

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 May 2017

Members present Heidi Bryce, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, David Scott, Heather Wright

Apologies Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Morley, Jim Ptolomey, Police Scotland, Euan Shaw

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Ian Denvir SC, 22 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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Margaret welcomed Heidi Bryce as Community Councillor to the meeting.

CC508 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2017

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

CC509 – POLICE MATTERS

Margery presented the following police report:

- Report received of a dog attacking sheep in Killlearn Home Farm area on 23 April. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the owner of the dog.
- Between 24 and 25 April, car vandalised whilst parked at Gartness. It is thought to be a targeted attack and enquiries are continuing.
- On 6 May, complaint of youths playing music in grounds of Primary School.
- Broken window at Primary School between 12 and 13 May.
- Road traffic accident within the car park of the Village Hall on 21 April.
- Further complaints about vehicles parked on A809 near the Devil's Pulpit.
- Report of vehicle acting suspiciously in the site of Killlearn Hospital on 18 April.
- Batteries stolen again from temporary traffic lights on A81 near Blane Smiddy Roundabout between 19 and 20 April. Anyone with information is urged to contact Police Scotland or CrimeStoppers.

On 24 April, PC Raymond Murphy left his post as ward officer and has moved to Greenock to commence duties in the Road Policing Unit. PC Scott Craigie is the new ward officer. KCC wish to record their thanks to Raymond for his work in the community.

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

CC510 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC494 – Matters Arising, Flying Fox**
Flying Fox requires repairing. This has been reported to Stirling Council.
- **CC495 – Police Matters, Parking at Devil's Pulpit**
Police continue to monitor problems with traffic and parking at the Devil's Pulpit.

- **CC500 – Councillor’s Report, Parking Decriminalisation**
Decriminalised parking enforcement came into force on 3 May, enabling SC Enforcement Officers to issue penalty charge notices for £60. Officers wear blue uniforms with the wording “Parking Attendant” on the jacket.
- **CC505 – Correspondence, Waste Collection**
Further to her email to the Service Manager of Waste Services, Margery received a sympathetic response to her concerns. Considerable savings have been made under the new system with a huge decrease in waste sent to landfill. All the new vehicles are now working and SC have agreed to consider collecting Killearn’s waste on one day instead of over two days. Residents are asked to send any future complaints direct to George Sommerville at sommerville@stirling.gov.uk or telephone 01786 237529.

CC511 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

There have been no changes in Killearn over the past month. The full report can be seen on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC512 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00242/FUL Erection of 2 Single Storey Extensions at Shepherds Lodge, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
No comment.

17/00302/FUL Erection of Car Port and Canopy to front of White Lodge, Main Street, Killearn G63 9LF
No comment.

17/00354/PPP Erection of new dwelling house (plot 2) at Wishingwell campsite, Balfroon Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
A group of Gartness residents expressed their opposition to this and the following two applications. In the absence of advice from KCC Planning Correspondent, KCC decided to request extension of time to comment.

17/00355/PPP Conversion to form single dwelling house at Wishingwell Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfroon Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
KCC request extension of time to comment.

17/00356/PPP Erection of new dwelling house (plot 1) at Wishingwell campsite, Balfroon Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
KCC request extension of time to comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00183/FUL Erection of Greenhouse, 4 Polytunnels, Tanks and Sea Containers at land 150m North East of Claylands, Fintry.
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

17/00088/PPP Erection of new House (plot 1) at Wishingwell Camping Site, Drymen G63 0NJ

17/00089/PPP Erection of new House (plot 2) at Wishingwell Camping Site, Drymen G63 0NJ

17/00090/PPP Conversion to form new Dwelling at Wishingwell Farmhouse Coffee Shop Balfron Station Drymen G63 0NJ

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M & M have responded to the issues raised by the Community Panel and other respondents. Details are available on SC planning website. David informed KCC that as a private individual, he has set up a meeting with himself, Iain Jeffrey, SC Planning Dept, Neil Pirie, SC Roads Dept and the private consultant whose road report has been endorsed by KCC, to put forward his concerns especially about the safe route to school.

Killearn Hotel

Margaret informed the meeting that SC planners have requested more information from Punch's agent on plans for the Killearn Hotel. The Markets and Competition Authority have also asked for more information from Heineken because of Punch landlords' concerns. It is expected that a takeover deal, if approved, will be concluded by August.

Killearn Hospital Site

SC Environmental Health Dept have contacted Health and Safety Executive concerning alleged demolition of buildings, and Building Standards Dept has reminded the owner of the need to obtain consents prior to demolition work. Trees removed were not subject to protection and SC Tree Officer will monitor the site.

CC513 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert presented the report, outlining the following points:

- 20 mph painted signs on Graham Road, yellow lines at top of Station Road and access protection marker at the Mulberry Bush to be raised at meeting with Angela McGibbon, SC next week.
- Broken pane in bus shelter to be repaired 19 May.
- Parking issues at Devil's Pulpit.
- Follow up re-painting of railings required at War Memorial.

Full report available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

Margery attended the recent Area Form meeting and explained SC's new spreadsheet for the roads programme. All work to be done in the next financial year, subject to budget, will be detailed on SC website, where clicking on an individual area will provide more detailed information. SC has the same capital budget as last year plus extra for patching. It was announced that SC are close to the bottom of the league tables for roads. Instead of spending 4% on roads, SC only spend 3%. Repairs to pavement on Station Road, road and pavement repairs at Harpers Road, road repairs to Drumbeg Loan and road repairs at Gartness due in 2017-2018, all subject to budget availability.

CC514 – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

This Act includes provision for community bodies to make participation requests to public authorities in order to improve a service to local people. In view of the work already undertaken on roads and pavements in Killearn, it was agreed to consider making a participation request regarding road maintenance to SC.

CC515 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

As no councillor was present, there was no report.

CC516 – TREASURER’S REPORT

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2017 has been formally signed by Iain Somerville, Independent Examiner. KCC approved the account for adoption at the June KCC AGM, proposed by Andrew and seconded by Hilary.

David spoke to the meeting on the matter of personal liability insurance and will report when further information is available from SC on what cover is available and what it would cost.

CC517 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC518 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Tom is currently studying for exams, there was no youth report.

CC519 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Further to a meeting with Scottish Water regarding the A81 closure, Andrew reported that in order to add some impact protection to the bridge, the A81 will be closed from 30 May for three weeks. As a result, repair work will be postponed until after the summer with anticipated completion by the end of December.

The Rural SW Area Forum meeting was attended by Margery and Ian Denvir. Midland Bluebird has been awarded the bus contract. Ian encouraged residents to use the C9 circular bus service operating around the local villages. An update on waste collections was given. All new vehicles have now been delivered and this should mean improvements to rural collections. It was admitted that this was still not satisfactory, due in part to the loss of expertise experienced when staff left. Savings in terms of reduction in the number of vehicles and the very significant decrease in the amount of material sent to landfill were emphasised.

A temporary member of staff will be appointed for one year to advise on access to funding for the Community Sports Hub at Balfron. He/she will link with local community councils to take the project forward.

CC520 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery reported on correspondence about speeding at Dumgoyne, bin collection concerns and a complaint about 17 cars parked on the football field. All three matters were being followed up.

CC521 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Should the BT telephone kiosk be earmarked for closure, it was agreed KCC argue that as mobile signals for some networks in Killearn are very poor, it is essential the public phonebox remains open.

SC Carers’ Week Information Fair to be held in Village Hall on 12 June 2017. Further information is available on former Spar notice board and in Health Centre.

CC522 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 June 2017 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School, preceded by AGM at 7.45 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.48 pm.