

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2020

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| Members present | Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie |
| Apologies | Janet Duncan, Police Scotland |
| In attendance | Cllr Graham Lambie, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 10 members of the public |
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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 20 May 2020 was held via Zoom.

CC928 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2020

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

CC929 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC930 – COVID-19 UPDATE

Grateful thanks were given to the COVID-19 group for their help during the current Coronavirus pandemic. Local residents requiring assistance can access contact numbers for help on www.killlearncc.org. Appreciation was also expressed to the management and staff of the local Co-op. It was noted there is a box in the shop to collect school jotters for home learning.

CC931 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Bike stolen from a garden at The Square, Killearn.
- Person reported being on the roof of Killearn Primary School. Police giving extra attention to the area.
- Male found in possession of cannabis in Main Street.
- Driver arrested for drink driving.
- Continued policing of members of the public visiting Finnich Glen.

Police Scotland are now using digital devices as part of the “mobile working” project. These electronic notebooks enable routine tasks to be done quickly without the need for returning to the office, thus enabling the police to spend more time within the local community.

A member of the public noted an increase in car parking on the grass verges near Glengoyne Distillery and requested it be drawn to the attention of the police. (*Action FR*)

CC932 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00231/FUL Conversion of Former Coffee Shop and 3 Flats to form 3 Dwelling Houses at Wishing Well Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
No comment.

20/00274/ADV – 20/00283/ADV Siting of Heritage Trail Information Boards at:

- The Car Park Balfron Road
- The Car park Adjacent to The Village Hall
- At Land NE of The Buchanan Monument
- At Land Opposite 5 The Square
- At Land Adjacent to and NE of Abbeyfield
- At land NE of Beech Drive Nursery
- Adjacent and East of 1 Beech Drive
- Adjacent and SE of 32 Main Street

No comment on applications but support was noted for the Killearn Heritage Trail and thanks were given to KCC for supporting the planning application process.

20/00298/FUL Installation of shipping container to house ground-source heat pump at Claylands, Fintry, G63 0RR
No comment.

20/00309/LWP Two storey extension, addition of external insulation and concrete block leaf to original Dorran PFC house at Balnakyle, Jenny Gunns Loan, Boquhan, Balfron, G63 0RW
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00094/FUL Erection of Wooden Slatted Fence at 71 Main Street, Killearn G63 9LF
Approve with Conditions.

20/00160/FUL Erection of Garage Extension to NE Elevation and Extension to SW Elevation at 16 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
Approve with Conditions.

- **Other Planning Issues**

Stirling Local Development Plan Adoption of Supplementary Guidance Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for housing in the countryside and flood risk management.

Other Planning Matters

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

In the light of some changes to the proposed development and KCC being asked to send a letter of support, it was agreed KCC request more involvement in pedestrian links between the site and the village. More information is required on the proposed three crossing places at the development and it was agreed to ask if a pedestrian footbridge might be considered as a safer alternative. The provision of social housing was again discussed due to the number of houses in the development and the move towards smaller housing units. A suggestion from a member of the public was made to move the proposed social housing at Lampson Road to the former hospital site. It was agreed Jim write for clarification on these matters. *(Action JP)*

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

RSHA are awaiting the formal issue of 75 Agreement for original planning in principle application.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Further to discussions between the developer and SC regarding demolition of the building and moving it back by 2m, the developer submitted a document on 20 May answering all points and now awaits a reply. The meeting noted community support for the application and it was agreed KCC would write again to the Planning team at Stirling Council if needed.

CC933 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

KCC has written to local farmer, Mr Nicolson, regarding the speed and frequency of tractors especially in Gartness Road. No response has been received as yet.

A member of the public also complained about tractors speeding on Main Street and requested that residents be informed in advance when farm vehicles will be in use during the night.

CC934 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance £1333.75

The treasurer informed the meeting that the KCC accounts will now be submitted to Ian Somerville for auditing.

CC935 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lambie reported on the following local issues:

- Due to security issues, SC does not allow the use of Zoom for their officers.
- Problem of too many cars visiting Finnich Glen and Mugdock Country Park. As this is not classed as exercise under the current Coronavirus government advice, but rather recreation, Cllr Lambie is keen to see the police issuing fines.
- Grass cutting and tidying up of Killearn Cemetery.
- It is not envisaged that the Balfron Recycling Centre is likely to open soon because of social distancing issues. Cllr Lambie agreed to try to see if these can be overcome safely. Otherwise, the nearest Recycling Centre is at Callendar.
- The former Killearn Hospital site is still to be valued by the District Valuer and this may have an impact on any social housing being built on the site.
- It is hoped the Bank of Scotland in Balfron will remain open until the end of the lockdown period. Closure of the bank in August is still to be confirmed.
- During these difficult times, SC Planning Meetings are still going ahead and a full SC Council Meeting will take place in June. However, the roads programme has been put on hold until after lockdown.
- Brown bin collections will be restored as soon as possible.

Following discussion re lack of face-to-face online teaching for school pupils within SC over the past two months, it was agreed Cllr Lambie investigate this further especially for children due to sit external exams next year.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, SC has announced changes to the constitution requiring community councils to postpone their AGM meetings until after lockdown when such meetings can be held in a public gathering. Cllr Lambie was asked to find out more information regarding the submission of accounts and accessing of the administrative grant in these circumstances.

CC936 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Rescheduling of roadworks on Station Road and Birch Road.
- Treatment work of giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed and American skunk cabbage in local area.
- Former bank building leased to Mugdock Cycles.
- Request for advice regarding Right of Way next to Ibert Lodge.

CC937 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Former Bank Building
The meeting was informed that the former bank building has now been leased to Mugdock Cycles.
- Broadband
It was agreed to ask Doug Ashworth if he would attend a Zoom meeting with local residents regarding problems with broadband connection. *(Action JP)*
- Path at top of Ibert Road into Kirkhouse Woods.
Further to a complaint regarding breach of privacy made by local resident, it was agreed Jim and Mike Gray work together with the resident to look at options. *(Action JP)*
- KCFC update
It was agreed a regular KCFC update would be very helpful to the community and this should be a standard item on the KCC agenda from now on.

CC938 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 17 June 2020 at 8.00 pm. Details of this and the AGM will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.07 pm.