

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 20 JUNE 2018**

Members present Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, Heather Wright

Apologies Doug Ashworth, Eva Mailer, David Scott,

In attendance Ian Denvir (SC), Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, 13 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

AGM1 – MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 21 June 2017 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, moved by Heather Wright and seconded by Hilary McGregor.

AGM2 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair outlined the substance of the Annual Report for the year 2017/2018. The Annual Report is attached to the minute. Grateful thanks were expressed to Margaret Harrison for her work as Chair of KCC. It was announced that Margaret would be retiring in October 2018.

AGM3 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Audited Accounts for the year 2017/2018 were presented to the meeting. Adoption of the accounts was moved by Elizabeth Jones and seconded by Heather Wright. The Audited Accounts are attached to the minute.

AGM4 – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chair and Secretary of the Council were re-elected, proposed by Jim Ptolomey and seconded by Hilary McGregor. It was announced that David Scott was resigning as Treasurer and Vice Chair. Elizabeth Jones was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Margaret Harrison and seconded by Janet Duncan. Thanks were expressed to David Scott for his work as Treasurer of KCC.

AGM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that the present KCC would be disbanded in October and a new Community Council formed in November. KCC can have 11 members but must have a minimum of 7 members. Two youth members can also be appointed to KCC. Local residents are encouraged to apply to join KCC.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Killearn Community Council Annual report 2017-2018

The regular business of the Community Council, commenting upon planning applications, reporting road problems and monitoring local services continued as usual during 2017-2018. The severe winter weather caused great damage to the roads in and around Killearn and problems for local residents, who turned out in strength to clear roads and pavements. Cars thoughtlessly parked on yellow lines on Main Street obstructed heavy vehicles and caused buses to be re-routed. This experience made it urgent to revive the village's resilience, or emergency plan, and a joint working group was set up with Killearn Community Futures Company (KCFC). On a lighter note, the filming for television of the children's book, 'Grandpa's great escape' in Killearn brought Tom Courtney, Jennifer Saunders and David Walliams to the village in Autumn 2017, to the delight of local residents.

- The proposed housing development at Blairessan field off Station Road was approved by Stirling Council (SC) in September 2017 and site clearance commenced in January 2018. This development of 35 houses will include 12 houses for social rent by Rural Stirling Housing Association, which are expected to be completed in November 2018. Street names have been taken from the village war memorial – Aitken Street and Wilson Crescent from World War I and Barclay Way from World War II. The builder has contributed a sum of money to be spent on children's play in the village, and KCFC is in process of forming a Friends of the Playpark group to take this forward.
- Conversion of the former Killearn Hotel into 14 flats was approved by SC in October 2017 and a proposed development of 12 homes for social rent and one market house for sale at the foot of Lampson Road was approved by SC Planning Panel in May 2018. The Panel felt that the social benefit of the Lampson Road development outweighed the constraints of the Local Development Plan and its own planning policies.
- A survey of the condition of roads and pavements in Killearn was made by KCC and discussed with SC in 2017. As a result, Harpers Road has been resurfaced, and Cedar/Elm/Elder pavement repairs are currently under way, with road resurfacing to follow in August. The pavement on Station Road has been renewed, and much-needed signage provided at the Wellgreen and Ballochruin Road, which now officially exist! The most serious disruption was caused by the long-delayed repair to the bridge on the A81 at Ballat by Scottish Water, necessitating long detours and loss of custom for businesses at Ballat and farther north. Estimated completion date is now mid-June.
- Broadband upgrade has continued to be slow, but an increasing number of properties in Killearn are now connected to faster broadband. The business voucher scheme is to re-start, offering businesses up to £3k to connect to an available fibre source. KCC receives regular reports from Doug Ashworth, Chair of the Killearn Broadband Group (KBG), and we are grateful for his commitment to the village. Doug also drafted the response from KCC and KBG to the Scottish Affairs Committee (Westminster) public inquiry into digital connectivity. Doug and Euan Shaw established a radio connection from Killearn Exchange to Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, via Abbeyfield, enabling faster broadband there, but this achievement is threatened by a proposed forestry development which would interrupt the signal. Forestry proposals in rural areas need to take account of broadband requirements in local communities. Mobile phone networks

Vodafone and O2 upgraded their masts in the area, leading to better signals. This could also provide the option of mobile broadband services for outlying properties in Killearn.

- Parking on the B834 and A809 by visitors to Finnich Glen continued to cause problems, and the Mountain Rescue service was called out regularly to rescue visitors who had got into difficulty there. KCC requested that SC erect signs at the entrances to the Glen, warning visitors of the hazards of the site, which is widely publicised on social media as a film location. Discussions about parking are ongoing.

KCC established a Facebook presence in Spring 2018, to communicate with a wider audience. We supported Scottish Parliament consultations on 20 mph speed limit in residential areas, and Low Emission Zones in cities (to commence in 2019) and responded to SC's proposals on Community Council governance. Discussions took place on a Children's book festival which SC are organising in Killearn Village Hall on Sunday 2 September. This will be a free event, with children's authors, music and play activities and a book exchange. Further details on all these topics can be found on our web site www.killearncc.org.uk.

We were fortunate to recruit Fiona Rennie as our new Secretary, and Eva Mailer as the new Youth Member. The present Community Council will continue in office until October 2018, and a new Community Council will be formed in November to serve for the next four years. This will be my last annual report as Chair, and I would like to thank all KCC members and our Minute Secretary, Christine Bauwens for all their hard work during the year. Thanks also to the Killearn Broadband Group for their specialist advice, and to the Police and our elected Councillors Berrill, Davies and Lambie for their work on our behalf.

Margaret Harrison
Chair
Killearn Community Council

June 2018

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the YEAR ended 31 MARCH**

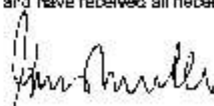
	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		
String Council Grants		
Administration	387.78	388.00
Minutes	270.00	380.00
Parking Grant	-	580.00
Notice Board Grant	918.00	-
Interest	0.63	0.56
	<u>1,566.41</u>	<u>1,288.57</u>
EXPENDITURE		
D. Stuar Fund	-	17.89
Administration		
Room Hire	24.00	88.00
Website & Telephone	71.86	43.06
Data Protection ICO	35.00	35.00
Photocopying	27.00	57.80
Minute Secretary	440.00	427.00
Examination Fee	14.00	15.00
	<u>611.86</u>	<u>643.88</u>
KCC Expenditure		
Catering	18.25	28.00
Parking Consultancy	-	548.50
Notice Board Repair	918.00	-
School Janitor	-	38.50
Rights of Way	20.00	20.00
	<u>956.25</u>	<u>631.00</u>
	<u>1,568.11</u>	<u>1,282.66</u>
(Deficit) for the Year	(11.70)	(3.98)
Funds brought Forward	1,142.27	1,146.25
Funds Carried Forward	<u>1,130.57</u>	<u>1,142.27</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Bank Balance at 31 March	1,140.02	1,142.27
Outstanding cheque	(9.45)	-
	<u>1,130.57</u>	<u>1,142.27</u>

Signed by KCC Treasurer


David Scott
5th May 2018

Report by Independent Examiner

I confirm that I have inspected the above accounts and found them to be in accordance with the records maintained by the Treasurer and have received all necessary information and explanations.



Bin Somerville LLB,CA, Killearn
5th May 2018