

## KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2022

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| Members present | Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie   |
| Apologies       | Doug Ashworth, Jennifer Barrett, Ian Beattie, Matt Gingles, Susie Henderson, Police Scotland  |
| In attendance   | Graeme Fraser KCFC, Cllr Rosemary Fraser, Cllr Paul Henke, Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS Forth Valley), Euan Shaw<br>15 members of the public,<br>Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary) |

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The KCC meeting on 15 June 2022 was held via Zoom.

### **CC1204 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2022**

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

### **CC1205 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC1192 – Matters Arising – Well Green**

A meeting with Killlearn Trust and a contractor will take place on Thursday 16 June regarding drainage issues.

- **CC1201 – Correspondence – BT Phonebox**

Although the BT Phonebox is not available for adoption, it was agreed KCC ask BT re future plans for same. *(Action JP)*

### **CC1206 – POLICE MATTERS**

As PC Steven Graham was on holiday, there was no police report for the month.

### **CC1207 – KCFC UPDATE**

Graeme reported that a licence has been agreed with SC for the fireworks event. A meeting will take place in the Garden Room at the Village Hall next week to discuss the event and an open invitation was given to all interested.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Frank Deas and his team for organising the very successful Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration events.

## **CC1208 – BROADBAND**

Doug was unable to attend the meeting but although there was nothing new to report, he is continuing to try to work with BT and Openreach to improve broadband in the area. Thanks were expressed to Doug and Euan for their efforts throughout the past year.

## **CC1209– PLANNING**

Please see KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk) <http://www.killlearncc.org.uk> for the full planning schedule.

### **Other Planning Matters**

- Development of Former Killlearn Hotel

The project is on schedule with the first six flats becoming available on 14 August and the remaining ten flats on 17 October.

- RSHA Development at Lampson Road

A contractor has now been selected and when the design and final pricing are complete, a tender application will be submitted to the Scottish Government for finance. It is hoped to begin work on site in the autumn.

- Former Killlearn Hospital Site

Due to a slight delay in purchasing the site, it is now anticipated work will start in October.

## **CC1210 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Fiona presented the following report:

Following extreme frustration expressed at the lack of progress regarding the zebra crossings on Main Street and at Branziert Road, KCC wrote to SC asking for an explanation. A reply was received apologising for the delays but stating that there have been very unusual circumstances in this case. It is planned to relocate the zebra crossing poles to the front of the footway on Main Street and cut back the adjacent householder's hedge by Well Green. The Lining Contractor hopes to begin work on 27 June but this has not been confirmed.

Cllr Fraser and Cllr Henke updated the meeting on the situation regarding the local bridges. It is anticipated that work on Branshogle Bridge will be complete by the end of September, assuming good weather and no supply issues.

Six tenders for work on Catter Burn Bridge have been received and although the costs are much higher than anticipated, SC have given assurance that finance will be made available to carry out the work. No start date has been given.

A local resident expressed concerns about Honeyholm Bridge and Blane Bridge. Cllr Fraser agreed to ensure these are among the other bridges in the area to receive priority checks. SC are working on a five-year programme of remedial work to prevent a repeat of the same problems experienced with Branshogle and Catter Burn Bridges.

It was noted that resurfacing work is to be carried out on Balfron Road near Greenend Road, on Main Street between Kirkhouse Road and Drumbeg Loan, and at Killearn Business Park.

### **CC1211 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Members of the public raised the issue of the number of bus journeys cancelled recently by First Bus. Killearn already has a limited bus service and complaints were made about the unreliability of the service and impact on those affected by cancellations including school pupils, young people and older commuters. It was agreed KCC add their voice to the councillors’ in order to improve this situation. (Action JP)

The new councillors will attend their first full SC meeting next week and will raise rural transport issues and the shortage of care workers for residents being looked after at home.

### **CC1212 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Elizabeth outlined KCC finances for the past year and explained that £600 had been received from the bridge contractors as a community contribution. At the end of the year, expenditure exceeded income by just over £35.00. Grateful thanks were expressed to Iain Somerville for auditing KCC accounts.

### **CC1213 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **CC1214 - CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on correspondence received on the following:

- Community Council elections are held on a four-yearly cycle, outwith local government election years. As a result of the local government elections in 2022, Community Council elections will take place in 2023. It was noted that there is currently a vacancy for a Killearn Community Councillor and any interested party is invited to contact KCC for further information.
- Any organisation wishing to hold an event in the Park should apply to SC at [bookings@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@stirling.gov.uk)
- Reports of giant hogweed in the local area have been raised with SC. It was also agreed Cllr Fraser take this issue forward. Local residents were encouraged to report further hogweed outbreaks in public and private land.

### **CC1215 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following an enquiry from a member of the public regarding the 18-month 20 mph speed limit trial in Killearn, it was agreed to contact SC for an update. (Action FR)

A vote of appreciation and thanks was given to Frank Deas and his team for all their work in making the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee such a memorable occasion for residents of Killearn.

**CC1216 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

After a break for the summer months, the next KCC meeting will take place on 21 September 2022 at 8.00 pm. It is hoped this will be a physical meeting in Killearn Primary School and further information will be made available nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 8.47 pm.