

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2020**

Members present	Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Police Scotland, Euan Shaw
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Mike Gray KCFC, Cllr Graham Lambie, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 17 members of the public
How to contact us	Go to <a href="http://www.killearncc.org.uk">www.killearncc.org.uk</a> and click on contact button.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 21 October 2020 was held via Zoom.

### **CC966 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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

### **CC967 – MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes. Information is still awaited from previous enquiry regarding parking fines issued at Finnich Glen since double yellow lines installed.

### **CC968 – POLICE MATTERS**

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

- Report of males causing a disturbance outside The Old Mill.
- Report of youths congregating at Killearn Primary School.
- Further inappropriate parking at Finnich Glen resulting in issue of fixed penalty ticket and uplift of vehicle.
- Driver charged with careless driving and failing to stop and report a road accident after pedestrian struck with wing mirror from the vehicle.
- Confused elderly female found walking in Devil's Pulpit. Re-united with her daughter by police.
- Continued speed checks carried out in Killearn.
- Ongoing enquiries into theft of alcohol from Killearn Co-op.
- Theft of large black cast-iron balls from grounds of Killearn Hotel. These have now been recovered
- Reports of suspicious vehicle and male investigated but found to be unfounded.
- Recent thefts from vehicles in Mugdock and Gartness and contents within stolen. Members of the public are reminded not to leave valuables, especially handbags, in view of any potential thieves.

- With earlier darker nights coming soon and the potential for daytime housebreakings, residents are encouraged to be vigilant and contact the police if they see anything suspicious.
- Recent leaflet entitled “We don’t want to alarm you but” appears to be genuine but members of the public are reminded to beware of bogus workmen.

The full police report is available on KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk)

The meeting was informed that the 30 mph speed camera on Balfron Road is not working and cannot be repaired. It will be replaced by 2021.

### **CC969 – KCFC UPDATE**

Mike updated the meeting on the KCFC AGM which was held on Thursday 15 October via Zoom. The new KCFC Board will start in November. Mike has stepped down as Convenor, and KCC wish to thank him for his contribution to the village and to the Community Council.

It was reported that the Christmas edition of the Killlearn Courier is being finalised and that two of the three village signs have currently been refurbished. Sarah and David Weir from Drymen have been appointed as the new café operators at the Village Hall and hope to open in November under the name “Kitchen Window”.

### **CC970- BROADBAND**

Doug informed the meeting that there has been nothing to report of significance this month. A planning application has been submitted for another broadband cabinet on the grass verge at 66 Main Street. It was agreed that KCC find out more information as to which premises will benefit from this cabinet. (*Action JP*)

Further support is invited from residents of The Branziert and from the top end of Drumbeg Loan for the broadband scheme using a wireless link from the Stockiemuir Internet Service proposed by Euan Shaw. For further information, interested parties should contact Doug through KCC.

### **CC971 – PLANNING**

#### **Planning Schedule**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00640/FUL Extension to Existing Agricultural Shed at Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road, Killlearn G63 9QB  
No comment.

20/00602/FUL Installation of BT Broadband Cabinet on Grass Verge at 66 Main Street, Killlearn  
KCC to request information on premises to benefit from cabinet.

20/00650/FUL Amendment to Extension Roof per Approved Application 19/00900/FUL at The Toll House, 18 Balfron Road, Killlearn G63 9NJ  
No comment.

20/00651/LBC Listed Building Application for the Above.  
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00532/FUL Erection of Ancillary Building, Comprising Garden Store, Gymnasium and Oil Storage Bund at Ibert Farm, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY  
Approve.

20/00441/FUL Formation of Rear Dormer and Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension at 53 Main Street, Killearn, G63 9RL  
Approve with Conditions.

20/00462/FUL Formation of Dormer Window to Rear of Dwellinghouse at 38 Branziert Road North, Killearn, G63 9RF  
Approve.

20/00456/FUL Extension to dwelling house at Carston Farmhouse, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ  
Approve.

