

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2020

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw 18 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 16 December 2020 was held via Zoom.

CC992 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2020

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

CC993 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC988 – Question Time – Road Signs**

The temporary road signs on Station Road and on A809 near Finnich Glen have now been removed by SC.

CC994 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, due to it being held via Zoom, Fiona presented the following Police Report:

- Youths causing issues at the Primary School have been identified and will be advised of complaints received.
- Complaint of vehicle with noisy exhaust in village. Driver had arranged for repair.
- Reports of sheep on roadways in local area.
- 'Pop up Policeman' to be used in local villages to slow traffic down.
- Three persons fishing without a permit at loch on outskirts of Killearn have been charged and their equipment retained.
- Ongoing enquiries into theft by shoplifting from the Co-op.
- Ongoing enquiries into theft from a shed in Drumtian Road.
- Local officers have attended alarm calls and confirmed all to be in order.
- Number of thefts from parked motor vehicle in the Mugdock Country Park area.
- Continued enquiries into numerous reports of a fraud involving tickets being sold via a website for "Winter Wonderland"

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

CC995 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme Fraser reported on the following updates from Killearn Futures (KCFC) working groups:

- Christmas Tree, generously provided by Edenmill, has been erected in grounds of Killearn Kirk and tree lights switched on outside Village Hall.
- Wedding held in Village Hall in December with COVID restrictions in place.
- 'Kitchen Window' café due to open on or around Tuesday 22 December.
- Agreement to request from Strathclyde University to mount an air-quality monitor on top of the Village Hall. This is part of an international project and feedback will be given in due course.
- Request for a mini lending library to be housed within the Village Hall has been granted in principle.
- It is hoped the Heritage Trail will open later in the new year, pending COVID restrictions.

CC996- BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting that there has been no significant news to report this month. A few more interested parties are still needed for a potential wireless service to Branziert Road and the top of Drumbeg Loan. For further information, please contact Doug Ashworth through KCC.

CC997 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00768/FUL Erection of Detached 1.5 Storey Building to Provide Garage and Ancillary Accommodation for Existing Dwelling House at Westfield, 2 Greenend Road, Killearn G63 9NP
KCC has objected to this proposal.

20/00772/FUL Single Storey Extension to Front of Dwelling House at 17 Napier Road, Killearn G63 9PB
KCC has commented on this proposal.

20/00804/FUL Single Storey Extension with Adjoining Shed to Rear of Dwelling House at 5 Aitken Street, Killearn G63 9BH
No comment.

20/00979/LWP Conversion of Internal Garage to Family Room at 8 Croy Buchanan Steading, Killearn G63 9QU
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00640/FUL Extension to Existing Agricultural Shed at Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road, Killearn G63 9QB
Approve with Conditions.

20/00602/FUL Installation of BT Broadband Cabinet at Grass Verge Adjacent to 66 Main Street, Killearn
Approve with Conditions.

20/00614/LWP Extension to Dwelling House at Kilchoan, 2 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
Approve with Reasons.

20/00408/MS Application for Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions 1-9 and 12 of Permission 17/00978/PPP for Erection of 11 Affordable Dwelling Houses at Land Adjacent to nos 1 and 2 Lampson Road, Killearn
Approve with Conditions.

Other Planning Matters

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

The SC Planning Panel which met on 8 December deferred their decision to allow another application to be launched.

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

Caroline informed the meeting that letters from the sub-group regarding a path from the site to the village have been posted on KCC website to keep residents informed of progress.

SC has confirmed that Cala could look at an off-road path, possibly along part of the West Highland Way. Following comments from the floor on the pros and cons of such a route versus a path on A81 and up Station Road, it was agreed this be investigated further and consideration given to the costs involved.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Frustration was expressed by the developers at the slow progress with SC. They await Section 75 from SC before a demolition warrant can be applied for. It was agreed KCC write to SC to ask for clarity on the situation. *(Action JP)*
It was also agreed Cllr Davies raise a Corporate Enquiry regarding same.

- Finnich Glen

The developer informed the meeting that SC had still not given details of conditions attached to the planning approval and expressed deep frustration at the failure of SC to engage and progress the project. It was agreed Cllr Davies raise a Corporate Enquiry regarding delays in supplying conditions to the applicant.

CC998 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Work has started within SC on a Gateway project for Killearn. This may encompass speed limiting measures and it is hoped a pedestrian crossing on Main Street near The Outdoor Classroom will be approved in the next financial year. A consultation process will be initiated by SC in due course, to which KCC will be invited to contribute.

Work on improving the footpath at the lower end of Station Road has begun. However, following complaints to SC about material debris being dumped over hedges into neighbouring land, work was temporarily halted. It was agreed KCC write to SC to clarify scope of works and expected timeline. (*Action JP*)

CC999 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllrs Berrill, Davies and Lambie were all in attendance and reported on the following local issues:

- Cllr Davies has asked SC about the relevant conditions with regard to Finnich Glen and awaits their reply.
- Congestion and parking problems at Mugdock Country Park.
- Hope that Stirling Council region will be put into Level 2 COVID restrictions in the near future as cases are down to 74 per 100,000.
- Balfour Bank of Scotland will close in March 2021 but discussions are ongoing with regard to an alternative use for the building, including the flat above the bank.
- SC budget will be set in February 2021.
- SC Engagement Platform on their website providing e-petitions and surveys on community engagement and opportunity to feed-back comments to the Council.
<https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB>

CC1000 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Elizabeth gave the following report as of 30 November 2020:

£173.94 has been spent from the £500 COVID grant on plant pots, bulbs and cards for Sharing Happiness Project.

Expenditure	£750.00 (Extra Christmas lights)
	£12.00 (Insurance)
Current Bank Balance	£2088.60

CC1001 – QUESTION TIME

A question was raised by a member of the public regarding drainage from the proposed development of the former Killearn Hotel. Assurance was given that the Water Board believes there will be no impact on local services and that planning documentation is in order.

As information is still awaited, it was agreed Jim send a follow-up letter regarding the cow field drain and the issue of contamination of land used by farm animals. (*Action JP*)

CC1002 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on an item of correspondence regarding Christmas lights in the village.

CC1003 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KCC wish to record thanks to Caroline and Fiona for their work in arranging the Christmas lights in Killearn. Grateful thanks are also due to KCFC and the eleven local businesses who contributed to the venture.

Jim informed the meeting that the landowner and farmer have agreed to repair the wall and fencing bordering the top of Ibert Woods and the moor. A stile will be provided for public access to the moor.

The Advent Window Scheme has been a great success and thanks were expressed to all who have taken part.

CC1004 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 20 January 2021. This will be held again via Zoom and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Jim thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year and wished all a very merry Christmas.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.