



Welcome to Update 112 23/03/2022

Next meeting : Wednesday 20 Apr. @ 8 pm (on zoom) - 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 16 Mar. '22.

Police:

- No anti-social behaviour reported
- Due to winter road conditions, a couple of vehicles came off the road but there were no injuries sustained
- No thefts reported in Killearn but males were acting suspiciously at a house in Blanefield and appeared to be put off by the CCTV on the premises.

Planning:

- Support given at the meeting for retrospective planning application by the Old Mill Inn for change of use to form outside eating and drinking area (Beer Garden) within existing rear garden space. Meeting also acknowledged the key roles played by hospitality businesses in the village during the COVID period - offering what they could to allow people to come together socially
- Killearn Trust to commence felling and removal of trees and tidying up of area at Well Green ahead of further replanting etc.
- Development of Former Killearn Hotel - Developer Matt Gingles informed the meeting that the project is going to schedule. The first six flats will be ready by mid - end July 2022, with the remaining ten flats ready by mid - end October 2022. The roof is currently going on and will be slated by the end of April
- RSHA Development at Lampson Road - There are no further updates available.
- Former Killearn Hospital Site - There are no further details available. Work is ongoing regarding the proposed path connection to the village.

Roads:

- Work is due to start on 28 March on two zebra crossings in the village at Main Street, near The Outdoor Classroom and at Main Street near Branziert Road / Drumbeg Loan. SC agreed it was not appropriate to have a third crossing on Balfron Road.
- The kerb on the path to the park beside the old cemetery has been removed and a drain installed. It has been requested that the lower half of the path be made smoother to match the upper half, thus enabling those with mobility aids / buggies to use the path more easily
- It was noted that SC still has not re-painted the road markings near the former Bank building at Main Street/Balfron Road, this will be chased up
- An SC summary of targeted 20 mph speed monitoring in the village shows that average speeds have reduced – more details to follow and it is hoped to have someone from SC from the team to report to the KCC meeting in the future



- Works continue on Branshogle and Catterburn bridges. Works on Branshogle bridge are due to complete by end Apr. and the closure of Catterburn Bridge has been extended to the end of June 2022
- Gartness Road, between the A81 and A811 has been closed to give time to repair damage and install formal passing places. Road signage for this area to be checked
- KCC is still in communication with SC regarding the cars parked on double yellow lines on Main Street beside the Disabled Bay
- Thanks to those who have offered to help – KCC reps. will do a walk around to collate information on roads and paths most needing attention and will report to SC with findings
- A member of the public requested attention be given to the state of the West Highland Way path between Drumbeg Loan and Station Road. It was agreed KCC contact SC about laying surface stones to make the path more useable and also to raise the issue of litter in the area.

Any other business:

- The work to repair the sewer pipe bridge in the cow field will start on 28 March and will take 3 – 4 weeks (not the 3 months initially stated)
- Thanks noted again to all on the Killearn Courier for their recent community publication and to the Colourful Killearn team for looking after the flower tubs
- Thanks to Frank Deas who is co-ordinating plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June – he and the steering group would be happy to hear from others who would like to help or have ideas for the jubilee weekend. Plans to date include:
 - A bonfire in The Glebe on Thursday 2 June. This will be held in the early evening to accommodate families with young children and will conclude with the lighting of a Killearn beacon later in the evening as part of the national celebrations
 - Big Lunch(es) on Sunday 5 June. Street parties/events held around the village with Killearn Kirk and The Village Hall also providing centralized venues for those living in outlying parts of the village
 - Building on the Happiness Project, the possibility of an Afternoon Tea event, bringing together the older residents of Killearn and children from the nursery schools
 - Investigate using the BT phone box on Main Street as a commemorative display ..
 - Possible tree planting - as a legacy / reminder of the Queen's Jubilee for future generations.
- Due to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the ensuing refugee crisis, residents of Killearn are keen to help if/when refugees arrive in the area. Aileen May is looking to set up a language class for adults and children and is currently investigating possible accommodation, PVG documentation, links with local schools and contact details. Anyone interested in helping or finding out more information should visit *Killearn for All* Facebook page for more information.
- Sadly Stirling didn't make the final shortlist for the City of Culture 2025
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