

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2018

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Eva Mailer, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, David Scott
Apologies	Janet Duncan, Hilary McGregor, Heather Wright, Doug Ashworth Police Scotland
In attendance	Susie Clarke, Cllr Rob Davies, Ian Denvir SC, 22 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button

Margaret welcomed Susie Clarke to the meeting.

CC614 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017

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

CC615 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the Police Report. There has been one house breaking with intent within the village during the past month and theft of a number of unattended vehicles in the Strathblane/ Dumgoyne/ Stockiemuir area, with remote sheds and outbuildings being targeted. Members of the public are asked to remain vigilant in relation to their homes and vehicles.

A local resident raised the issue of inappropriate parking and dangerous driving around the primary school area. It was agreed KCC feedback comments to the police and also mentions same in the next KCC Update. Individuals are asked to report incidents to the local police giving car registration numbers wherever possible.

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

CC616 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC601 – Working Group on Social Media**
Operational procedures to be finalised before KCC Facebook goes live.
- **CC612 – Any Other Business**
Children's Book Festival to take place on Sunday 2 September in Village Hall. An email has been sent to SC regarding Finnich Glen and reply awaited.

CC617 – PRESENTATION FROM SUSIE CLARKE

Local resident and teacher, Susie Clarke presented her business idea to provide wrap around child care for children aged from 3 years, to take place in the former Spar building in Killearn. This would be provided from 8.00 – 9.00 am and 3.00 – 6.00 pm. Outwith these hours, she would like to create an educational facility offering specialist workshops.

Current owners of the property are in agreement with her plans and pending planning permission for change of use, Susie aims to open in August. KCC agreed to provide a letter of support when needed and wished her every success in her venture.

CC618 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

There are no further changes to report for the Killearn area. The response from Killearn Broadband Group and KCC to the public enquiry into digital connectivity, has been sent to the Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster.

CC619 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00020/FUL Erection of Dwelling House at land 65m North of Ballochruin Farm, Killearn G63 0LE
No comment

18/00032/FUL Change of Use converting 2 Holiday Accommodation Units to Dwelling House at Ballochruin Farm, Killearn G63 0LE
No comment.

18/00033/FUL Conversion of Outbuildings to form 2 Domestic Dwelling Units at land North of Ballochruin Farm, Killearn G63 0LE
No comment.

18/00077/DOM Discharge of the Planning Obligation on planning application 11/00436/FUL at Former Sawmill at Branshogle Mill, Fintry
Approve.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00933/FUL Retention of Track for Agricultural Purposes at land 250m South East of Carston, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn.
Approve.

17/00922/FUL Erection of 2 Dwelling Houses (plots 9 and 36) at land between Gartness Road and Blairessan House, Station Road, Killearn
Withdrawn.

17/00869/PPP Erection of Dwelling House at Former Sawmill at Branshogle Mill, Fintry
Approve with conditions.

17/00816/FUL Two storey side extension, removal of existing garage and erection of new garage, new access via gates from Drumbeg Loan and upgrading of hard surfaces at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
Approve with conditions.

17/00817/LBC Two storey side extension, removal of existing garage and erection of new garage, new access via gates from Drumbeg Loan at Drumwhirn, 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
Approve with conditions.

17/00921/FUL Change of use and extension to form 5No apartments at former Bank building, 4 Main Street, Killearn G63 9NH
Withdrawn.

Land at Home Farm, Killearn. Order to exempt land from access rights to allow filming at Finnich Glen.
Approve.

- **Other Planning Issues**

17/00676/FUL Crematorium at land at former Bannockburn Hospital, Bannockburn.
Approve with Conditions.

A local resident expressed thanks to KCC for its support in objecting to the proposed residential developments at Lampson Road. It is anticipated a decision will be made by SC next month.

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Suggestions for three street names for the new housing estate are being sought by SC. Any ideas, reflecting the local area, should be given to Jim.

