

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 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 Christine Bauwens, Police Scotland

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Euan Shaw, 21 members of the public

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CC690 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2018

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

CC691 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Kerb stones broken in the village being treated as vandalism
- Male traced with cannabis and duly warned
- Continuing enquiries into minor assault on the outskirts of Killearn
- Small number of minor collisions in surrounding roads reported
- Numerous calls received re sheep, cows and horses on roads
- Fallen trees on roadways reported
- High visibility patrols carried out in the area
- Car driving without an MOT and vehicles causing obstruction detected
- Road safety talk given to pupils at Killearn Primary School
- Ongoing issues with Devil's Pulpit
- Safe stolen from local business
- Bicycle stolen from outside the Village Hall
- Theft of lawnmower from property in Killearn
- Person identified shoplifting at local store

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

CC692 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC677 – Matters Arising, Community Benefit Fund**
Suggestions have been received from SC regarding play equipment in the play park.
- **CC677 – Emergency Resilience Plan**
.Work continues on the resilience plan. It was noted a lease from SC hut may be possible.

CC693 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug reported on the installation of a new cabinet on Drumbeg Loan which should be live within 6 – 8 weeks. It is hoped this will improve broadband connectivity for properties between Killearn Mill and the top of Branziert Road.

Disappointment was expressed at the discontinuation of the Broadband Delivery Group (BDG) by SC. Shaun Marley, Community Broadband Officer remains in post and a broadband award has been initiated for rural communities with a rural Broadband Form to be created.

Members of the public who have received recent disruption to their TV signals were advised to try unplugging the aerial and retuning the TV – but there have been changes to the signals/frequency bands and some aerials will no longer pick up the full range of freeview channels.

CC694 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00280/FUL Change of Use and Extension to form 4 no Apartments at 4 Main Street, Killearn

The Community Council objected to this proposal on grounds of its effect on surroundings, traffic issues, loss of privacy and being outwith the Structure Plan.

18/00464/FUL Erection of 2 no Cattle Cubicle Sheds at Claylands Farm, Fintry G63 0RR

No comment.

18/00486/PPP Proposed New Dwellinghouse at Kincaple, Jenny Gunns Loan, Boquhan, Balfron

No comment.

18/00490/FUL Removal of Outbuilding and Reslating of Roof at 65 & 67 Main Street, Killearn

No comment.

18/00487/FUL Conversion of 3 Silage Clamps into Industrial Units and Erection of a Potable Storage Unit and Erection of Enclosure for Water Sourced Heat Pumps at Land 150m NE of Claylands Farm, Fintry

The Community Council commented on this proposal and raised concerns over transporting a further 300 tons of materials from local distilleries to the site. The CC sought clarification on the impact of vehicle movements through the village.

18/00500/FUL Extension over Garage to create Bedroom and En Suite at 7 Harpers Road, Killearn G63 9TA

The Community Council objected to this proposal on the grounds of its effect on the streetscape and the impractical nature of building and maintaining such an extension.

18/00525/FUL Reform Kitchen/Dining Room Window and Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension at Struan, Drumore Road, Killearn G63 9NX

No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/00216/FUL Construction of Building to house a Prawn Farming System at land 120m East of Claylands Farm, Fintry
Approve with Conditions.

18/00220/MSD Erection of New Dwelling and Detached Garage at Plot 2, Wishing Well Camping Site, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ (PPP ref 17/00089)
Approve with Conditions.

18/00283/PPP Erection of Dwellinghouse at Garden Ground to Rear of 11 Gartness Road, Killearn
Approve with Conditions.

18/00370/FUL Extension to Rear of Dwellinghouse at 8 Harpers Road, Killearn G63 9TA
Approve.

18/00490/FUL Removal of Disused Outbuilding and Re Slating of Roofs at 65 & 67 Main Street, Killearn
Approve with Conditions.

18/00343/FUL Erection of 3 Car Detached Garage and Gymnasium at Stilwater, Killearn G63 9QW
Approve.

