

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WELCOME TO UPDATE 140 - Dec. 2024



Please find below – an update on news from KCC and some highlights from the meeting on Wednesday 18th Dec. '24. Pls. see link for minutes of meetings
<https://killlearncc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Pls. note that the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th Jan. @ 8 pm - pls. email contactus@Killlearncc.org.uk for information.

And please can we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all of the best for the New Year and into 2025.



POLICE MATTERS (The full police report is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk)

- **Theft**
A House breaking with intent to steal has been recorded after attempts were made to force open a garage door. No entry was gained, and no items were taken. It is possible persons were disrupted by dogs within the adjacent dwelling. Please remember to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
A theft has been recorded after a quantity of stones were removed and taken from a wall of a property. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected.
- **Road traffic**
A driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for causing serious injury by dangerous driving after turning on to the A81 and failing to check the roadway was clear before striking a motorcyclist. The Motorcyclist was taken to Queen Elizabeth hospital for treatment. Injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

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PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

- **Working with Stirling Council** - Sharon Marklow from Stirling Council's Planning & Building Standards team will be joining the KCC meeting on 15th Jan. to listen to planning queries and provide support as applicable.
- KCC is aware of the challenge to Stirling Council being promoted independently of KCC by Graeme Knox in the form of a petition. KCC is already committed to a collaborative approach with Stirling Council's Planning Department and is working with planning officers to listen to their views and to better understand how to effectively represent the wider community viewpoints and factors important to rural life in Killlearn.
- **Planning Schedule update** – see website for full planning schedule https://www.killlearncc.org.uk/docs/planning/KCC_Planning_Schedule_2024_Nov-Dec.pdf

2 New Applications

- 24/00738/FUL 20 Balfron Road, Killlearn G63 9NJ (Jackson's Vets) - Alterations to dwelling to reconfigure layout, alter window to install patio doors and construct decking area to the rear (no change of use applied for)
- 24/00761/NAG Land At Drumore Wood, Gartness Road Killlearn - Application for Prior Notification and Prior Approval - Formation of new forestry access – this application replaces the previous application 24/00655/FUL – this application – discussed previously – has now been withdrawn. Further details to be clarified with reference to the timelines of this application and next steps.

Works at 41 Station Road (Garden Grounds)

A site visit was conducted by the Stirling Council Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer Tony Stickings on 14/11/24 where the developer, who was on site at the time, was challenged regarding his non-compliance with the prior to commencement conditions and deviation of approved plans of planning permission 23/00719/FUL.

Stirling Council have been informed that no further development shall take place on site until February/March 2025 – in the meantime – the Council is being asked to respond to some specific queries relating to the works ..

- Receipt of the Notification of Initiation of Development and detailed tree protection plan (as per planning conditions)
- The boundary fence between 2 Oaks and the new build has been erected 1.6 metres within the new build land and the new driveway opening appears to be 2.5 metres closer to 43 Station Rd. than shown on drawings.
- The Construction Exclusion Zone is not being applied ...

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

- **Blane Smiddy Bridge**
The temporary traffic lights were originally installed at this location as an emergency response to the structural condition of the South East retaining wall. Stirling Council has advised that once works are fully completed, the bridge will be returned to the original give way prioritisation system. Stirling Council have engaged with their road safety colleagues regarding this site and have been advised that this section of roadway does not comply with the criteria for commissioning and completion of a road safety

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- audit and that returning to the pre-existing give way system would be the more effective and efficient way of managing traffic flow at the site.
- **Road Closure - B821** (between Blanefield and Stockiemuir Rd.) for its entire length from 0900 hours until 1800 hours from 8-1-25 until 4-2-25 to facilitate public utility works.
 - **Road Closure - B818**, Fintry – Carron Valley) From its junction with Polmaise Road to its junction with the C41 from 0900 hours until 1800 hours from 13-1-25 until 19-1-25 to facilitate resurfacing works.
 - **Road Closure A811** - from its junction with the A81 to its junction with the A875 from 0900 hours until 1600 hours from 20-1-25 until 24-1-25 to facilitate culvert replacement works.
 - **Footpath on Station Road** - Work is progressing on the footpath
 - **Potholes** – residents are reminded that potholes can be reported to Stirling Council in 2 ways:
 - Stirling Council website “Report It” <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/report-it/>
 - “Fix My Street” <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>
 - **A request was raised for Visibility Assessments at Junctions onto Station Road** and KCC will speak to representatives at Stirling Council to progress.
 - Gartness Road - concave mirror requested
 - Napier Road - hedge issue
 - Endrick Road - hedge/tree issue

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- **Killlearn Christmas Tree** - Thanks again to the team at Edenmill for donating a Christmas tree for Killlearn Kirk and to Colourful Killlearn for organising and for putting up the tree.
- **Christmas lights** – thanks to Killlearn Beer Festival, Killlearn Trust and KCFC for their generous donations to cover the costs for the Christmas lights along Balfron Rd. – the lights help to brighten up the village and the contributions are much appreciated
- **Advent Windows** - huge thanks to all who have supported the Advent Windows team and Shelter – there are windows around the village open each night at 6.30 pm. please contact Lindsay at killlearn.advent.windows@gmail.com or see the leaflet for any further information.
- **Christmas Post** – with thanks to all who contributed and supported - £786.28 has been raised for CHAS.
- **KCC & KCFC & Killlearn Nurseries** – thanks to the staff and children at Killlearn Nursery, Heron House Nursery, The Mulberry Bush and the Kids Hub for delivering postcards and chocolates to some of our older residents during the festive season – the response has been lovely and the gesture much appreciated.
- **Consultation to begin on visitor levy scheme for Stirling**
A plan to explore the potential for a visitor levy scheme in the Stirling area has been approved. The introduction of a levy scheme would see a set percentage charge on overnight accommodation paid by visitors and tourists.
- **2nd phase of the big conversation**
A new survey has been launched for residents to have their say on detailed proposals to help tackle Stirling Council’s estimated £13 million budget shortfall next year (2025-26). Please see the link [here](#)

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