



Welcome to Update 108 27/11/2021

Next meeting : Wednesday 15th Dec. @ 8 pm - pls. email contactus@Killearncc.org.uk for details and / or to join the meeting.

pls. see update below, based on discussions from the KCC meeting held on Wednesday 17 Nov. '21.

Police:

- Males were reported to be in the building site of former Killearn Hotel. Police attended and found no trace on arrival. Premises were checked and all found to be in order
- Male driver issued with a recorded Police warning after a road rage type incident at temporary traffic lights on B834
- A female driver hit another vehicle parked at Killearn Co-op. This was reported to Police after unsuccessful attempt to trace owner within the shop
- Vehicle hit by an unknown vehicle while parked on Main Street, Killearn
- Police attended area near Blane Smiddy roundabout and removed loose dropped screws from the road.
- Bike shop at Oakwood Garden Centre broken into and a quantity of high value bikes stolen. Police enquiries are continuing.

Planning:

Development of Former Killearn Hotel - ongoing work taking place at the site.

RSHA Development at Lampson Road - no further information available.

Former Killearn Hospital Site – KCC welcomed representatives of CALA to the KCC meeting on 17th Nov. to help explain the reasons behind a change to the planning application for development of the old hospital site – proposing decontamination of only 80% of the site.

- The community position has always been a desire to see the site developed and completely decontaminated.
- The meeting was shown a plan outlining the CALA site boundary, permission for which has been granted for residential development. The area next to this has been given planning permission in principle for commercial/mixed-use e.g. retail, care-home etc. The landowner will retain ownership of this part of the site – pending commercial development.
- CALA explained that the original plan and still their preferred option - was that CALA, although purchasing only the residential development area of the site – would clear and decontaminate the whole site – including the commercial development area. The additional cost of decontaminating the commercial site is not significant in the overall costs of the project and would offer greater confidence and reassurance all round.
- CALA is now not being given access to this commercial development area by the landowner and as such can no longer decontaminate that area. CALA has been obliged to resubmit the planning application covering decontamination of the residential development area only.

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- The site is safe - CALA has commissioned two independent consultants – who have both ascertained that there is no risk posed to the residential development and the local environment if the adjacent commercial site is not developed or if the site is decontaminated at a later date. However, the landowner will be responsible for securing this area and protecting the public.
- CALA noted that they have spent years on planning for development of the site and are firmly committed to the development – but if not being granted access to the commercial area of the site – cannot commit to the remediation of that area – thus necessitating the change to the planning proposals.
- Members of the public questioned CALA on their motivations and the need for change to the planning application – again stressing the desire for decontamination of the whole site at the start of the project.
- Details of the application are available in the planning portal <https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=dates&keyVal=Q5CEQ7PIJTW00> and it was agreed that KCC would speak to the landowner to understand more about his position and to liaise with the Planning Department in order to reach a satisfactory conclusion to the matter.

Roads:

- SC have been granted £1.5m in funding from Scottish Government reserves and tenders for Catter Burn Bridge are now going out.
- A meeting was held on 17 November for residents and businesses affected by the closure of Branshogle Bridge. A contractor will be appointed shortly and will hope to start work on 29 November.
- Existing barriers on Blane Water bridge have been extended and traffic lights installed to prevent vehicles stopping or starting on the bridge itself. Weekly monitoring of the bridge will be done by SC and maintenance scheduled as required.
- 20 mph cardboard notices have been attached to lamp posts to alert drivers to the new speed limit within Killearn.
- SC have been notified of blocked gulleys on Station Road and Main Street. It was also requested that SC look at preventing the surface water which flows near the chicane on Station Road as, if this turned to ice, it could be hazardous
- With increased construction traffic at the former hotel site, SC have been asked to repaint the road markings on Balfron Road at the old bank building as a matter of urgency
- Residents in Lampson Road to note that the road will be closed on 9 December for Scottish Water works.

Any other business:

- SC has now signed a contract with BT for improved broadband connectivity at Killearn Primary School.
- Information for residents being switched to BT Digital Voice is available on KCC website at <http://www.killearncc.org.uk/kgb-killlearn.html#digvoice>
- Thanks to KCFC and Killearn Trust for partnering with KCC to fund the operation of the Christmas lights. The lights are expected to be installed on 1st Dec.
- Broken pipe in the cow field has been reported to Scottish Water.
- Stirling Council has released a survey as a means of consultation on the 20 mph speed limits and the installation of cycle racks at the CoOp – the survey will run until Friday 10th December 2021. To take part in



the consultation and to find out more information, please go to: <https://spaces-for-people-stirling.hub.arcgis.com/>

- The Advent Window Trail will open on the 1st December at 6.30 pm at Killearn Village Hall. Killearn Primary School are designing the window display and there will be carol singing and market stalls.
- Killearn Christmas Post will start on 4 December. Full details available on Killearn For All Facebook page. Users of this delivery service are asked to give generously to support children's hospices in Scotland.
- KCC meetings will continue via Zoom for the remainder of the calendar year '21.