

# Welcome to Update 128

26/11/2023

**Next meeting :** Wednesday 20 Dec. @ 8 pm – This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting – in person, in the Garden Room at Killearn Village Hall and online on zoom. pls. email [contactus@Killearncc.org.uk](mailto:contactus@Killearncc.org.uk) for a link to the meeting and any further information required.

*Pls. see update below, based on discussions from the KCC meeting held on Wednesday 15 Nov. '23 and subsequent happenings.*

## **Hot topic**

*Our local bus service - the X10 - is under threat in proposals being put forward by Stirling Council to help bridge an estimated £13 million budget gap. Please can we encourage you to have a look at the survey and give your views before it closes on 30 November. It is the first section in the survey that outlines proposals to reduce the number of bus services in the area.*

*Pls. click here for the survey <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/stirling-council-budget>*

*Thanks – we know that many of our local residents rely on the bus services and KCC will also be writing to the Council and local councillors to voice our concern.*

**Police:** The full police report is available on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

- Offences of attempted housebreaking with intent to steal and attempted theft were recorded in the village whereby two males appeared to try to gain entry to two residential properties. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry to identify these males
- A male was the victim of fraud whereby he was coerced into transferring money by a person pretending to be calling from his bank. This practice is becoming quite common. Please ensure you know who you are talking to on the telephone. If in doubt, terminate the call and call your bank's customer service department to enquire if any calls are genuine
- Reports of persons hare coursing however no trace of suspect persons on Police arrival. This is a wildlife crime and any sightings of persons carrying out these pursuit should be reported to Police
- Police attended a road traffic collision whereby a vehicle struck a fallen tree and telegraph pole. The road was blocked and closed for a period of time however soon opened and fortunately there were no serious injuries
- PC McNulty has informed the community that he is moving on to work in the Police Scotland Control Room and Service Centre in Govan, Glasgow. KCC expressed sincere thanks to him for his work in the community and wished him well for the future.

**Planning:** please see KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk) for the full planning schedule

- It was noted with disappointment that despite KCC's objections and concerns, SC has now approved three two-storey houses to be built on the gap site of the former Glenshee Cottage at

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Boquhan. The Planning Panel also approved the removal of two very old local trees on the road alongside the site.

- An enquiry regarding ownership of the ground at the top of Station Road adjacent to the public toilets has confirmed that the Health Board own the land.

### **Local Place Plans**

- Residents living in or near Killearn are encouraged to participate anonymously in the local place plan survey which can be accessed online here <https://www.ourplace.scot/tool/start/killearn-adult-pop> or by requesting a paper copy from KCC c/o [contactus@killearncc.org.uk](mailto:contactus@killearncc.org.uk) More information is available in the new Killearn Courier and coming via the KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

### **Roads:**

- Following concern expressed about poor sight lines at the Blane Smithy roundabout, SC have cut back vegetation to improve the situation
- With winter coming on, local residents are encouraged to report potholes directly to SC via the link <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/roads-transport-and-parking/roads-and-pavements/report-a-pothole/>
- Recent very heavy rains have resulted in flooding in the area, mainly due to fallen leaves – KCC will contact SC regarding the schedule for clearing leaves.
- It was noted that there is repeated flooding at the Black Hill crossroads at Ballochruin Rd. / Fintry Rd.- KCC will follow up with SC

### **Roadworks**

- C21 (Station Rd.) in Balfron will close from its junction with the A811 to its junction with the A81 from 0700 hours until 1900 hours from 4-12-23 until 8-12-23 to facilitate Public Utility works.
- Parking on Bankers Brae in Balfron will be suspended from its junction with Dunmore Street to its junction with Spinner Street from 0800 hours until 1600 hours from 4-12-23 until 8-12-23 to facilitate drainage works

### **Speed management (20 mph) following recent feedback from SC**

- A meaningful reduction in speed on Station Rd. is not achievable without implementing substantial traffic calming measures
- Happy to extend the 20-mph speed limit out past the tennis courts as you enter the village on Balfron Road
- More repeater signage may be required – certainly more “20” roundels on the road are required, the “30” VAS signs that are currently switched off need to be replaced by “20” VAS
- It was proposed to implement a 40-mph speed limit on the section of the A81 between the roundabout at the Garden Centre and the Blanesmithy Roundabout. The B834 would also be subject to a 40-mph speed limit from Blanesmithy Roundabout up to the location of the commencement of the 30-mph speed limit

- As the school bus stops on Station Rd. are not formal bus stop locations, it makes providing signage/installing measures difficult - this will be added to the Team's workplan to be investigated as staff resources permit
- Cycle lane markings on Station Road were to be undertaken in conjunction with the Cala Homes development to provide suitable on-road measures up into Killearn.
- In order to bypass the village it was agreed previously to remove "Stirling" from the sign at the A875/A81 junction just along from Glengoyne Distillery. Unfortunately, the Officer dealing with this left the Team and it has not been progressed. A re-design of the sign will be considered. .

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

- Thanks to Calum McLean and Susie Henderson who have been co-opted onto the council – we look forward to working with them
- The Killearn Christmas Market will be held in the Village Hall on 2nd Dec 11-4, and pre sales for visits with Santa are now available to purchase with full details available by emailing [Killearncountrymarket@gmail.com](mailto:Killearncountrymarket@gmail.com)
- Thanks were expressed to all involved in the very successful Fireworks Night event. It was very encouraging to note there were no anti-social behaviour problems reported after the event
- The village Christmas tree will be erected at Killearn Kirk on 2 December and the Christmas lights will be switched on at the same time
- 10 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV) starts on 25 Nov and runs to 10 Dec.
- To mark the 75th birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, The Royal Mint will be giving away commemorative £5 coins to 75 people who also turn 75 years of age this year. Eligible residents can apply to enter the draw at: <https://www.royalmint.com/shop/limited-editions/the-75th-birthday-of-his-majesty-king-charles-iii/75-coins-for-75-people-turning-75-in-2023/>

### And congratulations

- Congratulations were expressed to Cycling Killearn for receiving the Silver Cycling Friendly Communities Award from Cycling Scotland for work done in the village to promote cycling in this area
- KCC wish to send congratulations to Trossachs Search and Rescue for receiving the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. <https://trossachs-sar.com/2023/11/14/the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-2023/>