

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 DECEMBER 2022

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Caroline Carrick, Lindsay Kirk, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS Forth Valley), Cllr Gerry McGarvey, Euan Shaw 10 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

CC1259 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022

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

CC1260 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC1261 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the following report:

- Following a report of gunshots heard, police investigated and discovered this was fireworks being set off in a field.
- Report of youths causing annoyance in the village but no trace found when police attended.
- Male who had broken his ankle whilst climbing Dumgoyne was rescued by Mountain Rescue Team and transferred to hospital by ambulance.
- Mountain Rescue Team deployed to rescue male who had fallen into the river at Devil's Pulpit. After being treated by ambulance staff, he was able to continue on his walk.
- Vehicle came off the road at Gartness Road near Killlearn Cemetery but no injury sustained.
- Female driver stopped, cautioned and charged with driving a vehicle with no MOT. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- One juvenile cautioned and charged with theft by shoplifting at Killlearn Co-op. A further juvenile is still to be traced following a positive line of enquiry.

- Report of fraud from a female who had received a text from someone purporting to be her son, saying he had broken his phone and that this was his new number. The text continued requesting she transfer money to pay her son's outstanding bill. Money was transferred but after realising this was a scam, she managed to stop the payment. Members of the public were warned that this is a common type of fraud and to be vigilant when receiving similar texts.

It was noted that Doug Ashworth had written an article on such scams in the 2022 Spring edition of The Courier (page 30). This can be viewed online at <https://www.kcfc.co.uk/courier/Courier52.pdf>

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

A local resident informed the meeting of a ball-bearing being fired from a catapult at a car window in the Duntreath Estate vicinity. Police have been informed.

CC1262 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme informed the meeting that the Christmas Tree had been erected outside Killlearn Kirk by the Colourful Killlearn group and thanked Edenmill for their gift of a tree for the village. The Advent Window Trail was launched at the Village Hall, on 1 December along with a very successful Fair run by Killlearn Primary School and parents. A Warm Space Initiative is being organised to provide a safe, warm space with company to help support older residents. Free tea, coffee and biscuits, together with the use of the games room, will be available at the Village Hall Garden Room at weekends. It is hoped this initiative will begin in the new year.

As sustainability is part of the KCFC remit, Frank Deas spoke to the meeting about sustainability and climate change issues. A Facebook page and web page will provide further information on the following five areas:

1 Food Sustainability

eg G63 growers group, seed library

2 Eco Sustainability

eg Colourful Killlearn, rewilding

3 Energy Sustainability

eg energy consumption, improved insulation, e-bike scheme, electric cars

4 Resources Sustainability

eg Library in Village Hall, Repair café, recycling clothing

5 Wellbeing Sustainability

eg Awareness of fellow villagers, warm spaces

A public meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 25 January 2023 in the Village Hall to discuss these issues further.

CC1263 – BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting there is still no further information regarding R100 scheme to bring ultrafast connections to everyone in the local area. The BT website would appear to say this is now not available.

A site survey at Killearn Primary School was completed in November by SC and it is hoped initial networking infrastructure work to the school will be completed by mid-January 2023. Openreach have given a provisional date of 2 March 2023 to the Head of Education after which the final router configuration in the school can be set up by the Education Department. Cllr McGarvey agreed to follow this through with SC and report back to KCC.

CC1264 – PLANNING

Please see KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk for the full planning schedule.

Other Planning Matters

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel
Ground works are still to be completed and occupancy date has been moved to January 2023.
- Development of Site at Former Killearn Hospital
CALA has started work to secure the site and carry out additional survey work.
- Development at Lampson Road
There is no further information available.

A member of the public commented that SC appears very slow in uploading planning documents on its website. It was agreed Jim raise the matter with SC. *(Action JP)*

CC1265 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Fiona presented the following report:

- Branshogle Bridge has now opened. Temporary traffic lights are in use until the works are fully completed.
- Repair work to Catter Burn Bridge is on schedule with the bridge due to partially open in March 2023.
- The repainting of white lines is still outstanding with only some work having been carried out by SC. Frustration was again expressed as work still requires to be done on Balfroon Road and Main Street at the corner of West Homes and also on Main Street between Kirkhouse Road and Drumbeg Loan. Unfortunately, this will probably not be completed until January.
- SC has been informed of signs at Well Green and Killearn Cemetery which require to be reinstated.

It was agreed SC be asked to provide grit bins at the bottom of Drumbeg Loan and at the public car park opposite Killearn Co-op. *(Action FR)*

A request was also made to ask SC to remove signs when workmen have completed works in order to prevent confusion on the roads. (Action FR)

CC1266 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Gerry McGarvey was welcomed to his first meeting with KCC.

Cllr McGarvey spoke about the Local Place Plan and the importance of Killearn’s voice being heard. He also informed the meeting about the upcoming industrial disputes affecting schools on 10 and 11 January 2023.

A local resident asked about SC Roads Department ‘lessons learned’ report on Branshogle Bridge and requested Cllr McGarvey find out when the draft report will be made available.

CC1267 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Expenditure

£46.79 Christmas Card Project with Killearn Nursery

Income

£268.00 Contribution from KCFC for Christmas lights

Current bank balance

£1818.97

CC1268 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC1269 - CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on correspondence received from SC re Budget Consultation and the Pollinator Strategy Plan which will be discussed in February.

CC1270 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Deas informed the meeting about the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) which is working to build a network across the Forth Valley for all community groups to discuss a response to climate change and its effects. Ms Aisling Brady, Regional Network Co-ordinator, will meet Sustainable Killearn and other local community groups on 13 January 2023 in the Village Hall. Thanks were expressed to Frank for his work in this area and it was agreed he report back to KCC at future meetings with updates.

CC1271 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on 18 January 2023 in the **Garden Room at the Village Hall**. It is hoped the meeting will also be streamed to enable residents to join online if they prefer not to attend the physical meeting.

On behalf of KCC, Jim wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The meeting ended at 9.03 pm.