

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2021

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

Apologies Heidi Bryce, Police Scotland

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC,
Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw
19 members of the public,
Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 20 January 2021 was held via Zoom.

CC1005 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2020

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

CC1006 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC1007 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- There were two road traffic accidents due to the recent snow and ice. No injuries were caused.
- Male arrested for drink driving in Killearn and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Reports of vehicles parked at the area of Glengoyne Distillery during Christmas and New Year. Although no vehicles were found to be causing an obstruction, this area will be monitored in the future for parking and breach of Covid restrictions.
- Ongoing enquiries into the break in and theft of high value bikes from Country Cycles in Killearn.
- Male cautioned and charged with recent theft by shoplifting from the Co-op.
- Reports of suspicious persons in the Killearn area investigated but no trace on police arrival. Residents are encouraged to phone the police if they see anyone suspicious as all such reports are taken seriously and will be investigated.

- Emails, texts or WhatsApp messages purporting to be from the government, HMRC, WHO or a coronavirus-related charity should be examined very carefully to ensure they are legitimate, as there have been recent scams using Covid to trick people into parting with money or information.

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

CC1008 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme reported on the opening of the Kitchen Window café in mid-December and the encouraging feedback received. However, since going back into lockdown on Boxing Day, the café is currently only permitted to operate on a takeaway or delivery basis. The meeting was informed that KCFC are looking at ways to improve communication with the local community and will report on same in the future.

CC1009 - BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting that the proposed fibre cabinet on the corner of Graham Road and Main Street has not yet been installed. There has been no recent feedback from Digital Scotland regarding the R100 programme but, as a result of Covid, the roll out of same has been delayed with probable completion date now being 2025. It could also be that Openreach may be concentrating on maintaining the existing infrastructure and connectivity, rather than undertaking new work while being understaffed. Consequently Doug is organising a leaflet drop to residents of the Branziert and Drumbeg Loan to raise sufficient firm interest in a wireless service to this area of the village. For further information, please contact Doug Ashworth through KCC.

KCC wish to express thanks to Doug and Euan for their continued work on broadband.

CC1010 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00868/FUL Erection of Replacement Garage with Ancillary Accommodation at Carbeth Lodge, Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QB
No comment

20/00907/FUL Formation of Two Dormer Windows on Rear Elevation of Dwellinghouse at 18 Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG
No comment

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00650/FUL Amendment to Extension Roof Approved under Permission 19/00900/FUL at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NJ
Approve with Conditions

20/00651/LBC. As above.
Approve with Conditions

20/00695/FUL Proposed Pedestrian and Separate Vehicle Gate at 31 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
Approve with Conditions

20/00726/FUL Construction of New and Extended Footpaths, Alterations to Walls, Minor Re-alignment of Access and Other Ancillary Road Markings, Signage, Landscaping, Street Lighting and Bus Shelters with Associated Minor Works at Glengoyne Distillery, Strathblane G63 9LB
Approve with Conditions

20/00804/FUL Single Storey rear Extension to Dwellinghouse with Adjoining Shed at 5 Aitken Street, Killearn G63 9BH
Approve

20/00731/FUL Erection of single storey garage at 21 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
Approve with Conditions

20/00751/FUL Convert existing bungalow to 1.5 storey to provide additional living accommodation in upper storey at Beechwood, 2 Lampson Lane, Killearn G63 9PF
Approve with Conditions

20/00772/FUL Single storey extension to front of dwelling house at 17 Napier Road, Killearn G63 9PB
Approve

20/00686 PPP Erection of house within walled garden at Stockinghill, Station Road, Killearn G63
Refuse

Other Planning Matters

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

No further information is available.

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

It was confirmed that no sale of houses will take place until a suitable path to the village has been built. This could be along the A81 and up Station Road, but an off-road path is also being investigated with information awaited from the Gordon Trust regarding such a path going through their land.

It was noted that the footpath at the lower end of Station Road has been badly damaged because of recent bad weather and requires urgent attention. SC representatives have been contacted and a response is awaited.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Temporary fencing has been erected around the building and the developer has begun taking down internal fittings and fixtures until permission is given for demolition. Full planning consent is now through and when agreement on Section 75 is reached, it is hoped demolition can begin. It is envisaged demolition will take about three weeks and hoped that, by the end of April, everything will be cleared to allow building work (approximately 50 weeks) to commence in May.

- Finnich Glen

The developer is in ongoing discussion with SC regarding details of conditions and will keep KCC advised of progress.

CC1011 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

It was agreed to contact SC with the following requests; attention be given to the gullies on Station Road, the re-filling of grit bins after recent wintry weather and a request for dog waste bin on Lampson Road near the cowfield. (Action JP)

CC1012 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

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

- Covid infection cases rose recently to 162 per 100,000 population in some areas of Stirling. Members of the public were reminded of the current rules to keep within their council boundary except for essential reasons.
- Central vaccination points are being looked at within the region. Both the Village Hall and Kirk Halls have offered accommodation if required. Vaccination has commenced within the community at Killearn Health Centre. Local residents are requested **not** to phone Killearn Health Centre asking when they will receive the vaccine and are assured they will be contacted with appointment details at the appropriate time.
- Future SC road repair works to include B822 Fintry – Kippen, Napier Road and A809 Stockiemuir Road.
- A 20 mph limit within Killearn is being considered. Consultation will take place in due course.
- Applications for wind farm development near Arnprior and for a whisky distillery near Gargunnock have been received by SC.
- Sustrans funding from SC may be available to help with path from former Killearn Hospital site to the village. It was agreed Cllr Lambie and Caroline will investigate this further.

CC1013 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Elizabeth gave the following report:

Thanks to local businesses were expressed for their support of the Christmas lights project - £1579.54 has been received to date. Invoice will be paid when received.

Income	£0.29 Bank interest
Expenditure	£44.95 Christmas cards for Sharing Happiness Project £14.39 Administrative costs for Zoom meetings
Current Bank Balance	£3609.09

CC1014 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC1015 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- SC inspected swing in playpark and removed it. New parts are on order and update is awaited
- Concern about dangerous parking at Glengoyne Distillery on A81.
- Communication from Health and Social Care Partnership regarding closure of Strathendrick Care Home in Balfron. As neither elected councillors nor members of KCC knew about this, it was agreed KCC urgently request further information.
(Action JP/FR)

CC1016 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Blood Transfusion Service will be visiting Kirk Halls on 9 February 2021. Due to Covid restrictions, those wishing to give blood must apply beforehand.

KCC wish to thank SC team for handling the recent bin replacements so efficiently in such poor weather conditions.

The meeting was informed that as from the beginning of the new financial year, the emptying of brown bins will be charged at £35 per bin per year. This is because, unlike grey and blue bins, the uplift of brown bins is not a statutory service. Residents can have more than one brown bin but will be charged accordingly. Should a brown bin not be required, SC will provide a 5 litre bin for food waste free of charge.

On behalf of delighted recipients, Graeme expressed appreciation and thanks for potted bulb gifts in the Spreading of Happiness Project.

CC1017 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 9.12 pm.