

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021**

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Caroline Carrick, Susie Henderson, Police Scotland
In attendance	Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Nick Hawkins KCFC, Cllr Jane Hutchison, Euan Shaw, 26 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 19 May 2021 was held via Zoom.

Jim introduced Jane Hutchison as the newly elected councillor for this area and welcomed her to the meeting.

On behalf of KCC, Jim expressed sincere thanks to SC Community Development Officer Pam Campbell, for all her help and support over the years and wished her well in her new position with East Dunbartonshire Council.

### **CC1059 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2021**

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

### **CC1060 – MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **CC1061 – 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 persons within the grounds of Killearn Primary School but no persons found on arrival of police.
- More mountain rescues carried out at the Devil's Pulpit, Finnich Glen. Ongoing parking issues at the Glen with police and SC enforcement officers in attendance.
- Cycling accident near Gartness Road when cyclist fell off his bike and fell down an embankment. He suffered minor injuries and was taken by ambulance to hospital.
- Two males found in possession of cannabis at The Square, Killearn and one male found in possession of cannabis at the Devil's Pulpit. All issued with Recorded Police Warnings.

- Road traffic collision near to Devil's Pulpit when vehicle overturned. No injury sustained but the road was closed as vehicles blocked carriageway.
- Driver caught speeding at 73 mph on Station Road and reported to Procurator Fiscal.
- Further report of theft by shoplifting at Killearn Co-op. It is thought to have been carried out by the same person as previous and enquiries are ongoing.
- Another fraud reported in Killearn with caller stating that the recipient was involved in criminality and demanding payment.
- The problem of sheep worrying by dogs at this time of year.
- Advice on keeping bikes safe.

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

### **CC1062 – KCFC UPDATE**

Graeme reported that there has been a little more group activity in the Village Hall as COVID restrictions ease. The Kitchen Window café will open for normal service on Thursday 20 May. Thanks were expressed to Colourful Killearn for their efforts with planting in the village.

Nick Hawkins spoke to the meeting about the Killearn Heritage Trail to be launched on 20 May by pupils from Killearn Primary School. On 22 & 23 May, local residents are encouraged to follow the Trail and take part in local promotions. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the project from the original excavation of an old building in Killearn Glen, to the production of the eight Heritage Trail boards situated around the village, and the creation of the Killearn Heritage Trail website [www.killearnheritage.org.uk](http://www.killearnheritage.org.uk)

### **CC1063 – BROADBAND**

As Doug was unable to attend the meeting, Euan spoke about the voucher scheme now available for the proposed Fixed Wireless Internet Service and the BT switchover to Digital Voice. Further information is available at [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

### **CC1064 – PLANNING**

#### **Planning Schedule**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

21/00340/FUL Dormer Extension to Dwelling House at 7 Gartness Mill Cottages, Drymen G63 0NJ  
No comment.

21/00308/FUL Extend a Portion of Existing Fence to a Height of 2m in Front of Garden at 31 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9LT  
No comment.

21/00351/FUL Alterations and Extension to Dwelling House Including Formation of an Attached Garage and Annex, Formation of Balconies, Addition of Pitched Roof over Existing Flat Roof Element of Existing Dwelling, Erection of Dormers, Installation of Rooflights, Lounge Extension and Replacement of Existing Porch at Westfield, 2 Greenend Road, Killearn G63 9NP  
No comment.

21/00360/FUL Erection of Dwelling House at Garden Ground to Side of 26 Graham Road, Killearn G63 9RR  
No comment.

21/00428/LBC Removal of a load bearing wall to join two small rooms and widen a doorway at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfroon Road, Killearn G63 9NJ  
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

21/00186/FUL Erection of Dwelling House Approved under Terms and Conditions of Planning approval 11/00441/MSC at Land at Killearn House Walled Garden, Killearn G63  
Approve with Reasons.

20/00056/CON Demolition of Hotel at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG  
Approve with Conditions.

