

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2017

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Jim Ptolomey, David Scott
Apologies	Hilary McGregor, Heather Wright, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Ian Denvir SC, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, 13 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
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Margaret proposed Fiona Rennie for KCC membership and the position of Secretary. This was seconded by Elizabeth and Fiona was welcomed to the meeting.

CC556 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

CC557 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC547 – Roads Report, Parking at hairdresser's on Main Street**
It was announced that SC have agreed to remove the time restriction from street parking at the hairdresser's on Main Street.
- **CC552 – Reports of meeting attended, KCFC**
It was agreed that Margaret continue to represent KCC on the KCFC Board.
- **CC553 – Correspondence, Letter of support for Fraser Robb venture**
Having received further information regarding the provision of business accommodation and training on general management topics from Fraser Robb, it was voted to send a letter of support from KCC. (*Action MH*)

CC558 – POLICE MATTERS

As the police were unable to attend the meeting, Margaret presented the police report:

- Road traffic collision involving two vehicles on Station Road on 25 September.
- Male arrested on 27 September for being drunk in charge of a vehicle on A81.
- On 12 October, driver traced driving in Station Road without a valid MOT.
- Continued patrols around the Primary School regarding parking.
- Continued monitoring of parking at Devil's Pulpit.
- Speed checks carried out on Beech Drive following complaints.

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

CC559 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug presented his report outlining the following:

- Continued Fixed Wireless Access system installed to houses on Stockiemuir Rd.
- New houses at Blaressan will have FTTP connection.
- It was agreed developers of Killearn Hotel be asked to provide internet connection to flats.

The full report may be viewed on the Community Council website www.killearncc.org.uk.

CC560 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00731/FUL Erection of Double Garage (plot 1) Wishing Well Camping Site, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
No comment.

17/00730/FUL Relocation of Rear Access to 1, 2 and 3 Old School Court, Killearn. KCC to comment on three points - hammerhead for all properties to comply with Roads Dept specifications; front of 3 requires suitable turning radius; awareness of tree roots in the area.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00522/FUL Erection of single storey house at garden NE of The Willows, Beech Drive, Killearn
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Schedule Recommendations**

17/00529/FUL Change of Use from Class 7 to 9 and Conversion to form 14 Flats at Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG
Approve subject to section 75 agreement and deferred to future Panel Decision following site visit and hearing.

- **Planning Panel Decisions**

17/00529/FUL Change of Use from Class 7 to 9 and Conversion to form 14 Flats at Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

17/00604/FUL Change of Use and to form 5 Apartments at former bank building, 4 Main St, Killearn G63 9NH

- **Planning Enforcement**

17/095/UNAUTH Siting of Placard Main St, Killearn

17/096/UNAUTH Siting of Placard Kirkhouse Rd, Killearn

EN/17008/UNADV Siting of Advertisement Killearn
Removed.

Killearn Hotel

Following unanimous approval by SC Planning Panel for hotel conversion to flats, Jim informed the meeting that no affordable housing will be provided on site. Therefore, a

financial contribution will be made by the developers which can be ring fenced for the rural area but not specifically for Killlearn.

CC561 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert presented the following report:

- Meeting to be arranged with SC in November to discuss areas in the village which require attention and priority funding in 2018/19. Members of the public notified Robert of a number of roads and pavements to be discussed at the meeting.
- Double yellow lines on Station Road to be completed as soon as possible.
- Repair to Blane Water Bridge on B834 likely to be done in Spring 2018.
- Footpath at Play Park scheduled for completion in January/February 2018.
- Ongoing road works on Drumbeg Loan and Drumtian Road.
- Station Road inlay road works.

In addition to KCC liaising with SC, members of the public were encouraged to contact SC individually regarding complaints about pavements, roads, blocked drains etc. This will result in complaints being dealt with more quickly.

The junction at the top of Station Road and Balfron Road was discussed and it was agreed some form of barrier or road marking is required to prevent drivers cutting the corner and assist pedestrians to cross safely.

The need for signage on Main St and Buchanan Road for Well Green was highlighted.

The full road report is available on KCC web site www.killlearncc.org.uk.

CC562 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lambie reported the following: Blue Box collection four-weekly from 22 October, current road maintenance programme, road safety at Finnich Glen and the Distillery, Killlearn Hotel conversion, Killlearn Hospital site and Blane Bridge.

Councillor Lambie's full report is available on KCC web site www.killlearncc.org.uk.

David Young updated the meeting regarding the advisory signs at Finnich Glen. Despite the dangerous situation at the Glen, the signs have not yet been erected by SC. Following complaints, it transpired that the signs were delivered to the wrong department in SC. It was agreed KCC write to SC expressing shock and deep concern that a matter of such urgency has not been dealt with more appropriately. (*Action MH*)

David Young also requested a more detailed survey of the Blane Bridge be undertaken by SC to assist repairs. (*Action RD*)

CC563 – TREASURER'S REPORT

David informed the meeting that the SC grants have now been received. It was agreed that Cllr Lambie request SC increase their grant to KCC in future.

Current bank balance £1469.76

Following discussion about the roof ridging repair to the Notice Board at former Spar, it was agreed David contact Jean Cowie, Funding Officer for Community Pride Grants to seek financial assistance. (*Action DS*)

CC564 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public expressed her disappointment and sadness at the outcome of the Kilearn Hotel situation.

A question was asked about the former Spar but no further information is available.

The lack of white road markings between Blanefield and Distillery and on the A811 between Stirling and Balfron turnoff was raised. The meeting was informed that SC uses an outside contractor for road linings. Cllr Lambie agreed to take up the matter with SC.

It was also noted that SC appear to have finance for rumble strips and red patches on roads, but seem unable to provide basic white road markings, the lack of which makes driving very dangerous at night and in some adverse weather conditions.

Following the recent TV filming in Killearn, appreciation was expressed to the production company. An article regarding same was published in Stirling Observer.

CC565 – YOUTH MATTERS

Margaret informed the meeting that Eva Mailer will be joining KCC as Youth Member at the next KCC meeting in November. Should anyone else be interested in becoming a second Youth Member, please contact KCC.

CC566 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Robert informed the meeting that the working group to investigate using Twitter and Facebook has met and will report later in the year. South West Area Forum to meet on 20 November and discuss the use of social media by Community Councils.

CC567 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margaret spoke to the following correspondence:

- It was agreed that Elizabeth and Margaret respond to the Scottish Government consultation on low emission zones in cities as this may affect rural bus services.
- Margaret and David to draft KCC response to proposed amendments to scheme for establishing community councils.
- Margaret to attend SC meeting on 24 October at 7.00 pm in Balfron Campus to discuss place-based approach to local services.
- Margaret to meet with SC Economic Development Unit on 25 October to discuss a possible literary festival in Killearn.
- It was agreed Jim compose a response to the draft local fire and rescue plan for Stirling.
- Request for letter of support from Transition Stirling regarding Tool Library Project. KCC agreed to provide a general letter of support. (*Action MH*)

CC568 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

CC569 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 November 2017 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School. The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.