

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2019

Members present Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan,
Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor,
Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie

Apologies Doug Ashworth, Heidi Bryce

In attendance Cllr Rob Davies, Euan Shaw, Police Scotland,
Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary)
20 members of the public

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Before the meeting began, Jim expressed condolences to Strathblane CC on the death of Marion Lever. As a mark of respect, SC cancelled the South West Area Forum meeting.

CC864 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

CC865 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Steven Graham presented the following report:

- Anti-social behaviour after Killearn Fireworks event with reports of sporadic fireworks being set off in the area as late as 0530 hrs.
- Following a dangerous overtake on A81 between Strathblane and Killearn, male driver reported to Procurator Fiscal for careless driving.
- Road traffic accidents involving a car and motorcycle near Glengoyne Distillery and a car and cyclist at Blanesmiddy roundabout. No injuries sustained.
- Complaints received regarding parking of works vans on Main Street pavement.
- Following call about parking at Devil's Pulpit, police attended but found no cars parked dangerously or causing obstructions.
- On 17 October, car stolen using car key which was taken through the letter box of house. Residents are reminded not to leave car keys in visible sight in the house.
- Report of suspicious behaviour of driver of works van and its occupants to be followed up with further information available from local resident.

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

CC866 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC854 – Planning – Valid Planning Applications Received**
No comments on the proposed development at Finnich Glen had been received by KCC members.

CC867 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted his report which outlined the following points:

- Some 34 premises below the cabinet on Drumbeg Loan have now gone live.
- More residents have taken advantage of the Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) option and have been very satisfied with the end result. It should be noted that a new duct is required to run into the premises, which may cause some issues and disruption.
- Partnership between UK government and the four mobile network providers has been announced which will deliver a comprehensive UK wide 4G network. This should make a huge difference to rural areas.
- Better Broadband Scheme comes to an end on 31 December 2019. Suppliers have until the end of this month to submit applications.

The full NBG Report is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk

CC868 - PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00872/FUL Single storey extension to south elevation and two storey extension to west elevation with self contained one bedroom flat on first floor at Carston House, Drumbeg Road, Killlearn G63 9LJ
No comment.

Other Planning Issues

Jim updated the meeting on the situation regarding the Killlearn Hospital site. Because of increased costs involved in decontaminating the site, the design team will not be submitting a planning application before Christmas. The middle part of the site is also water logged and will require more finance to underpin any properties built in this area. Therefore, Cala Homes are considering the possibility of building more houses instead of developing an area for mixed use.

A pre-planning application has been lodged with SC for the former Killlearn Hotel. Developers are awaiting a response from SC before submitting their planning application. An acknowledgement was received indicating a response would be forthcoming by 22 October. It was requested Cllr Davies take this issue up with SC.

Jim and two other local residents attended a recent meeting with Rural Stirling Housing Association regarding the proposed development of affordable housing on Lampson Road. They had sight of drawings for 11 units and offered suggestions on modifications to make the plans more in keeping with the local environment. Another meeting will take place on 27 November to discuss matters further. To meet the deadline of a final decision by 31 March 2020, RSHA requires to submit a planning application by the end of 2019.

The meeting was informed that McTaggart & Mickel will vacate the Blaressan site on Friday 22 November. There are four houses still to sell.

CC869 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

KCC has submitted comments to the Roads Dept of SC and is awaiting a response.

A Participation Request will be sent to SC for funding of a pedestrian crossing on Main Street. It was agreed KCC ask Ann Sommerville to be involved in this project.

The winter schedule for gritting has been issued by SC. It was noted that pavements on Main Street and towards the Primary School will be gritted.

Following discussion about large agricultural vehicles in the area, it was agreed KCC write to SC again highlighting residents' concerns about size and speed of such vehicles and problems caused by them driving in local narrow roads. (*Action JP*)

CC870 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies spoke to the meeting about the forthcoming review of Croftamie Nursery, concern over post election local authority budgets and SC signing of delegated powers to the city deal programme.

CC871 – YOUTH MATTERS

Jim welcomed Sophie Swift and Chloe French, the nominated Balfron High School prefects for Killearn, to the meeting. They are willing to be Youth Members of KCC and it was agreed they work with Caroline Carrick to encourage interest in local matters from young people via social media.

CC872 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses £101.00
Current bank balance £1917.81

Fiona updated the meeting on plans for Christmas lights in Killearn, a project initiated by April Maxwell of Endrick Blooms. Lightways, an approved SC contractor, has been appointed to purchase and install lights for the large tree in the Village Hall grounds on the corner of Station Road and Balfron Road. The total cost of the project is £1650 and it is hoped the lights will be installed in early December. It was agreed KCC donate £150 from its reserve funds towards the costs, the remainder of which will be funded by the Three Sister's Bake Café, the Fireworks Committee and a local donor. Thanks were expressed to April Maxwell for her work in setting up the project.

CC873 – QUESTION TIME

Following a recent request for lighting between Graham Road and Beech Drive, residents were informed that when the street lights in that area are replaced with LED lights, this request will be considered by SC.

CC874 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

CC875 – CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- Update from BT awaited re phone box.
- Complaint about deep ruts at edge of Ballochruin Road.
- Use of school coach as service bus by First Bus which is unsuitable for many elderly and disabled residents.

CC876 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A vote of thanks was expressed to Graeme Fraser for the work carried out for the recent Fireworks event in Killearn.

Drymen Business Hub is open for bookings for conference meeting etc. Please contact Fraser Robb for more details.

It was noted that a letter published in the recent Killearn Courier expressed concern about the position of the chicane at the top of Station Road. It was agreed KCC respond to this noting that the chicane was originally constructed on the other side of the road giving cars going downhill priority and was reversed following discussions with the local community. (*Action FR*)

Following public discussion on a possible 20 mph speed limit through the village, it was agreed further research be done into similar speed limits in surrounding areas and the impact it has had. (*Action FR*)

The meeting was informed that the Resilience Plan has been updated and sent to SC for comment.

CC877 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 18 December 2019 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.11 pm.