21/00132/FUL Erection of shed to store garden maintenance equipment at Carbeth House Building and Gardens, Drumtitan Road, Killearn  
Approve with Conditions.

21/00248/FUL Conversion of existing outbuilding to form external family space ancillary to existing dwellinghouse at 29 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ  
Approve with Conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

21/00193/FUL Erection of 4 Number Dwelling Houses at Land at Former Glenshee Cottage, Balfroon

21/00222/LBC Remove Internal Wall, Widen Doorway, Installation of Conservation Rooflight at The Toll House, 18 Balfroon Road, Killearn G63 9NJ

21/00223/FUL Installation of Conservation Rooflight at The Toll House, 18 Balfroon Road, Killearn G63 9NJ

### **Other Planning Matters**

- Jim informed the meeting of proposed tree planting of 19.6 hectares at Quinloch Muir. KCC has no objections to this and it was agreed to write in support of the scheme. (*Action JP*)
- Former Killearn Hospital Site  
Section 75 is almost complete. It is hoped building will start at the end of the year.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Permission for the demolition of the hotel has now been granted and will probably proceed at the end of the month. The developers hope to start building in August.

### **CC1065 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

The new 20 mph scheme for Killearn is due to be implemented at the end of May. New road signs will be erected in the relevant areas of the village.

A local farmer has approached SC requesting a 40 mph buffer zone for 600m south of the 30 mph boundary on A875 where there are two entrances to farms.

The bridge at Boquhan Burn near Branshoggie on the B818 was again discussed. Cllr Davies raised the issue at the recent SC meeting but there appears to be a shortage of funds to deal with such matters. As the bridge now poses a serious risk, the road will not re-open. It was agreed KCC write to SC highlighting the urgency of the situation and asking what SC are spending their road's budget on if not on such issues as vital bridge repairs and maintenance. *(Action JP)*

A local resident asked about work on two new drains on Birch Road which started a number of weeks ago but seems now to have been abandoned. It was agreed KCC enquire about this. *(Action JP)*

Part of the newly resurfaced road at The Branziert has been dug up and it was requested KCC ask the reason for this. *(Action JP)*

In response to a question about the proposed pedestrian crossing for Killearn, there is no information available as yet. However, it is hoped that this may form part of the forthcoming Killearn Gateway Project.

The meeting was informed that Susan McDougall, SC Transport Planning Officer will attend the KCC meeting in June and it is hoped she will be able to provide more information on local roads' matters.

### **CC1066 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Davies welcomed Cllr Hutchison to the Ward.

The new SC budget for roads has been set and work is scheduled for the following areas of Killearn:

A81 from Blane Smithy to Oakwood roundabout  
Drumbeg Loan  
Gartness Road  
Drumtian Road

The next SC meeting will discuss a new IT system for Stirling Council.

### **CC1067 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

Elizabeth reported that KCC end of year accounts have been audited and a formal report will be given at the AGM in June.

### **CC1068 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **CC1069 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on the following:

- Continuing correspondence with SC regarding more waste bins in village.
- Request from CALA to SC that the area around the development of former Killearn Hospital be reduced to 40 mph.
- Giant Hogweed control by Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust on banks of River Endrick and Blane Water.
- There has been continuing dialogue with BT with reference to the phone box on Main Street at Well Green. BT is still considering use of the phone box and therefore there is no option at the present time for adoption by the community.

### **CC1070 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting was informed of police being called recently to deal with fires started by young people gathering in Station Woods. Whilst this was not initiated by the local landowner, he expressed concern that the youths involved did not realise the implications of possibly having a criminal record and the problems that would cause in the future. Parents are requested to advise their young people to act responsibly while gathering together and to respect the woodland while also enjoying the amenities.

### **CC1071 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 16 June at 8.00 pm with KCC AGM taking place beforehand at 7.45 pm. This will be held again via Zoom and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.04 pm.