

## KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019

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| Members present   | Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Eva Mailer, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie   |
| Apologies         | Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Rev S Sharp   |
| In attendance     | Doug Ashworth, Pam Campbell SC, Cllr Robb Davies, Gillian Lynas RSHA, PC Gary Martin Police Scotland, Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)<br>23 members of the public |
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### **CC774 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

Subject to CC763 addition to second line of second paragraph to read “access to *fibre* broadband”, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **CC775 – POLICE MATTERS**

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

- Report of youths drinking in grounds of Killearn Primary School.
- Report of dogs worrying sheep near Finnich Toll. Dog owners reminded of need to keep dogs away from sheep particularly at this time of year.
- Male found in possession of cannabis in Main Street.
- Monitoring of inappropriate driving at Killearn Primary School.
- Regular hand held radar speed checks regularly carried out in Killearn.
- House break-in overnight on 18/19 March in Gartness.
- Suspicious male reported in Lampson Road.
- Possible bogus workmen touting for business in Drumbeg Loan. They had left prior to Police arrival and no crimes were established.

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

### **CC776 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC766 – Councillor’s Report – Blane Water Bridge**  
KCC have written to SC and await reply.
- **CC772 – Any Other Business – Parking**  
KCC awaiting date from SC.

### **CC777 – RURAL STIRLING HOUSING ASSOCIATION (RSHA)**

Jim welcomed Gillian Lynas of RSHA to the meeting. Gillian explained that she is the Housing Officer for the new RSHA Houses at Blaressan. Over 100 applications were received for the twelve homes and all twelve are now occupied. Gillian also informed residents that their RSHA Allocations Policy will be reviewed next month.

## **CC778 – PAM CAMPBELL, STIRLING COUNCIL**

Jim welcomed Pam Campbell of SC to the meeting who explained SC's new approach to participatory budgeting. "Your Stirling You Decide" enables citizens to have a direct say on how to allocate part of a public budget. Between March 2019 and June 2019, £100,000 will be available to Forth and Endrick Ward, of which Killearn is a part, for infrastructure and the environment. Local people, individuals or local groups, are encouraged to put forward ideas on how this should be spent, develop proposals and then take part in the voting process to decide which proposals should be taken forward. Anyone of high school age and above who live in the Ward area can take part. Further information is available from [www.stirling.gov.uk/youdecide](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/youdecide).

## **CC779 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

Doug reported that there have been no changes to connectivity in Killearn for a second month. However cabinet P3 is making progress and infrastructure work continues to be carried out in various parts of the village.

The meeting was informed that about 65% of premises in Killearn now have access to fibre broadband. However 10% of these are on long lines and are unable to receive this service.

The full NBG Report is available on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

## **CC780 PLANNING**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00141/FUL Single Storey Extension to Side and Rear with Dormer at  
34 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NY  
No comment.

19/00153/FUL Erection of Dwelling house at Garden Ground to North West of  
The Garth, Gartness Road, Killearn  
No comment.

19/00167/PPP Erection of bungalow at Garden Ground of 15 Lampson Road,  
Killearn.

KCC to object on grounds of:

1. Poor access from bend in Lampson Road and problems in sharing drive with existing house
2. Over-development of site, very close to next building which is out of character with neighbouring houses.
3. Lack of privacy for neighbouring houses.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00186/FUL Relocation of Access at Land North West of Red Cottage,  
Blane Smiddy Road, Killearn  
Approve with Conditions.

19/00060/FUL Demolition of Existing Dwelling house at 1 Drumbeg Loan,  
Killearn G63 9LG  
Approve.

18/00851/FUL Single Storey Rear Extension at 29 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ  
Approve.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

18/00387/FUL New Build Farmhouse and Accommodation at Little Moss Farm on  
Land 470m South West of Little Moss, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/19/022/UNAUTH Erection of Barrier, Killearn

## **CC781 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

A draft survey of pavements and roads in Killearn requiring maintenance has been submitted to SC. As SC has a limited roads budget, it was felt some of these repairs could form part of a proposal for Your Stirling You Decide.

A member of the public requested that the road edging on Station Road near the new housing development be repaired and it was agreed Jim write to SC to clarify whose responsibility this is. *(Action JP)*

It was noted that the post box at the corner of Lampson Road/Napier Road had been taken away when the old lamp post was removed. This matter has been reported.

## **CC782 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In his report, Cllr Davies highlighted the following:

- RSHA homes at Blaressan site now all occupied.
- Housing in Countryside policy to be reviewed by SC.
- Consultation to take place re moving Croftamie Nursery to Drymen Primary School.
- 4% increase in local council tax.

Following recent bad publicity in the press about the loss of qualified staff in SC and SC compensation packages, a member of the public expressed concern re the effective use of SC money. Cllr Davies recommended putting concerns in writing to SC.

## **C783 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was reported that funds were £1,420, having received our grant from Stirling Council.

## **CC784 – QUESTION TIME**

Following the replacement of lamp posts in the Lampson Road area, it was requested that the notices for dog fouling, neighbourhood watch and smart water be put back on the new lamp posts. It was agreed Jim write to SC regarding same. *(Action JP)*

A member of the public raised the issue of a broken oak tree branch in The Glen near Cedar Road entrance. It was agreed Jim find out when this will be removed. *(Action JP)*

It was noted that dog waste bins are still need replacing in Station Road. Jim will follow this up. *(Action JP)*

## **CC785 – YOUTH MATTERS**

Eva Mailer was formally appointed as Youth Member at the meeting and reported on:

- Transition programme for P7 pupils going into S1 at Balfron High School (BHS).
- Emergency Services Day at BHS highlighting work of divers, paramedics and mountain rescuers.
- Visit to BHS S6 pupils by inspirational speaker, who was a former drug addict.
- Developing Young Workforce programme giving BHS students access to careers websites and providing information on subjects and grades required.

In response to a question from the floor regarding bullying at Balfron High School and recent comments posted on social media, Eva explained that there have been issues of bullying and that the police have been involved in a case of cyber bullying. However, the school is working hard to improve the situation.

## **CC786 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Jim and Hilary attended the SW Area Forum meeting on Monday 18 March which focussed mainly on SC Your Stirling You Decide participatory budgeting programme and SC roads programme.

Fiona and Jim attended a welcome meeting for RSHA residents on Tuesday 19 March to meet new tenants at Blaressan and answer any questions about KCC.

## **CC787 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on correspondence received on positioning bird nesting boxes around the village for a Glasgow University project, energy advice from Home Energy Scotland, launch of FROG.net, DRT online service, and loss of post box on Lampson Road.

## **CC788 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Hilary spoke to the meeting about the Neighbourhood Reference Group and its work in the local area covering matters such as health issues, respite care, rehabilitation, accessing reliable legal services for the elderly, handy person scheme to assist elderly residents, social isolation and loneliness. It was confirmed that the Strathendrick Care Home in Balfron will not close and that £300,000 will be spent on upgrading the premises to support future respite care needs. Future meetings of the Group will take place on 13 May, 15 July, 9 September and 11 November. Members of the public interested in joining are asked to contact Ian Denvir of SC for more information.

The meeting was informed that the Killearn Heritage Trail project group, set up within KCFC and aiming to make information about the history and heritage of Killearn more accessible, has received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

A member of All Killearn Archives spoke about the Time Capsule buried at the War Memorial. KCC offered its support in their quest to remove same.

It was announced the date of KCC June meeting has been changed from 19 to 26 June.

## **CC789 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 April 2019 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.34 pm.