CC620 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert encouraged local residents to raise complaints directly with SC in an attempt to have ongoing issues dealt with. Further complaints can be taken to the Scottish Government Ombudsman if satisfaction is not received from SC.

- Resurfacing work will take place on Drumbeg Loan 26 February – 2 March.
- Road signs on Ballochruin Road are now in place.
- Repair work on the footpath on Station Road, between Drumore Road and Napier Road, will be carried out from 26 March.
- SC to decide on future resurfacing projects at meeting to be held on 12 April.

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

CC621 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies reported on the following:

- Dangerous condition of Stockiemuir Road having suffered pothole damage.
- SC budget meeting on 22 February.
- It is hoped the work on Ballat Bridge will be completed in March.
- SC meeting on 1 March to consider community council reviews.

It was noted that First Bus are preparing a claim against SC for damage to suspension units due to state of roads and that Council Tax is due to increase by 3% next financial year.

CC622 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance at 31 January	£1309.92.
Expenditure over the last month	£958.00

Any expenses from KCC members should be submitted as soon as possible. It was again requested that community council funding be reviewed and that it be discussed at the forthcoming SC meeting on 1 March.

CC623 – QUESTION TIME

A local resident expressed concern at current work being done by SC Land Services at the children's playpark. It would appear that the annual maintenance of the willow plantings is costing SC too much and that Land Services have been instructed to take them all out.

As the willow plantings were part of the original design and have proved to be successful and attractive, it was agreed that KCC complain to the head of Land Services saying that the playpark should be protected. Appreciating that maintenance will be required, it was suggested that a "Friends of the Playpark" group be started by KCFC to help maintain the playpark. Another resident who is a professional landscape architect was supportive of the idea and agreed to liaise with other interested parties. It was also agreed information be posted on local Facebook pages to inform local residents of the situation.

(Action MH)

CC624 – YOUTH MATTERS

Eva informed the meeting that prelim exams have now finished and that all pupils have now returned to school after the February mid-term break.

CC625 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret attended the following meetings:

- Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) meeting held on 22 January. KCC responded to some of the proposed budget cuts.
- KCFC Board Meeting on 6 February. KCFC keen to encourage residents to join and become involved in projects such as All Killearn Archives, Colourful Killearn, Killearn Courier, Killearn Fireworks, Village Hall, Path Group, Sports Pavilion and Woodlands Group. KCFC also wish to establish Friends of Killearn Glen group. Please contact KCFC directly if you are interested.
- Rural SW Area Forum on 19 February. Speakers included Home Energy Scotland advice service and SC Resilience team. Following discussion on resilience planning, it was agreed Margaret, Heather and Jim form a group to update the Killearn resilience plan.

It was announced that a request by Cllr Graham Lambie to have the A811 adopted by Transport Scotland as a trunk road has been refused. Killearn and other CCs agreed to take this matter forward in the future.

CC626 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona spoke to the correspondence received on the following subjects:

- Disabled parking space at 22 Main Street,
- Road safety concerns at Killearn Primary School.
- Complaint re condition of road surface along Main Street.
- Possibility of replacing trees at green area on Birch Road. Killearn Horticultural Society are willing to plant three birch trees to be paid from Joan Shand's estate. Margaret to speak to residents of Birch Road asking their views. *(Action MH)*
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Asset Register.

- Suggestion from resident to have litter picking group. Fiona to liaise and give local input. *(Action FR)*
- Maintenance of trees and plants in local Playpark.

CC627 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Margaret informed the meeting that the Drymen Rural Business Hub will open in late Spring, providing meeting rooms, business parcel delivery point, hot desk facilities, rural recruitment service and networking and training courses. This project has been funded by SC and LEADER.
- Funding of £500 - £10,000 is available from SC to deliver community benefit projects. Applications should be made by midday Friday 16 March. Applicants to present ideas on Saturday 24 March.
- Robert raised the issue of the Killearn Hospital site and it was agreed Jim write to SC regarding the current situation. *(Action JP)*

CC628 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 March 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.52 pm.