

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2021

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Susie Henderson, Euan Shaw, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Jamie Grant Communications Officer to Alyn Smith, Alyn Smith MP 32 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 17 February 2021 was held via Zoom.

It was with deep sadness that Jim informed the meeting of the recent, sudden death of Cllr Graham Lambie. Cllr Lambie served this Ward since 2007 and will be remembered as a very kind, genuine and hard working person who cared deeply about his constituents. KCC wish to extend sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues at this time. If any local resident wishes to pass on a message to his family, please email KCC who will forward it to SC.

CC1018 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2020

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

CC1019 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC1016 – Any Other Business – Bins**

Jim informed the meeting that SC issued a media release on 16 February giving details of the new household waste and recycling policy.

<https://stirling.gov.uk/news/2021/february-2021/councillors-approve-new-household-waste-and-recycling-policy/>

CC1020 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Reports of youths kicking doors in the Birch Road area and throwing snowballs at houses near Killlearn Primary School. Police attended but the youths had gone.

- Report of persons within a house breaching COVID Regulations. However, upon investigation it was confirmed no breach had been committed.
- One road traffic accident on A81 near Dumgoyne. No-one was injured.
- Police presence at Glengoyne Distillery moving away vehicles parked on the main road that had come from outwith the area.
- “Pop up Police Officer” used in Killearn and had the desired effect of slowing vehicles down. Personal speed checks will be carried out in the future.
- Oakwood Garden Centre broken into overnight on 13-14 February. Any member of the public with any information to assist enquiries, should please contact the police.
- Reports of suspicious person and suspicious vehicle in the Killearn area. The vehicle was traced and all found to be in order but no trace of the person. Local residents are assured that all such reports are taken seriously by the police and will be investigated.

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

CC1021 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00024/FUL Demolition of Existing Dorrans House and Erection of 2 no Bungalows at Kincaple, Jenny Gunn’s Loan, Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RW
KCC commented re access to site.

20/00880/FUL Alteration to Garage to Form Additional Living Accommodation for Existing Dwellinghouse at Blairbeg Lodge, Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QA
No comment.

21/00099/FUL Two storey side extension and formation of dormer on rear elevation of dwelling house at 2 Elm Road, Killearn, G63 9RY
No comment.

Decisions of Appointed Officers

20/00797/FUL Conversion of Internal Garage to Family Room at Croy Buchanan Steading, Killearn G63 9QU
Approve with Reasons.

20/00907/FUL Formation of 2 Dormers on Rear Elevation of Dwelling House at 18 Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG
Approve.

20/00694/FUL 2 proposed dwellings - 1 replacement house (Plot 1) and 1 house in adjacent site (Plot 2) at Red Cottage Blane Smithy Road, Killearn G63 9QQ
Approve with Conditions.

Other Planning Matters

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

No further information is available.

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

The working group is continuing to look at an active travel path between the site and the village and investigate possible funding from Sustrans.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

It is hoped to begin demolition work as soon as the demolition warrant is received by the developer.

CC1022 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

It was agreed to contact SC with the following requests for road repairs:

Beech Drive – between Abbeyfield and Maple Crescent
Beech Drive – at first chicane near Alder Crescent
Lampson Road – near Napier Road
Birch Road – lower end

It was also noted during the recent wintry weather, hazardous ice was forming near the chicane on Station Road. Flooding in Graham Road, near Main Street has also been causing problems.

A local resident raised the issue of the footpath down Station Road. No work has been carried out since before Christmas, leaving the footpath in a seriously hazardous condition. KCC has reported this several times already to SC and is still awaiting a response and an update on plans. It was agreed KCC write again to SC requesting urgent action be taken to remedy this unsatisfactory situation.

With regard to the resurfacing work on Branziert Road, which was due to be undertaken in the Spring, it was agreed KCC find out why this is not in the current programme of works. *(Action JP/FR)*

CC1023 – Q&A WITH ALYN SMITH MP

Jim introduced Alyn Smith MP (SNP) for Stirling to the meeting and invited him to take questions from the floor. Topics included education issues during lockdown, Active Travel Initiative, COVID financial support for the childcare sector, rural broadband services, co-operation between Scottish Parliament and the UK government, and the four home nations' response to the COVID pandemic.

Alyn agreed to provide feedback on questions and links, where applicable, to further information and support.

CC1024 – KCFC UPDATE

Due to the current lockdown restrictions, there was nothing to report from KCFC.

CC1025 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllrs Berrill and Davies were both in attendance and reported on the following issues:

- Shock and sadness at the recent death of Cllr Graham Lambie. As a permanent memorial to Cllr Lambie, it was suggested possibly naming a road after him at the CALA development at the former Killearn Hospital site.
- Return of some children to school on 22 February following latest COVID lockdown.
- Urgent need for parking facilities near Glengoyne Distillery for tourists coming to enjoy the local countryside.
- 7000 Chrome books distributed to children by SC to facilitate home learning.
- B818 closed 1-5 March.
- Strathblane – Old Mugdock Road closed 1-4 March.
- Three up and coming SC meetings to discuss budget settings, suspension of some of the committees in the run up to the election and the decision made regarding bins.

CC1026 – BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting that a leaflet describing the proposal for a fast wireless-based service had been delivered to 90 premises in Branziert Road, Branziert Road North and Drumbeg Loan. As a result, eight persons expressed an interest of which only three were committed enough to warrant a survey being carried out. It was agreed Doug discuss the situation further with Euan to see if this will be feasible and also request assistance from Alyn Smith MP regarding the situation.

CC1027 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Elizabeth gave the following report:

A further £100 has been received from local Killearn businesses as a contribution to the cost of the Christmas lights. The invoice for £2307.46 for the lights, installation and taking down of same has now been received.

Expenditure	£80.00	Administrative costs
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Current Bank Balance	£3629.09
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From the £500 grant for Sharing Happiness Project, a further £32.98 has been spent on COVID information cards, leaving a balance of £250.

CC1028 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC1029 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on items of correspondence relating to the provision of rock salt to de-ice private paths of vulnerable and elderly members of the community and the request to SC for a new waste bin at Lampson Road near the entrance to the Cowfield. The request has been rejected and KCC has asked this be reconsidered.

CC1030 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health & Social Care Partnership Consultation will take place 1 February – 15 March 2021. Residents are strongly encouraged to participate in this online survey. There is also a paper copy available to email to anyone requesting same. Three online workshops have been arranged with the final one taking place on Thursday 18 February at 2.00 pm. On 3 March, a meeting with carer and server users will take place to discuss future plans for respite care.

It was noted that KCC has written a letter in support of a grant application by the Old Mill, Killlearn for additional protective equipment to be purchased in preparation for the annual Beer Festival, proposed for June pending COVID restrictions.

Given the recent spate of local break ins, the idea was raised for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

CC1031 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2021. This will be held again via Zoom and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.38 pm.