

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Apologies Janet Duncan, Police Scotland, Euan Shaw

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Mike Gray KCFC,
Cllr Graham Lambie,
Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
22 members of the public

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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 16 September 2020 was held via Zoom.

CC953 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2020

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

CC954 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC955 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, due to it being held via Zoom, Fiona presented the following Police Report:

- Enquiries continuing into the smashing of windows at the rear of Killearn Hotel.
- Speed checks to be carried out following complaints of speeding in the village.
- Double yellow lines around Finnich Glen have made a difference to the amount of vehicles parking in the area. Fixed penalty tickets have been issued by Stirling Council wardens and the Police. A male driver refused to accept a fixed penalty and was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Male arrested in Killearn for drink driving, assault and failing to stop after a road traffic collision.
- Attempted theft of bike from Country Cycles.
- Bogus workmen reported to Procurator Fiscal for fraud in connection with roof work carried out on property in Station Road.
- Ongoing enquiries into break-in at Oakwood Garden Centre, Art4you and the Post Office overnight on 1-2 September. Members of the public with any information should contact the Police.

Following further discussion regarding Finnich Glen, a request will be made to the Police for numbers of fixed penalty tickets issued since double yellow lines installed. (*Action FR*)

CC956 – KCFC UPDATE

Mike and Fiona updated the meeting regarding the following activities:

- Work of Colourful Killearn and the Wildflower Group. The autumn meeting/AGM will take place in November.
- August issue of The Courier published despite the difficult circumstances of COVID-19.

- Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2020 Fireworks Display has been cancelled.
- Progress reported on Heritage Trail and Paths Group. It was agreed representatives of the Killearn Heritage Trail provide Killearn Kirk with an update on the board proposed to be sited in the Kirk grounds.
- E-Bike Loan Project now up and running.
- Following risk assessments, protocols and rigorous cleaning regimes, the Village Hall re-opened on 1 September for a limited number of classes and activities. Weddings are an important source of income for the Village Hall. One wedding is booked for October and although there have been cancellations and reschedulings, future wedding business for 2021 and 2020 looks healthy. With “The Three Sisters” concentrating on their wedding business, progress has been made towards appointing a new café operator and it is hoped to announce details by the end of September with the café reopening by the end of October.
- KCFC AGM to be held on 15 October by Zoom.

Please see KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk for full report.

CC957- BROADBAND

Doug reported on limited progress with broadband due to COVID-19. Digital Scotland which allows residents to see the broadband status of individual premises has now been updated and can be seen at www.scotlandsuperfast.com Properties at The Branziert and at the top end of Drumbeg Loan may improve their service by using a wireless link from the Stockiemuir Internet Service proposed by Euan Shaw. For further information, interested parties should contact Doug through KCC.

A new Voucher Scheme has been launched to improve services in the interim for individual connections before the full R100 service is available. This scheme may also be used to assist with the cost of using 4G mobile connections if that is preferable.

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CC958 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00361/FUL Erection of Single Storey Garage at 21 New Endrick Road,
Killearn G63 9QT
KCC commented on this application in respect of the roof finish.

20/00416/FUL Erection of Two Storey Extension to Side of Dwelling at 6 Station Road,
Killearn G63 9NS
KCC objected to this application for reasons of Design and Relationship to Surroundings and Environmental Impacts.

20/00417/FUL Erection of First Floor Extension at Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road,
Killearn G63 9QB
No comment.

20/00441/FUL Formation of Rear Dormer and Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension at
53 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RL
No comment.

20/00442/FUL Proposed Use of Land as Motor Home Site at Land 200m North East of
Ballochruin Farm, Killearn
No comment.

20/00374/PPP Erection of Dwelling House with Detached Garage at land 230m South West of Essangal Cottage, Killearn
No comment.

20/00462/FUL Formation of Dormer Window to Rear of Dwelling at
38 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
No comment.

20/00456/FUL Extension to Dwelling House at Carston Farmhouse, Drumbeg Road,
Killearn G63 9LJ
No comment.

20/00499/LBC Internal Alterations and Extension to Dwelling House at
Carston Farmhouse, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ
No comment.

20/00503/LAW Use of Part of Hall as Café/Coffee Lounge at Killearn Village Hall,
Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NL
No comment.

20/00532/FUL Erection of Ancillary Building comprising Double Garage, Garden Store,
Gymnasium and Oil Storage Bund at Ibert Farm, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
No comment.

20/00523/FUL Installation of 6 Glamping Pods with Access, Parking and Groundworks at
Land 450m South East of Meikle Drumquharn, Balfron Station.
No comment.

20/00560/FUL Conservatory Extension to Rear of House at 43 Allan Road,
Killearn G63 9QF
No comment.

