

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2019**

Members present	Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Susie Henderson, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary), 30 members of the public
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### **CC850 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

### **CC851 – POLICE MATTERS**

As the Police were unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the following report:

- Youths causing noise disturbance at Primary School at the weekends.
- Damage caused to a school bench in Primary School playground. Three persons identified, traced and charged in relation to Vandalism.
- Police to give extra attention to Primary School in coming months.
- Continued issues re parking and roads blocked at Finnich Toll.
- Numerous reports of deer and trees on roads around the village.
- Minor road traffic collision in Killearn.
- Theft of motor vehicle from outlying work premises. Scaffolding was stolen on the same night and police are continuing enquiries.
- Ongoing enquiries into theft of timber for flooring from outskirts of Killearn.
- Alarm activations at residential properties are always attended by police to verify all in order.
- Extra attention provided in the village by local officers through evenings and nights.
- Suspicious vehicle in Killearn reported. Police attended immediately and all appeared to be in order.

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

### **CC852 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC838 – Former Killearn Hotel**  
A letter of support has been sent to SC regarding plans for former Killearn Hotel.
- **CC844 – Question Time**  
SC has been contacted in relation to increase in heavy agricultural traffic using Station Road late at night. No solution has been found at present.

- **CC 848 – Any Other Business – Pedestrian Crossing on Main Street**  
SC Roads Dept is looking at the request for a crossing on Main Street favourably. It was agreed KCC apply for a Participation Request and liaise with Pam Campbell of SC and Cllr Lambie to take this forward.

### **CC853 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

There was nothing further to report this month.

### **CC854 - PLANNING**

#### **Planning Schedule**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00757/FUL Proposed Visitor Centre, Car Park and New Junction / Land at Finnich Glen, Cameron Muir Road, Killearn.  
As details of this planning application have only recently been posted, residents are encouraged to look at the proposal and submit comments to KCC members.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

19/00581/FUL Replacement of 4 Timber Frame Sash and Case Windows with Identical Sash and Case Double Glazed Timber Windows at The Toll House, 18 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NJ  
Approve with Conditions.

19/00582/FUL Listed Building Consent for The Toll House.  
Approve with Conditions.

19/00669/FUL Construction of tree house in rear garden at 40 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF  
Approve.

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/18/076/UNAUTH Erection of Garden Structure, Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF  
Case Closed.

#### **Other Planning Issues**

The meeting was informed that due to remediation costs at Killearn Hospital site being higher than anticipated, CALA Homes wish to undertake further work to assess the viability of the site for development.

### **CC855 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Branziert Road North closed from 27 October – 12 November for resurfacing works.

A875 closed from Dunmore Street, Balfron to Boquhan from 21 October – 1 November, 8.00 am - 6.00 pm, for resurfacing works.

Station Road may be closed on 2 November from 6.00 pm during Fireworks Display.

It was agreed KCC organise a further walk around the village to update the list of road/pavement priorities and to identify problems such as blocked gulleys, drains, etc. Residents are encouraged to report any issues to KCC.

### **CC856 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Lambie highlighted the following points in his report:

- Your Stirling You Decide results – pedestrian crossing and speed restrictions on Main Street, Buchlyvie and Arnprior playpark activity pavilion.
- Serious concerns about First Bus changes to provision in rural Stirlingshire.
- Planning application for development at Finnich Glen.
- Possibility of increased number of houses on Killearn Hospital site.
- Recommendation of Main Street pedestrian crossing (puffin type).
- Birch Road dropped kerb location.
- Former Killearn Hotel proposals. No objections received.
- Local road closures.
- Blanewater Bridge repair completed.
- Road Maintenance Programme 2019.

Subsequent comments and questions from members of the public were raised:

- Need for hedge cutting at entrance to Co-op car park, junction at Station Rd/ Endrick Road and at Station Road/Napier Road to enable drivers to see clearly.
- Report of dangerous pot hole on Ballochruin Road.
- Flooding problems in Park where new play equipment is being installed. It was agreed KCC alert SC to the situation.
- Request for extension to double yellow lines at top of Station Road at narrowest point as parked cars make it difficult to see oncoming traffic and negotiate this part of the road safely.
- Concern was expressed about difficulty for traffic crossing Blane Bridge and the need for priority signage to be reversed. It was also noted that hedging requires to be cut back to improve visibility. In the light of increased traffic expected from the development at the Killearn Hospital site and the proposed Finnich Glenn visitors' centre, it was agreed longer term planning for the bridge should be considered.
- Request for improvement to the appearance of roundabout on A81 approach to Killearn.

KCC agreed to contact appropriate SC departments regarding these issues.  
(Action JP/FR)

### **CC857 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Elizabeth informed the meeting that KCC grant of £890.21 had been received.  
Current bank balance £2018.81.

### **CC858 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no further questions from members of the public.

### **CC859 – YOUTH MATTERS**

There was no youth report.

## **CC860 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Fiona reported on the recent Community Council Conversation attended at Balfron High School where she met with other local community council representatives.

## **CC861 – CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- Two litter/dog waste bins installed on Station Road on 16 October.
- Awaiting update from BT regarding phone box.
- Second walk-in flu clinic on 24 October at Killearn Health Centre, 2.00 – 5.30 pm.
- The Handyperson Service now operational to assist over 55s or anyone with a disability to undertake small DIY jobs in their homes.
- Ongoing consideration for festive lighting in Killearn .
- Arnprior CC request for support for Participation Request re local bus services.

## **CC862 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Fiona informed the meeting of insurance details to be updated with regard to resilience planning.

AGM of KCFC will be held in Village Hall on 24 October at 7.30 pm.

Killearn Heritage Trail information will be on view at Village Hall on Sunday 20 October.

New bus timetables are available from Killearn Co-op for services beginning 21 October.

A request was made for volunteers to help with charity collection on Fireworks Night on 2 November.

Thanks were expressed to Killearn Kirk for the use of Church Hall for the KCC meeting.

The post box on Lampson Road has been returned and now awaits commissioning.

## **CC863 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.