

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, David Scott
Apologies	Janet Duncan, Robert Dunn, Eva Mailer, Hilary McGregor, Heather Wright, Doug Ashworth, Euan Shaw, Ian Denvir SC, Police Scotland
In attendance	Cllr Alistair Berrill, 16 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

CC644 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2018

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

CC645 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the Police Report.

- High visibility patrols to improve road safety continue to be carried out.
- Ongoing issues in relation to vehicles parked on A809 near to Devil's Pulpit. Dangerously parked vehicles will be removed by Police. People requiring rescue from Finnich Glen will in future be subject to police investigation and may be charged accordingly. It is hoped that this tougher stance will encourage people to carefully consider their visit to Finnich Glen.
- Attempted theft from house within Killlearn.
- Shoplifting incident in Co-op.

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

CC646 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC630 – Correspondence, Birch Road**
KCC wish to record their thanks to Killlearn Horticultural Society for buying and planting three birch trees in Birch Road. A rowan tree has also been planted.
- **CC633 – Planning, Blaressan, Community Benefit Fund**
A list was drawn up to submit to SC for their consideration. (*Action MH*)
- **CC635 – Emergency Planning**
A Meeting will take place on 26 April at SC to discuss village Resilience Plans. Heather, Fiona and Jim from KCC and local resident, Archie Bryce will attend.

CC647 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Andrew reported to the meeting that various mobile network providers are upgrading their masts in the area, resulting in better signals for customers. This could also provide options for mobile broadband services for outlying properties in Killlearn.

CC648 – KCC FACEBOOK PAGE

The KCC Facebook Page is now live, sharing information and raising KCC profile. Thanks were expressed to Robert, Andrew and Fiona for their work on this project. The group contacted Pauline Roberts at SC for advice and guidance on use of Facebook and she has given her endorsement to the approach used and to the set up of the page.

CC649 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00164/FUL Demolition of existing single storey Storage Building and Erection of 2 storey Staff Welfare Facility at Glengoyne Distillery, Strathblane G63 9LB
KCC has supported this application.

18/00167/FUL. Front Porch Extension at 7 Cedar Road, Killearn G63 9RU
No comment.

18/00177/LBC Various upgradings at East Lodge, Old Ballinkinrain, Fintry G63 0LL
No comment.

18/00180/FUL Additional Dormer to rear of Dwelling at 4 Elm Road, Killearn G63 9RY
No comment.

18/00186/FUL Extension to side of House at 16 Rowan Crescent, Killearn G63 9RZ
KCC to write to SC reminding them of imposed title restriction on this site at time of land purchase from SC. The ground was be used for garden purposes only.

18/00194/FUL Installation of Replacement Windows at 2 Gartness Road, Killearn G63 9NT
No comment.

18/00220/MSC Erection of New Dwellinghouse on Plot 2 at Wishingwell Camping Site, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
KCC request that roof ridge be no higher than ridge line of neighbouring houses.

18/00240/FUL Change of Use from Shop to Daycare Provision for children at 31B Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
KCC to support this application.

18/00231/FUL Conversion of Outbuildings to form 2 Domestic Dwellings at Ballochruin Farmhouse, Killearn
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/000122/FUL Extension of House at Blaneswell Stables, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9JL
Approve.

- **Planning Panel Decisions**

17/00977/PPP Residential Development adjacent to and south of nos 1 and 3 Lampson Loan, Killearn
Deferred to a hearing on 1 May at 10.00 hrs at Old Viewforth, Stirling.

11/00978/PPP Residential Development at land adjacent to nos 1 and 2 Lampson Road, Killearn
Deferred to a hearing on 1 May at 10.00 hrs at Old Viewforth, Stirling.

Blairessan

It was agreed KCC write to Roads Department at SC requesting more information about the new chicane on Station Road at Blairessan. (*Action JP*)

CC650 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

As Robert was unable to attend the meeting, Margaret reported the following:

- Work on the pavement on Station Road, from Gartness Road to Lampson Road, is now in progress.
- It is anticipated that repairs to the Ballat Bridge will be completed by next month.
- Surveyors are planning repair work to Blane Bridge once Ballat Bridge is open.
- Footpath upgrade to Elm Road and Cedar Road scheduled for May.

Local residents raised the issues of very heavy agricultural traffic using Station Road and Gartness Road with associated problems. The ongoing drainage problems at Well Green/Main Street were also raised. Another resident spoke of possible repair work to be carried out at the Pharmacy footpath while contractors are working on Station Road.

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

CC651 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report, Cllr Berrill spoke about the need for SC to prioritise road repairs on A811; the CC Review meeting on 21 April; lessons learned from recent event in Callander for community groups funding; and proposed changes to the SC planning process to enable community councils to refer applications to the Planning Panel.

CC652 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance at 31 March £1130.57

David presented draft accounts to the meeting. Following examination by an independent examiner, David will present final accounts to the May KCC meeting with the view to them being formally adopted in June.

CC653 – QUESTION TIME

A question was raised regarding estate agent advertising signs at road ends which continue to appear all over the village. It was agreed KCC pursue this further.

With regard to questions about the former Bank building and Killearn Hotel, KCC has no further information but agreed Jim contact the latter for an update on the situation.
(*Action JP*)

CC654 – YOUTH MATTERS

In Eva's absence, it was reported that High School students are busy working for exams.

CC655 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

CC656 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona spoke to the correspondence received on the following subjects:

- Nominations for the 2018 Stirling Provost Awards.
- Queen's Commonwealth Canopy.
- SC Walking Netball Classes starting 20 April in Balfron High School.
- NHS elections for IJB and Strategic Planning Group.
- Community Council governance arrangements.
- Data Protection Meeting in Village Hall on 10 May, 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

CC657 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A number of issues were raised:

- Margaret informed the meeting that the car park at the Co-op in Balfron is a public car park, owned by SC and the Co-op. No spaces are reserved for restaurant customers and members of the public should ignore such notices. Any problems should be reported to Balfron Community Council.
- It was announced that degradable bags for food waste are now to be collected from Council offices, local libraries or the mobile library. Residents must give their names and addresses when collecting bags and will be allocated a maximum of six rolls of bags per household in one year.
- Heidi highlighted the problem of used dog waste bags being left at the bottom of Station Road at the West Highland Way as a result of the bin being removed. It was agreed Margaret contact SC requesting the bin be reinstated. (*Action MH*)
- Mike Gray, KCFC Convenor, explained the work of KCFC and encouraged local residents to become involved. A new secretary will be needed in the autumn and any interested parties should contact Mike direct.
- Members of the public who shop in Killearn Co-op were encouraged to go online to vote for their chosen local causes.
- A request was made by a local resident to investigate the possibility of making the Killearn Co-op car park bigger by using the grassed area to the rear of the shop. It was noted that the owner of this land is unknown.
- The issue of drivers using the Disabled car parking space at the Health Centre without a blue badge was raised. It was agreed to put this on KCC Facebook Page to discourage such thoughtless and indiscriminate parking.

CC658 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 16 May 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School. The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.