



# Welcome to Update 109 22/12/2021

**Next meeting** : Wednesday 19 Jan. @ 8 pm - pls. email [contactus@Killearncc.org.uk](mailto: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 15 Dec. '21.

## **Police:**

- Youths were found to be interfering with traffic bollards at the Trees estate. After being challenged by a local resident, the bollards were returned
- A vehicle was uplifted on A81 for having no insurance
- A vehicle came off the road on A81 near Balfron Station. No injury sustained
- Police continue to carry out speed checks at Balfron Road, Killearn
- Ongoing enquiries into theft of lead from the roof of Killearn Kirk

## **Planning:**

Development of Former Killearn Hotel – progressing to plan. Preparations are being made to put in concrete floors at the beginning of 2022.

Former Killearn Hospital Site – Details are available on the planning portal <https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=dates&keyVal=Q5CEQ7PIJTW00> noting a change to the planning application for development of the old hospital site – proposing decontamination of only 80% of the site.

- The SC Special Meeting to discuss the application has been postponed until 17 January
- The community position has always been a desire to see the site developed and completely decontaminated.
- The CALA position is that their preferred option is as per the original planning application and that 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.
- The site is safe – the parties have commissioned reports from 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.



- Stirling Council has advised that it is not their place to interfere in civil matters between the landowner and developer, this is a matter for them to conclude. The planning officer has noted that in technical terms the revised application is satisfactory and would merit approval.
- If a solution cannot be found and the site cannot be 100% decontaminated, KCC had suggested they would reluctantly support 70-80-% decontamination however, following discussion at the meeting and concern about deviation from the original planning application, it was agreed KCC write to SC questioning if the application should be classed as a major variation and requesting clarification on the matter.

### ***Roads:***

- Thanks to all who took part in the recent consultation regarding a pedestrian crossing in the village.
- Feedback supported the idea of a crossing proposed in the vicinity of the Outdoor Classroom on Main Street but there was little support and considerable opposition to another crossing on Balfron Road, preferring to use any additional funds in other ways. KCC has reported feedback to SC.
- SC has agreed to repaint the road markings on the bend at Balfron Road / Main Street at the former Bank building and has added this to their Works Plan.
- Following enquiries about lighting through the play park and on the path near Birch Road, a request has now been made by KCC that SC adopt same which would then facilitate a request for lighting
- Following a request from KCC and local residents, SC has agreed to repair the kerb / trip hazard on the path from The Square to the playpark.
- Cllr Jane Hutchison raised the idea of a community speedwatch group to help collect data on traffic speed through the village. Any interested parties would receive training and work in small groups – please contact Jane on [hutchisonja@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:hutchisonja@stirling.gov.uk) if interested in more information
- Works have commenced on Branshogle bridge and updates on this and Catterburn bridge will be available in the New Year.

### ***Any other business:***

- Thanks to KCFC and Killearn Trust for partnering with KCC to fund the operation of the Christmas lights and to Edenmil and Colourful Killearn for the Christmas tree at Killearn Kirk.
- The Advent Window Trail will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Some of the Killearn Heritage Trail boards and the Kirk Noticeboard were damaged during recent storms and are being repaired and replaced.
- In order to have a direct voice to SC, deputations can now be made by community groups to the Council.
- As per recent letter drop - the brown bin collection will be suspended for one cycle between 27 December and 2 January and there will be an extra blue bin collection to help recycle plastic waste over the festive period. Residents should all receive a letter from SC detailing the arrangements.
- Killearn Trust is considering plans for Well Green and will keep residents informed of progress.