

## KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 June 2024

- Members present Elizabeth Jones (chair), Fiona Rennie, Andrew Donaldson, Michael Bowdidge, Hilary McGregor, Calum McLean, Heidi Bryce.
- Apologies Susie Clarke, Lachlann Mackenzie, Rev Stuart Sharp, Police Scotland, Doug Ashworth, Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS Forth Valley),
- In attendance Cllr Paul Henke, Jim Ptolomey (KCC Planning Consultant)
- 17 members of the public,  
Emily Semple (Minute Secretary)
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### CC1427 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 May 2023

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

### CC1428 – MATTERS ARISING

- 41 Station Road - Application for new house in garden 23/00719/FUL  
Jim Ptolomey represented the Killearn Community Council at the planning panel to object to the above planning application. Stirling Council however, voted to approve the application with a number of conditions.

A number of local residents are disappointed by the decision and are taking further action.

Jim felt that he was able to make the necessary points during the meeting but there wasn't any opportunity to discuss it further. It is not recommended for KCC to take this any further following the decision that was made.

An expression of thanks was given to Jim for his support and representation at the meeting.

- Annual Beds  
Colourful Killearn have provisionally agreed to take on the maintenance of the bed at the war memorial, with help from other local organisations and residents/individuals. It was discussed that perennials and shrubs will be planted in due course to allow for continued growth each year. Opportunities will be made available for those who are willing to help with planting and maintenance.

*\*Fiona Rennie to chase Stirling Council about the weed treatment on the pathways and whether or not this will be continuing.*

- Local Place Plan  
A Local Place Plan 'engagement event' was held on Sunday (16th June) and proved successful. More responses were gathered and useful insights were discussed. Another event will be scheduled at the end of summer, before the final report is collated.

The Repair Cafe was also a success with many repairs taking place.

- Scam avoidance

Councillor Henke updated the meeting on a Police led Scam Awareness session that he had organised in Balfron - the attendance and feedback had been really positive and Councillor Henke is looking to run more 'open' sessions in the various local villages to help spread the word.

### **CC1429 – POLICE MATTERS**

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona gave the following Police Report:

- Assault

A person has been reported for warrant in relation to a number of offences, including assault x 2, Taking a vehicle and driving away, Drive with no Licence or insurance. They were part of a group visiting the area and staying in holiday accommodation.

3 persons were issued with recorded police warnings in relation to Section 38 of the Criminal Justice & Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Threatening and abusive behaviour) after being involved in a fight within a campsite.

- Fraud

A fraud has been recorded after the victim was contacted by email by someone purporting to be their financial advisor and providing them false bank account details. Unfortunately, the victim transferred a large sum of money to this account. Enquiries are still ongoing.

- Road Safety

A report was received of a vehicle failing to stop at the scene of an accident and exchange their details after colliding with another vehicle. The driver thereafter failed to report the accident to Police. Fortunately, only minor damage was sustained. The driver remains untraced.

Reports of livestock encroaching on our roadways. Fortunately, these did not result in any collisions. Please take care when driving on the roads.

2 reports received of inconsiderate driving in the village. One reporter failed to engage further and the other did not wish to provide statements / potentially attend court. One of the drivers was traced and spoken to in regard to their driving manner.

- Incidents of note

Unfortunately, a large number of rubbish bags appear to have been thrown over the bridge and into the gorge at Finnich Glen. The landowner and SEPA have been made aware.

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

### **CC1430 – KCFC UPDATE**

No update

### **CC1431 – PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

- Planning Schedule

24/0013/FUL

Extension to side and rear of dwelling house and erection of porch on front elevation at 20 Graham Road, Killearn G63 9RR

- Withdrawn

24/00215/FUL

Erection of calf shed within the grounds of Claylands Farm, Balfron

- Approved with conditions

24/00221/FUL

Extension to form new front entrance canopy/porch and external alterations including installation of six rooflights, new windows and doors, re-roofing of dormer and lean-to extension at Two Oaks 41 Station Road Killearn G63 9NZ

- Approved with conditions

TREENQ-2024-043

Fell one Lleylandii at Endrick Cottage 28 Main Street Killearn G63 9RQ

### **CC1432 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- Road Closures

B834 Blanewater Bridge closure from 16th June to 25th August for emergency repairs.

- State of footpath at foot of Station Rd.

Stirling Council cannot give a timeline for when they can assign a squad to do some limited repairs. For reference; The footway will be formed using suitable type-1 sub-base, 50mm base course and 30mm carpave wearing course.

- A809 Gabion Baskets - South of Devils Pulpit - w/c 17th & 24th June

The A809 "Gabion baskets" this is to repair the road banking that has slipped away south of the devils pulpit. The works are covered by two way traffic lights and the road is not closed.

- Pavement parking ban to be enforced in Stirling area from 15th July

Enforcement against parking on pavements, parking at crossing points and double parking will begin in Stirling on Monday, 15th July.

New regulations came into force in Scotland in December 2023, designed to tackle the problems caused by inconsiderate parking, especially for people with mobility issues, visual impairments and those with pushchairs.

From that date, Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be issued for the three new contraventions. The fine is £100, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days of issue. Stirling Council is the latest in a line of Local Authorities, including Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee, to introduce enforcement.

- A809 - Stockiemuir Rd. will be closed from its junction with the B821 (to Strathblane) to its junction with the Stirling / Dumbarton boundary from 9th - 12th July incl. between the hours of 8 am - 6 pm.

- A834 - Station Rd. will be closed from its junction with the A81 to its junction with Napier Rd. from 8th - 12th July incl.

- Gartness Rd. and Balfunning Rd. will be closed from their junctions with the A81 to junctions with the A811 from 22nd June - 25th August to ensure that formal diversion routes are adhered to.

### **CC1433 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on correspondence relating to the following issues:

- Falls – drop in café on 26th July in Balfron Library  
4 upcoming dates:

7th June	Fallin Library	2-4pm
28th June	Bannockburn Library	2-4pm
19th July	Callander Library	10am-12pm
26th July	Balfron Library	2-4pm
- Killearn Council Meetings 2024/2025
  - 18-Sept
  - 16-Oct
  - 20-Nov
  - 18-Dec
  - 15-Jan
  - 19-Feb
  - 19-Mar
  - 16-Apr
  - 21-May
  - 18-June
- Drymen Library

The meeting last week regarding Drymen Library was well attended and showed the feeling in the communities for solutions to be found. As part of the conversation action was taken to organise a working group to look at solutions as the main community organisations.

The initial meeting is on **Wednesday 26th June 6-7pm** in Drymen Village Hall.

### **CC1434 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **CC1435 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Nothing to report from Cllr Paul Henke

### **CC1436 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Andrew presented the following Treasurer’s Report:

Admin and Hall hire	- £66.00
Income (Killearn Community Futures)	+ £200.00
Current balance of funds	£406.90

### **CC1437 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing raised.

### **CC1438 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on **18th September 2024** in the Garden Room at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.31 pm.