



Welcome to Update 133 26/04/2024

Next meeting : Wednesday 15 May @ 8 pm – This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting – in person, in the Garden Room at Killlearn Village Hall and online on zoom. pls. email contactus@Killlearncc.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 17 Apr. '24 and subsequent happenings.

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

- Assault - A person was arrested and charged with assault and possession of an offensive weapon in a public place after striking another with a bottle to the head at the Campsie Glen Holiday Park. The injured party received medical attention for his minor injury.
- Road Safety - A person has been charged and reported with failing to stop and exchange details after being involved in a road accident with another vehicle.
- Theft - Please be aware that a number of attempted Housebreakings have occurred within Killlearn and the surrounding villages in the month of April. Please remain vigilant and continue to report any suspicious behaviour. More information in next month's report.

Incidents of Note

- A person fell on Dumgoyne Hill breaking their leg and had to be airlifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment. We would like to thank our colleagues at Lomond Mountain rescue team / the Scottish ambulance service and Coast guard for their assistance.
- A member of the community contacted Police that they had received an email involving an elaborate inheritance scam, fortunately, the person identified the email as a scam and no money was transferred.
- Person attended at a resident's house with a high viz jacket advising that he had been carrying out work in the area and offered to lay some stones and asked £3000 to do so. Resident declined to pay and reported the matter to the Police.

Planning: please see KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk for the full planning schedule

- **24/00221/FUL 41 Station Road** – a retrospective planning warrant has been submitted. It was noted that there was no prior consultation from Stirling Council stated on the forms. Following discussions and reflecting concerns from members of the community at the meeting, the CC agreed to draft an objection to the proposal on the basis noted below with respect to the categories of the Environmental Impact, having a negative effect on the character and appearance of the property and the area, and in Design and Relationship to surroundings
 - the changes to the Front Elevation facing the main road are a major detraction from a fine substantial traditional house and its' neighbouring properties.

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- the Porch which has been added at the main entrance vastly exceeds the 4m limit and totally dominates the North East façade changing the character entirely. Added to this the additional high gates at the top of the new driveway detract from the appearance.
- the Decimation of the Planting and Felling within the grounds totally changes the nature of the area. The Community Council requests that as a condition, a landscaping plan is imposed to restore some means of mitigation.
- **Tree Preservation Area** - Amy Russell, the planning officer concerned, has communicated that the garden of 41 Station Road is not within the conservation area and the trees are therefore not protected.
- **Extension of Conservation Area** – a local resident has requested consideration of an extension to the conservation in Killlearn to include properties on Station Rd. KCC is awaiting a response from the Council planning department to help provide advice and guidance on the process around such a proposal. In order to gain a wider view from the local community, it was recommended to add this to the Local Place Plan consultation in June.
- **Garden Extensions** - A member of the public has raised concern over gardens being extended from into Drumbeg Loan into the agricultural land and queried whether there had been any applications for change of use. If a specific request / case can be submitted to KCC then KCC can seek further clarification.
- **Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) for Flood Risk Management in Scotland 2024** - From Monday 25 March – Monday 24 June, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is running a Consultation on Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) for Flood Risk Management in Scotland 2024 and residents are encouraged to provide feedback through the consultation. Visit <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/evidence-and-flooding/potentially-vulnerable-areas>
Key messages
 - Flooding is a threat now. Our climate is changing and with it we are seeing more chance of stormy weather and flooding, sometimes in areas that have never experienced flooding before.
 - Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) are places of significant flood risk. Recognising where the PVAs are means we can target efforts to reduce flood risk where they are needed most.
 - The 2024 PVAs will bring a smaller, community-based approach to how we target our efforts to tackle flood risk in Scotland.
- **Local Place Plan** - The closing date to respond to the survey has been extended and when data has been compiled, it is planned that a community consultation event will take place to help inform local residents of initial findings and to explore further ideas. The survey can be accessed online at <https://www.ourplace.scot/tool/start/killlearn-adult-pop> Paper copies are also available by contacting KCC at contactus@killlearncc.org.uk

Roads:

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- SC has agreed a plan of works to support the extension of the 20 mph limits in the village – this includes more signage and road markings – KCC have chased progress on these plans and been informed that nothing will be progressed until more staffing resources are available
- Following an accident on Drumtlan Rd where a cyclist came off his bike and was knocked unconscious after hitting an unmarked raised ramp, KCC had contacted SC and have been informed that 2 signs have been ordered and will be passed to operations for installation
- The continued and inconsiderate parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the Co-op and along to the Well Green has been raised repeatedly by local residents. Members of the public are reminded that parking on pavements is illegal and damage done to this section of pavement is causing particular difficulty to pedestrians. Further reporting has been made to SC requesting repairs to the pavement and seeking advice on the installation of bollards / structures to help prevent parking on the pavement areas
- SC has reminded local communities that defects such as a pothole or broken bollard or fly tipping or reports of antisocial behaviour should be reported through the “Report it” page on the Stirling Council Website. <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/report-it/> A reference number will then be advised and a response received within 5 working days.

Any other business:

- Public Toilets - A member of the public has raised concern over restrictions on the opening timings of the local public facilities. It has been highlighted that Balfron will now be closing at 15.40 pm and Killlearn at 15.50 pm

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/service-updates/public-toilet-information/>

- Buchanan St, Balfron, Glasgow, G63 0TR - 7am - 3:40pm
- Station Rd, Killlearn G63 9NA - 7:30am - 3:50pm
- **Conversation Cafés** - Palliative and end of life care helps improve the quality of life for someone who has a life-limiting illness, by offering services, advice, information, referrals and support. We need you to provide views from both personal and professional perspectives to help us develop our strategic thinking around community palliative and end of life care services. Please get involved by coming along to a session <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/stirling/stirling-community-enterprise/conversation-cafe-stirling/e-obkpa#:~:text=Palliative%20and%20end%20of%20life,there%20are%20important%20conversations%20involved>
- **The new Killlearn Village Hall website** is now live with the new format making it easier to navigate. Access the website here: <https://www.killlearnvillagehall.co.uk/>
- **Stirling Studios** is a new film making facility that brings a positive initiative to the local area <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-68830681>
- **A new Cycling Killlearn interpretation board** is to be installed alongside the bike racks outside Killlearn Village Hall. Thank you to Cycling Killlearn who are working to get this initiative live.

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- **The Village Hall Spring Tea Party** is being held on Sunday 28th April from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, in the main hall and over 130 older residents have been invited. The Tea Party marks the end of the “Warm Space” initiative which has been running in the Village Hall every Sunday afternoon (2pm - 4pm) to encourage local residents to meet others, sit and chat, play board games and enjoy a cup of tea. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who have provided baking, lifts to / from the hall and have given their time on Sunday afternoons to help out.
- SC has asked for suggestions for a new street name for the Rural Stirling Housing Association development off Lampson Road – pls. pass on any ideas to contactus@killearncc.org.uk

And finally

- The Killearn War Memorial is 100 years old this year. There will be a rededication ceremony at 3 pm on Sunday 28 April – all welcome and there will be tea and cake available afterwards at the Spring Tea Party in the Village Hall.