20/00499/LBC Internal alterations and extension to dwelling house at Carston Farmhouse, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ  
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

20/00374/PPP Erection of Dwellinghouse with Detached Garage at Land 230m South West of Essangal Cottage, Killearn

20/00361/FUL Erection of Single Storey Garage at 21 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT

- **Other Planning Issues**

Policy Consultation.

Removal of Presumption that Present Wording Can Be Used to Apply Pressure to Grant Permission where a Housing Shortfall Exists Although this is Contrary to the Terms of the LDP or SPP.

Proposal to Increase the Fee for Processing High Hedge Complaints from £192 to £300 from 1st November 2020 with an additional charge of £100 per Property where Multiple Properties Exist.

### **Other Planning Matters**

- **Former Killearn Hospital Site**

The meeting was informed that the development has been approved. Caroline will lead a sub-group discussing a multi-use path link to the village. A meeting with Cala has been arranged and it was requested the following points be addressed:

Hazardous blind summit at lower end of Station Road.

1.5m-wide pathway regulation.

Three safe crossings from development.

Road bridge over West Highland Way path.

Gap in present footpath.

Unsuitability of using Station Road and preference for alternative route.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

A scheme has been agreed with the developer who is now to submit new plans.

- Finnich Glen

The application for a car park, visitor centre and pathways has now been unanimously approved. It is hoped there will be no car parking charges as this is the developer's preferred option. David Young will keep KCC updated when more information is available.

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

Plans have been submitted and objections raised. It is expected that this proposal will be referred to the Planning Panel scheduled for 10 November or 8 December.

## **CC972 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Work is currently being carried out on Graham Road and on B875 at Boquhan.

## **CC973 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Davies reported on:

- Approval of development of former Killearn Hospital Site by SC.
- Road Traffic Accident at Cuilt Brae involving motorbike and delivery van.
- Sale of former Manager's House at Auchengillan for £135,000 attracted 140 interested parties, showing need for affordable housing in the area.
- Drive through Coffee Shop at Carbeth Inn site now open for business.
- SC has given approval for Community Councils to hold AGMs over Zoom.

Cllr Lambie reported on the following:

- Safe removal of asbestos at former Killearn Hospital site. Graham to find out designated officer and give name to KCC.
- SC Planning meetings to be held on 10 November and 8 December.
- B875 roadworks from 30 October – 2 November.
- £566,000 contribution from Cala for development at former Killearn Hospital will be spent in the local area but not guaranteed in Killearn.
- SC 3-year road programme to include work on A809, Napier Road, Main Street, Branziert Road and A81.
- There have been no further cases of COVID-19 at Balfron High School.

A member of the public raised the potential risk of hazardous sewerage tanks full of water at the former Killearn Hospital site, beside River Blane, north of site and outwith area for Cala homes. It was agreed Graham investigate this further and that KCC also write again

regarding the removal of asbestos from the site with all the necessary safeguards in place and ask about the tanks. (*Action JP*)

#### **CC974 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

As Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona gave the following report:

SC grant	£822.18
Bank interest	£0.20
Current Bank Balance	£2429.54

#### **CC975 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

#### **CC976 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on items of correspondence re Kick Start Scheme and a recent leaflet about changes in legislation relating to fire and smoke alarms which MSPs are being asked to delay until February 2022.

#### **CC977 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Fiona informed the meeting about a proposed Killearn COVID Buddy Scheme. In the second phase of COVID, local nursery school organisations will be invited to participate in supporting individuals or households at risk of isolation in the next few months.

As there will be no door-to-door Poppy Appeal this year, residents will be able to purchase poppies from the Co-op.

Advent Window Scheme is being proposed to brighten up the village during the winter.

KCC is looking for a new Youth Member. Please contact KCC for more information if you are interested in this position.

David Davidson spoke to the meeting about the possibility of a Skateboard Park in Killearn. Following discussion, it was agreed David gather names in support of this project, make enquiries about funding and report back to the next KCC meeting. A suitable area of about 20m x 30m would require to be found for such a project.

#### **CC978 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2020. The AGM will take place prior to the meeting, beginning at 8.00 pm. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.