforce)
- Mental Health first aiders in Balfron High School.
- Mental Health group discussion in SC schools.
- Mental Health Nurse in Killearn available to see directly without referral from GP.

CC770 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Jim attended Community Engagement Meeting on 21 January. Main issues discussed were lack of public transport, parking issues and lack of response from SC officers.

CC771 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on correspondence received on Woodland Cemetery, KCC administrative grant, road repair at Drumtitan Road, resilience plan and request for assistance from Cllr Lambie re shed, photo from Dumgoyne, community energy engagement and neighbourhood watch registration.

CC772 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Jim informed the meeting that Killearn Fireworks will go ahead in November 2019.
- New equipment for the Playpark has been suggested with final details to be confirmed and then ordered. This will be financed by the £35K Community Benefit Fund from Mactaggart & Mickel.
- Appreciation was expressed by a member of the public to KCC for its assistance in arranging street lighting in the "Kingdom" area off Lampson Road.
- Susie updated the meeting on the Spar conversion to out of school club, explaining that events outwith her control have resulted in a delayed opening.
- In response to the forthcoming meeting with SC regarding parking, it was agreed that KCC enquire whether this meeting will be open to the public. (*Action JP*)
- KCC are looking to co-opt more councillors from April. Interested parties should contact KCC direct.

CC773 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 20 March 2019 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.12 pm.