

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2021

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Euan Shaw, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Carlyn Fraser SC, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Cllr Jane Hutchison, Susan McDougall SC, 25 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 16 June 2021 was held via Zoom.

CC1072 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2021

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

CC1073 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC1074 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Reports of persons within the grounds of Killearn Primary School. Police attended and moved a group of youths on. There was no damage reported by the school.
- Police attended a house party in Killearn and cleared the party.
- Ongoing illegal parking at Finnich Glen with police and SC enforcement officers issuing tickets.
- Speed checks again carried out in Killearn.
- Another report of theft by shoplifting at Killearn Co-op. It is thought to have been carried out by the same person as previous who was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Enquiries are ongoing into this recent case.
- Tractor stolen from a farm near Ballikinrain. Please be vigilant and contact Police if anything suspicious is seen.

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

CC1075 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme reported on the very successful launch of the Killearn Heritage Trail which attracted a lot of interest from local residents. Killearn Primary School also engaged their pupils with course work, activities and displays around local history. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the project.

Graeme congratulated the family at Killearn's 'The Moss' which was crowned this week as Scotland's Home of the Year 2021.

Graeme explained about the difficulty in planning the annual Fireworks Display because of coronavirus restrictions. KCFC will keep everyone up to date as matters progress.

CC1076 – BROADBAND

Doug spoke about the SBVS voucher scheme for the proposed Fixed Wireless Internet Service and the BT switchover to Digital Voice. Residents are directed to <http://www.killearncc.org.uk/kbg-killearn.html> for further information pertaining to the BT switchover process particularly if you have a burglar alarm, use a health pendant or need to call 999.

CC1077 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

21/00439/FUL Construction of a Tank to Store Cattle Slurry at Claylands, Fintry G63 0RR
No comment.

21/00478/FUL Single Storey Rear and Side Extension, New Porch and Rear Decking at 36 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9 RE
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00057/FUL Erection of 16 No Flats with Associated Amenity Space and Private Parking at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG
Approve Subject to Section 75 Agreement.

21/00340/FUL Dormer Extension to Dwelling House at 7 Gartness Mill Cottages, Drymen G63 0NJ
Approve.

21/00308/FUL Extend a Portion of an Existing Fence to a Height of 2m in Front Garden at 31 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9LT
Approve.

21/00313/FUL Extension to Dwelling House, Alteration to Roof to form Dormer and Formation of Attached Ancillary Accommodation at Daavar, Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QD
Approve with Conditions.

21/00210/FUL Change of use to Class 1 and Class 3 including internal alterations to create an internal mezzanine and a new window to the North East gable at

Turnip The Beet, Unit Oak, 4 Killearn Mill, Killearn G63 9LQ
Approve with Conditions.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

21/00258/FUL First Floor Extension and Conversion of Stables Building from Residential Care Unit to 4 Number Private Residential Units at Land and Stables at Ballikinrain School, Fintry

21/00259 Ditto for Listed Building Consent.

Jim informed the meeting that discussion is ongoing with SC Planning Department regarding the proposed erection of a house in Graham Road, Killearn.

David Young (Jnr) spoke to the meeting regarding the felling and restructuring proposals for Station Wood. Agreed with Scottish Forestry, these will preserve and improve biodiversity whilst achieving the sustainable production of high quality timber and forest by-products. All operations will be undertaken in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard and in line with all relevant guidance. It is hoped to begin work from 31 July 2021 after the bird nesting season. Station Road, its pavement and other hazards have been identified and measures will be implemented during felling to minimise disruption and damage.

Other Planning Matters

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

SC and CALA are in discussion regarding responsibility for upgrading the pavement on Station Road. CALA hope to purchase the development site in August and begin work on the pavement in December.

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

There has been a slight delay in progress because of discovery of a bat and a bird's nest within the site. It is hoped demolition will begin in July 2021.

- RSHA Development at Lampson Road

As there is no further information on this development, it was agreed KCC write to RSHA to enquire about progress. (*Action JP*)

CC1078 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Jim welcomed Susan McDougall and Carlyn Fraser of SC to the meeting to discuss the new 20 mph scheme for Killearn.

It was explained that this scheme will be a trial for 18 months, after which consultation will take place to determine whether to continue or abandon the scheme. Traffic volume and speed data will be collected. In the meantime, an additional £80K has been allocated for the Killearn area to improve infrastructure and consultation on proposals will be conducted in conjunction with KCC.

Following discussion from the floor, it was agreed KCC put the following points in writing to Carlyn Fraser for consideration:

- Extend 20 mph down Station Road. Consideration to be given to school children queuing and using buses.
- Extend 20 mph beyond mini roundabout at Main Street/Branziert Road to assist drivers exiting a dangerous junction.
- 40 mph buffer zone for 600m south of the 30 mph boundary on A875 where there are two entrances to farms.
- Highlight inconsistency with other village's 20 mph zones resulting in driver confusion.
- Not enough 20 mph signs to alert drivers to new speed limit. Request larger signs at entry points to village explaining new scheme.
- Urgent need for pedestrian crossing on Main Street near Outdoor Classroom and Co-op.
- Provision of cycle parking outside Co-op.
- Problem of drivers parking on pavement outside Co-op.
- Consideration to be given to local economy of the area with commercial traffic and impact 20 mph will have on this. Possible consideration of by-pass route avoiding village.
- Cycle path on Station Road.
- Uncertainty around removing central line in Station Road which could result in accidents.

(Action JP)

The bridge at Boquhan Burn near Branshoggie on the B818 was again discussed and KCC requested that SC treat this with utmost priority.

CC1079 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies and Cllr Hutchison reported on the following:

- Confirmation of the closure of Strathendrick Care Home as part of the wider proposals for changes to the social care structures This closure is despite all three local councillors being against this decision.
- Outbreak of COVID in Stirling now under control.
- New IT system for SC has been approved.
- Vote of no confidence in SC administration to be taken on Thursday 17 June.
- Public meeting to be held via Microsoft Teams to discuss Branshoggie Bridge. Please contact Cllr Hutchison for further information at hutchisonja@stirling.gov.uk. Local residents can contact Maria Lucey of SC at luceym@stirling.gov.uk to discuss the situation regarding the bridge further.

CC1080 – TREASURER’S REPORT

There was no Treasurer’s Report given at the meeting.

CC1081 – QUESTION TIME

A local resident raised the issue of the rapidly spreading pontium in the copse above Lettre Farm. It was agreed KCC contact Edmonstone Estate regarding this. *(Action JP)*

Further to a recent report in The Stirling Observer, a Glasgow company plans to undertake football training for four days a week throughout the summer. KCC to write requesting more information about this. *(Action JP)*

Following a complaint about litter being left in the park after recent football matches, it was agreed KCC write to the Football Team about same. It was also noted there are discarded goal posts near to Arnold Clark’s property which need to be removed. *(Action JP)*

CC1082 – CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence brought to the meeting.

CC1083 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

CC1084 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2021 at 8.00 pm. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.42 pm.