

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2017

Members present	Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Elizabeth Jones, Eva Mailer, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Janet Duncan, Hilary McGregor, Ian Denvir SC, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Euan Shaw, 13 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
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Margaret welcomed to the meeting three community prefects from Balfron High School – Lewis Forbes, Caitlin McKay and Daniel Taylor.

CC584 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC585 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC572 – Police Matters, Former Killearn Hotel**
Windows at the former hotel have been secured.
- **CC581 – Correspondence**
Responses have been sent from KCC to SC on Community Council Review and to Scottish Government on Low Emission Zones.

CC586 – POLICE MATTERS

As the police were unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the police report:

- Local officers continue high visibility patrols to improve road safety.
- Continued monitoring of inconsiderate parking around the primary school.
- Ongoing enquiry re theft of van in Killearn. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police.
- On 10 December, five lockups on the lane between Crosshead Road and Graham Road were broken into. The perpetrators have not yet been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

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

CC587 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug informed the meeting that the status of two possible further cabinets for Killearn has progressed but the live date has slipped by two months. The location remains unknown.

In response to a question regarding broadband for mobile phones, it was explained that little information is available because of the commercial nature of the subject. It was agreed Doug make further enquiries about a new phone mast in the Fintry area.

Thanks were expressed to Euan for his work in the Broadband Group and for standing in when Doug was unable to attend KCC meetings. (*Action MH and DA*)

Broadband update for December is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk

CC588 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00872/NAG Erection of general purpose Farm Building at Carston Farm, Drumbeg Loan, Killlearn G63 9LJ.
No comment.

17/00869/PPP Erection of Dwellinghouse at former Sawmill, Branshogle Mill, Fintry.
No comment.

17/00922/FUL Erection of 2 No. dwelling houses with associated landscaping and access (Plots 9 and 36) at land between Gartness Road and Blaressan House, Station Road, Killlearn.

KCC write to SC expressing concern about proposed additional housing over and above that already approved.

17/00921/FUL Change of use and extension to form 5 No. apartments at 4 Main Street, Killlearn G63 9NH (former Bank building)

KCC to object on grounds of gross overdevelopment of site, out of keeping with conservation area, access problems, overlooking other properties and impact on environment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00872/NAG Erection of general purpose Farm Building at Carston Farm, Drumbeg Loan, Killlearn G63 9LJ.
Approve.

17/00667/FUL Erection of Dwellinghouse at land at Killlearn House walled garden.
Approve with conditions.

17/00842/FUL Formation of new Side Door to garden, new Velux Rooflights and installation of Patio Door on rear elevation.
Approve.

- **Other Planning Issues**

Review of Supplementary Guidance.

Response has been given to Small Settlements, Chalets and Huts, Forestry and Woodland Strategy, (joint with Clackmannanshire) Advertisements, Houses in Multiple Occupancy, Wind Energy Development and Housing in the Countryside.

Blaressan

When work commences on the housing development at Blaressan, it was agreed the Community Panel liaise with McTaggart and Mickel site manager.

CC589 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert presented the following report:

- Positive meeting with SC took place on 4 December when KCC strongly expressed the need for capital expenditure to be allocated to Killearn every year.
- SC agreed to a traffic island at top of Station Road/Balfron Road and to paint give way lines and double yellow lines at the junction. It is hoped work will be carried out in April/May 2018.
- Inlay work at pavements between Station Road and Drumore Road and repair to pavement outside Village Hall on Station Road to be carried out next year.
- KCC requested SC give priority for work on Cedar Road, Elm Road, Elder Road, Napier Road and to the pavement on Main Street between Co-op and former bank building.
- Footpath at Playpark to be done in January 2018.
- Work on Blane Bridge to be carried out in spring.
- KCC to be consulted on traffic calming measures for Killearn by SC.

KCC wish to record thanks to Robert for his work.

The meeting was informed of Sustrans, a government transport organisation who fund projects for new developments improving facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Any applications for funding would require to be made by KCFC or SC, not KCC.

A member of the public raised the issue of surface water at Well Green and also outside the Pharmacy on Balfron Road. KCC to make SC aware of the situation but requested that individuals also make formal complaints to Stirling Council.

The full road report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk.

CC590 – WORKING GROUP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The working group of Euan, Andrew and Robert spoke to the meeting regarding setting up a Facebook page for KCC. This will be used to publicise information to the wider community but not be an open forum. Further to Robert circulating terms and conditions to KCC members, it is hoped the new Facebook page will be operating in the new year.

It was agreed Eva liaise with the community prefects to promote the Facebook page in Balfron High. (*Action EM*)

CC591 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Berrill reported on the following:

- Closure of A81 to repair bridge. It is hoped work will be completed by Spring 2018.
- Effect on Stirling because of the closure of Kerse Bridge next year.
- SC budget proposals to be published in January.
- Place-based partnership meeting for Rural South West Area to be held on 24 January in Buchlyvie Village Hall.

CC592 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance at 30 November stands at £1389.76. Outcome of grant application for £900 to re-roof the notice board is still awaited. David encouraged KCC members to submit any expenses before the end of 2017.

CC593 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC594 – YOUTH MATTERS

Eva reported on current student prelim exams and recent assemblies on organ donation. Unfortunately, due to snow, the S3/4 Christmas dance was cancelled. It was hoped the pupils affected could join other dances later in the week.

CC595 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret and Fiona attended the South West Area Forum on 20 November. It was agreed to invite Pauline Roberts of SC Communications department to speak on use of social media at a future KCC meeting. Residents were informed that the B12 / C12 bus service from Balfron to Stirling at 18.20 hrs on a Friday and Saturday – returning at 19.20 hrs – will operate until March 2018.

CC596 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona spoke to the following correspondence:

- Scottish Government public consultation on Fuel Poverty Strategy.
- First Scotland East stakeholder survey.
- SC Land Services not to replace broken pole-mounted dog waste bins. Residents are encouraged to dispose of dog waste in the grey domestic bin or public freestanding litter bin.
- Proposed building of new crematorium on site of old Bannockburn hospital. Public meeting to be held on 18 January at Bannockburn Community Centre. It was agreed KCC write letter in support of new crematorium. (*Action FR*)

CC597 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It is hoped a Children's Book Festival will take place in September 2018.

Former Cllr Colin O'Brien has been appointed Deputy Lord Lieutenant and it was agreed he be invited to speak about his work to a future KCC meeting.

Margaret announced that community council elections will be held in September 2018.

CC598 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 January 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.