• **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00274/ADV, 20/00275/ADV, 20/00277/ADV, 20/00279-20/00283/ADV Siting of
Information Boards within Killearn (Killearn Heritage Trail) at :-

Car Park Balfron Road,
Land North East of Buchanan Monument, Balfron Road,
Car Park at Village Hall,
Opposite Number 5 The Square,
Land Adjacent and West of Abbeyfield,
Land North East of Beech Drive Nursery,
East of Number 1 Beech Drive,
Land Adjacent and South East of 32 Main Street.

Approve with Conditions.

20/00309/LWP Two Storey Extension, Additional External Insulation and Concrete Block
Leaf to Dorrans House, Balnakyle, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RN
Approve with Reasons.

20/00305/FUL Alteration to Roof and Addition of Balcony to Rear of Dwelling House at
52 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH
Approve.

20/00231/FUL Conversion of Former Coffee Shop and 3 Flats to Form 3 Houses at
Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
Approve with Conditions.

20/00503/LAW Use of Part of Hall as Coffee Lounge/Café at Killearn Village Hall, 5 Balfour Road, Killearn G63 9NL
Approve with Reasons.

20/00047/FUL Replacement of all Windows and French Doors on North elevation of Park House, 77 Main Street, Killearn G63 9LF
Approve.

20/00417/FUL Erection of first floor extension at Little Carbeth, Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QB
Approve with Conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

20/00416/FUL Two Storey Extension to Side of Dwelling House at 6 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NS

- **Forestry Planting and Felling Proposals**

Forestry Commission Scotland Ref 20FGS49023. Creation of Woodland at Cuthbert Farm, 3Km East of Killearn, Comprising Conifers (Spruce and Pine) and Native Species (Rowan, Oak, Silver Birch, Hazel and Hawthorn).
KCC commented in respect of the mix of trees and whether or not paths through the woodland could be provided.

Other Planning Matters

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

The meeting was informed that Cala will build 89 houses instead of 86. There will be some alterations to internal roads and further landscaping will be added to the site. As no social housing will be provided, Cala will make a contribution of £500,000. It was agreed that the KCC sub-group and the Paths Group will meet to discuss further the footpath link to the village and consider raising the possibility of a cycleway from A81, up Station Road into Killearn with Cala representatives.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Following ongoing negotiation with SC Planning Department and the Developer, an amended plan has been agreed for resubmission. This will include demolition of the existing building and adjustment to the building lines. It is hoped to begin demolition work by the end of the year and start building in April 2021.

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

This application has just recently been posted onto SC Planning Portal. Questions arose about the revised plans and there was concern and uncertainty as to whether changes to the proposal constitute minor variation or material variation. Following discussion and a vote by the community councillors, it was decided to object to the proposal on the basis that the plans as submitted, in their view, constituted a material variation from the original submission. (*Action JP*)

- Finnich Glen

No update is available as yet. It was also noted that letter of support from KCC is not on SC Planning Portal. Frustration and disappointment at the lack of progress with SC were expressed at the meeting. It is hoped a decision will be made at the forthcoming full SC Council Meeting.

CC959 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Work to pavements on Main Street has recently been undertaken. BT Broadband upgrading works will be carried out on 5 October in The Square and on Main Street at the roundabout at Drumbeg Loan. Drumtian Road will be temporarily closed from 5 – 10 October for resurfacing works.

CC960 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies reported on:

- Meeting with Cala re former Killearn Hospital Site.
- Resignation of SNP member from SC who will become an Independent MP. SC now has 8 x Conservative, 8 x SNP, 4 x Labour, 1 x Green and 2 x Independent Councillors.

Cllr Lambie reported on the following:

- Balforn Bank of Scotland closure on 8 March 2021.
- COVID-19 case at Balforn High School.
- Positive exam results at Balforn High School.
- Road repairs on B822 Fintry – Kippen.
- Full SC Council Meeting on 17 September.
- Revised budget in October because of pandemic.
- Changes to Waste Collection Services. Residents advised to see Q&A page on SC website for full information.

CC961 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditure £20.00 - Annual memberships of ScotWays
Bank Balance £1562.14 (as at end August 2020)
The meeting was informed that the SC admin grant has been approved.

CC962 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC963 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on items of correspondence re BT retaining phonebox on Main Street and sewerage problems in the cow field.

CC964 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to hold the KCC AGM. KCC is awaiting information from SC regarding holding the meeting via Zoom.

KCFC's proposal to repaint the Killearn signs at the entry points to the village on Balforn Road, Station Road and at the foot of Branziert Road was supported. The signs have become darkened with age and the text is difficult to read.

CC965 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2020 at 8.00 pm by Zoom. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.26 pm.