

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 150 – October 2025



Please find below – an update on news from KCC. Pls. see link for minutes of meetings <https://killearncc.org.uk/meetings.html> Pls. note that the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th November at 8pm - pls. email contactus@Killearncc.org.uk with any queries.

POLICE MATTERS - the full police report from Aug. '25 is available on the KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

- Police were contacted when a family got into difficulty and could not manage to get up from the Devil's Pulpit. Police attended to offer assistance. All family member's were rescued with no injuries reported.
- Police and a number of partner agencies (Mountain rescue, Fire Service and Scottish Ambulance Service) attended the Devil's Pulpit after a male fell down a set of stairs and suffered a wound to his shin. The male was rescued and his injury treated.
- Police attended the B818 after a vehicle came off the road and struck a wall ending up in a body of water. There were no other vehicles involved and the driver was uninjured.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Please see the Stirling Council [website](#) for the latest planning report. Extracts of applications and activities within Killearn are noted below:

- **Our Killearn Community Local Place Plan** - The consultation is now complete and the LPP will be submitted to Stirling Council this week by the 31st Oct. deadline. Thank you to all those who have been involved from the first surveys, through to comments and feedback.
- **South West Stirling Climate Action Network (SWScan)** has also produced a draft Local Place Plan document [which is available from their website](#).
- **Tree Protection Order (TPO)** - The Tree Officer has advised that there is no TPO covering trees in Killearn Glen. It has been noted that the Local Nature Conservation Site (LNCS) covers the Glen – and that this may provide sufficient oversight for the tress, although perhaps some trees might merit individual cover. A review of trees / TPOs across Killearn is pending.

Planning applications submitted / processed

- 25/00499/FUL Greenend : Cottage 36 Balfron Road - Alterations to enlarge window openings, infill external doorway and rear window openings and installation of rooflights. KCC to comment in regards to concerns over changes to the original cottage (not changes to the newer extension)
- 25/00498/FUL: 26 Balfron Road - Formation of framed door/window to the side elevation of existing detached garage
- **Blackwood's Beech House** - Local residents have asked for help from KCC and Stirling Council to help preserve the existence of a care facility at Beech House on Beech Drive. The current facility is operated by Blackwood – but the company is looking to close the facility / sell over the next few months. Stirling Council have advised there has been some very helpful communications initiated by Councillor McGarvey and that the situation is being investigated and addressed by Council Officers, the HSCP and local regulators. In the meantime others have been speaking with other local caregivers to see if there is an alternative option.

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

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- **Blane Smiddy Bridge** – There are still concerns from the community based on the lack of visibility from the holding points at either side of the bridge and the number of near misses. Discussions were had to establish who was responsible for cutting back vegetation to ensure that traffic signs remain visible. The landowners explained that they cut back vegetation to the boundary limit but in previous years the council has retained responsibility for ensuring the signage is visible. Councillor Fraser is going to follow up.
- **20 mph limits and works in Killearn** It is proposed that the 20-mph speed limit be extended further out to the location of the 30-mph speed limit signs into the village. Consideration will also be given to the implementation of a 40-mph speed limit buffer zone in advance of the 20-mph speed limit. This work will be carried out this financial year. Speed surveys have been carried out in all towns/villages subject to a 20-mph speed limit. The results will be shared with KCC when they are available.
- **Double Yellow Lines at top of Station Road** – there is continued concern about the lack of double yellow lines down Station Rd. where the road narrows. Stirling Council have responded to a KCC query – noting that unfortunately, additional double yellow lines will not be considered.
- **Road Closure - Station Rd. above Blane Bridge - 27th October to 29th October:** The B834 (Station Rd. heading to Finnich Toll over bridge) – will be closed from its junction with the A809 to its junction with the A81 from 0900 hours until 1600 hours to facilitate road maintenance works.
- **Road Closure Station Rd.- 2nd November:** B834 Station Road will be closed from its junction with the A875 (Balfron Rd.) to the junction of Gartness Road for fireworks night. Parking will also be suspended on B834 Station Road on both sides from its junction with the A875 to the junction of Gartness Road, and along the A875 from the junction of The Square to a point 200 metres or thereby north-east of Greenend Road from 1830 hours until 2000 hours.
- **Road Closure – Sunday 9th Nov. - Remembrance Service, Memorial Procession** - There will be a procession from the Church to the memorial for the remembrance service on Sunday 9th November during the period of 10.45 – 11.15. *Please note that the service is planned to take place in the Church but should this not be possible, it will be held in the Church Hall.*
- **EV charging units in the Health Centre Car Park** - Unfortunately one of the council roads lorries involved in the roadworks - bumped into an EV charging unit – taking it out. The Council has a repair & maintenance contract with the manufacturer of the charging units and following the incident a fault ticket was raised and once a quote for the repairs has been received the Council will instruct the necessary works to proceed.
- **Mare's tail** - This is coming up through the newly laid tarmac on the path up Station Rd - recently completed by the council, on behalf of CALA. The Council Land Services team have agreed to spray the area once it has been inspected.
- **Accessing Station Rd. from Gartness Rd.** – KCC has asked SC for help to place a mirror at the junction to help improve visibility – after a local resident raised concerns. Stirling Council responded that due to the limited extent of the public road, they are unable to improve the visibility at this location and would not provide, nor approve the erection of a mirror within the public road network.

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- **The Annual Killearn Fireworks Display** is set for Sunday 2nd November from 7pm
- **Oak Tree in Playpark** - the council is currently progressing the contract for work to be completed Autumn/Winter, once the leaves are off the tree.

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- **Bus Shelter cleaning** - The award of the contract for the maintenance and cleaning of council owned bus shelters is close to being awarded and it is hoped that the shelters can be cleaned soon.
- **New glass recycling bins** - New glass bins have arrived. Collection frequencies for glass recycling will remain unchanged until 5 January 2026. After this date, the collection frequency will move to every eight weeks. Residents should place their old glass boxes beside the new bins on their next scheduled collection date and Stirling Council will dispose of them.
- **X10 Last Bus Cancellation** - In light of the recent incidents where the last X10 buses at night have been cancelled leaving residents stranded and having to make their own way home – the advice is to please get a receipt and attach it to an email to McGills with the date, time and stop you were waiting at, to get a refund. Please note that this only applies to the Last Bus. Email: enquiries@mcgillsscotlandeast.co.uk
- **Rhododendron at Cala Homes Site** - concerns have been raised over the removal of a rhododendron patch along the roadside at the Cala homes site. It has been mulched and is now fenced off but there doesn't seem to be signs of spraying. KCC to look into this.
- **Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam** - A member of the public raised concerns over large quantities of these various plants on verges coming into Killearn and the potential spread into the village. Cllr Rosemary Fraser requested that she is sent the exact locations of these plants to ensure they are treated. KCC to action.
- **Glasgow Airport's Airspace Change Proposal – Public consultation**
Glasgow Airport has launched a public consultation about proposals to modernise arrival and departure routes and the surrounding airspace. The consultation will run for 14 weeks from Monday 20 October 2025 – Sunday 25 January 2026. There are a number of public consultation events and webinars to support this consultation, alternatively, the proposals can be viewed online c/o <https://scottishairspacemodernisation.co.uk>
- **Stirling Council is currently progressing plans for the redesign and rebuild of the Balfour Household Waste Recycling Centre** and Community Council representatives are being invited to attend an initial engagement meeting in **November** to discuss the project in more detail

Please note that Local Councillors will be in attendance at KCC meetings as below

- Wed 19 Nov Councillor Henke
- Wed 17 Dec Councillor McGarvey

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