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/18/066/UNAUTH Non Approved Formation of Access Killearn

EN/18/091 Alleged Deviation from Approved Plans Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RG

EN/18/046/UNAUTH Potential Change of Levels. (Blairessan) No Planning Breach Established

EN/18/076/UNAUTH Erection of Structure Branziert Road North Killearn G63 9RF

Margaret informed the meeting about the public consultation on Finnich Glen proposals which will take place in the Church Hall on Friday 28 September, 3.00 – 8.00 pm. This will be further discussed at the next KCC meeting in October.

It was announced that SC have approved change of use for the former Spar building.

With regard to the Blairessan housing development, Rural Stirling Housing Association is in the process of allocating the affordable rented properties on this site. The Association rehouses local people who are in housing need, using a points system which prioritises applicants who have a need to move to, or remain in the area in order to give or receive support to/from relatives and/or because of employment reasons. Applications will be considered up to 15 October with properties being allocated by mid November.

CC695 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert reported on the following:

- Station Road chicane – SC reviewing proposals.
- Resurfacing work on Cedar/Elm/Elder Roads to be carried out 1 – 12 October.
- Resurfacing work on Ballochruin Road scheduled 15 – 26 October.
- Work to take place on Lampson Road in October.
- Branziert Road North to be closed for sewer repair 9 – 13 October.
- A deep clean of the village is scheduled for all streets with special attention to be paid to gullies at Well Green/Ibert Road and on Station Road
- The sunken ironwork at Napier Road/Lampson Road to be chased up
- Robert to investigate progress on repair to Blane Bridge.

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

CC696 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Rob Davies highlighted the following points in his report:

- Traffic management in the National Park, especially in the Balmaha area.
- SC Chief Executive has left his position and his replacement awaited.
- SC is considering webcasting SC meetings and committee meetings. KCC was in favour of this idea in principle.
- Having attended the Rural South West Area Forum, Cllr Davies commented that the City Region Deal does not really benefit rural areas.
- Around 40,000 people walk the full length of the West Highland Way each year, but there is lack of funding for the South West Paths Group.

CC697 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Expenditure £154.00
Income £0.14

Cash in bank £976.71

It was noted that KCC grant has not yet been received from SC.

CC698 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked about the problem of foliage overgrowing footpaths in the village. This should be reported to SC who will identify the landowner and then request they cut it back.

CC699 – YOUTH MATTERS

Eva reported that transition for students to the next academic year has worked well and that the new first year pupils are settling in.

CC700 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- At KCFC Meeting on 11 September, new proposals for a Killlearn Heritage Trail were discussed, including more archaeological work in the Glen.
- KCFC AGM to take place on 18 October.
- Killlearn Fireworks Display scheduled for Saturday 3 November.
- At the Rural South West Area Forum held on 17 September, it was announced that Balforn High School students will continue their community involvement. Rural opportunities were discussed with funding available for business hubs.

Aberfoyle Hub has been set up with Drymen and Balfron under current discussion. STEP business advice clinics will also visit rural areas.

- Funding for tourism infrastructure is available until 31 October. KCFC may consider applying for signage from the West Highland Way to Killearn.

CC701 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona spoke to the correspondence received on the following subjects:

- Query regarding treatment of Giant Hogweed in local area.
- Car parking below large oak tree at Killearn Football Club matches.
- Damage caused to buses by overhanging trees - SC to contact householders.
- Deep Clean programme in October to include Killearn.
- Funding Fair in Bridge of Allan Parish Church Halls on Tuesday 2 October, 3.00 – 6.30 pm.
- Citizenship Ceremony for at least one local resident to be held on Wednesday, 26 September in the Drummond Room, Old Viewforth, Stirling.

CC702 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that elections for the new Community Council will be held in October.

KCC wishes to minute thanks to Ian Denvir, Community Liaison Officer at SC for his support of KCC during his term of office and wishes him well in his new position.

The issue of parking on Beech Drive at Killearn Glen was discussed and residents encouraged to park considerately.

The meeting was informed that pupils of Ballikinrain School have been transferred to a facility in Erskine.

CC703 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting which is the last of the present community council, will take place on 17 October 2018 at 8.00 pm. As the Primary School is on holiday during this week, the meeting will be held in the Garden Room in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.