

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2018

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, Fiona Rennie, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Eva Mailer
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Ian Denvir SC, Police Scotland, Euan Shaw, 26 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
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CC599 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2017

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

CC600 – POLICE MATTERS

Balfron Ward Officer, Scott Craigie, presented the police report:

- Incident involving youths throwing eggs at a house in Graham Road.
- High visibility patrols continue to be carried out to improve road safety.
- A number of unattended vehicles have been stolen in Strathblane, Dumgoyne and Stockiemuir area with remote sheds and outbuildings being targeted.

A member of the public raised the issue of parking at Dumgoyne. Please call 101 with any future concerns and the police will come to investigate the situation.

CC601 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC590 – Working Group on Social Media**
Following clarification of some administrative details, it is hoped the KCC Facebook page will be live in February.
- **CC591 – Councillor's Report**
The Place-based Partnership meeting for the Rural South West Area due to take place on 24 January has been cancelled.

CC602 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug informed the meeting that there have been no cabinet changes but more properties have now been connected to fibre broadband.

The Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster has launched a public enquiry into digital connectivity, a response to which has been drafted by Doug. It was agreed that a joint response be sent from Killlearn Broadband Group and KCC and that Fiona liaise with Doug to format a reply. (*Action FR and DA*)

The Community Broadband Steering Group has advertised the post of Community Broadband Officer, a broadband specialist to support rural communities. Further

information available from <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/stirling-council/jobs/community-broadband-officer-fixed-term-2-years-104962>

CC603 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00922/FUL Erection of 2 Dwelling Houses at plots 9 and 36 at land between Gartness Road and Blaressan House Station Road, Killearn
Awaiting reply to KCC objection lodged last month.

17/00933/FUL Retention of Agricultural Access Track 250m SE of Carston Farm Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
No comment.

17/00977/PPP Residential development Land Adjacent And South Of Nos 1 And 3 Lampson Loan, Killearn
Following discussion by KCC members and the public, KCC unanimously voted to object to this application on grounds that it is contrary to the Local Development Plan, is an unsuitable site and that the new build allocation for Killearn is already complete. This development would have an adverse impact on infrastructure.

17/00978/PPP Residential development Land Adjacent To Nos 1 And 2 Lampson Road, Killearn
As per above, KCC voted unanimously to object to this application on grounds that it is contrary to the LDP, is unsuitable for affordable housing, being too far from village amenities and transport. The new build allocation for Killearn is already complete. Density and appearance of terraced houses are incompatible with surroundings, would detract from amenity of area and overlook neighbouring properties, leading to loss of privacy. Contamination with Japanese knotweed.

18/00019/FUL Extension to dwelling house Blaneswell Stables, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

17/00186/FUL Erection of 5 Dwelling Houses at land to NW of Red Cottage Blane Smiddy Road, Killearn
Approve subject to section 75

17/00593/FUL Demolition of Existing House and Erection of 2 New Houses at Glenshee Cottage Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RW
Approve with conditions.

17/00789/FUL Erection of 1.5 storey House and Retrospective permission for Temporary Accommodation and Storage Units at land N of Craighat Cottage, Blanefield
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Schedule Recommendations**

17/00676/FUL Creation of New Crematorium at former Bannockburn Hospital, Bannockburn
Approve with conditions.

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Jim announced that work commenced on site on 8 January. Working hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm Saturday.

A local resident complained that the foul drainage system appears to have changed and now connects to an old drain through his garden. He was not notified of this and first knew of the change when workmen arrived to dig up his garden. It was agreed KCC write to Scottish Water with a copy to SC asking for clarification of the situation. (*Action JP*)

CC604 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Robert presented the following report:

- It is hoped work at Ballat bridge will be completed by March 2018.
- Repairs to Blane bridge will be carried out when Ballat work is finished.
- Complaints received re lack of gritting in dangerous icy conditions on Ballochruin Road to Woodlands Experience.
- Residents encouraged to report potholes to SC.

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

CC605 – OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURVEY AND CONVERSATION

Following the review survey in November and subsequent conversation, Margaret highlighted the following points in the overview:

- Strengthening Code of Conduct.
- Training for Community Councillors.
- Suggestion of Declaration of Interest register with all declarations being minuted.
- Consideration of fixed term appointments or rotation of office bearers.
- Suggestion that co-opted members become full members at next AGM.
- CC boundaries difficult to define in urban areas.
- Paper communication to all households could be achieved by publishing news items in Killlearn Courier
- Discussion of resourcing of CCs.

CC606 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Berrill reported on the following:

- It is hoped repairs to Ballochruin Road will be done in the new financial year.
- Priority Based Budgeting meeting on Monday 22 January at Balfron High School.
- SC to set budget on 26 February and to make savings of £3 million.
- Encouraged residents to report potholes, particularly after recent wintry weather.
- SC Planning Department is reviewing its processes.
- SC pilot scheme for C12A bus service from Balfron to Stirling.

As there is no bus service from Balfron to Stirling on Sundays, Cllr Berrill agreed to find out if residents could use the demand response transport service for hospital visiting.

CC607 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Bank balance at 31 December stands at £2267.92. Grant of £918 has now been received for the repair to the notice board. KCC approved payment of £918 to GS Roofing for work carried out. Thanks were expressed to SC for awarding the grant.

David informed the meeting that he expects a deficit of £30/£40 at the end of the financial year and as the CC annual grant has hardly gone up in 30 years, requested that this be reviewed by SC.

CC608 – QUESTION TIME

Further to a question regarding estate agent signs, Jim explained that signs are only permitted on the actual property and not on road ends etc. Guidelines are currently being re-written on this subject and Jim has suggested a one-off letter be circulated to all estate agents explaining the legal situation and if this is ignored, fines be introduced. A response is awaited from SC to these suggestions.

CC609 – YOUTH MATTERS

Eva was unable to attend the meeting due to prelim exams. Balfron High School had been closed due to snowy weather and some prelim exams have had to be rearranged.

CC610 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no meetings attended in the past month.

CC611 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona highlighted the following correspondence:

- Problems in using post office services from local ‘mobile’ unit due to poor internet connection in the village. This has been raised with Royal Mail who have advised that they are in discussions with BT to address the issues.
- Survey on RBS branch closures.
- Consultation on Glasgow Airport airspace change proposal and noise action plan.
- Consultation on Licensing Policy by Licensing Board.
- Flu advice from NHS Forth Valley.
- Complaint re powered advertising hoarding on Station Road.

CC612 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret to attend a meeting on 26 January re proposed Children’s Book Festival.

Reply awaited to KCC enquiry regarding future plans for former Spar building.

David Young spoke to the meeting regarding Finnich Glen. It was agreed KCC write to SC again about indiscriminate parking, concern for public safety in the area and the active encouraging of Finnich Glen as a tourist attraction by VisitScotland. (*Action MH*)

CC613 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 February 2018 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.