

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 June 2025

Members present	Elizabeth Jones, Fiona Rennie, Andrew Donaldson, Hilary McGregor, Callum Mclean.
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Matt McCammon (Police Scotland), Lachlann Mckenzie, Tasha Houchin (KCC Planning Consultant), Jim Ptolomey (Killearn Trust), Rev Stuart Sharp, Emily Semple.
In attendance	Paul Henke (Councillor), Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Jessie-Anne Malcolm, PPF (Patient Public Forum) Co-ordinator, NHS Forth Valley. 26 members of the public
How to contact us	Go to www.killearncc.org.uk and click on the contact button.

CC1547 - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 May '25

Minutes were approved by Andrew Donaldson and Fiona Rennie.

CC1548 - MATTERS ARISING

- Flying Fox in the Play Park – a new Flying Fox unit and a new slide have now been ordered – Stirling Council sent through details of two examples of flying fox units and slides for the small play park area and asked for feedback – KCC consulted with staff, parents and children at Killearn Nursery School and responded to the Council with their recommendations.
- Play Park Maintenance – the fencing around the play park area for smaller children has now been replaced – thanks were noted to the Council
- Park at the other end of Killearn Primary – at the request of residents at the May meeting – the poor state of the swings has been reported and the Council will be replacing the shackles on the swings and will top up the bark / filling in the unit.

CC1549 - POLICE MATTERS

Fiona gave the following Police Report on items relevant to Killearn:

Theft

Enquiries are ongoing after a Theft by Shoplifting occurred when an expensive bottle of whisky was stolen from the gift shop at Glengoyne Distillery.

A theft was recorded after a fruit machine within Campsie Glen Holiday Park was stolen. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry.

Fraud

Two fraud crimes were recorded during the period. One related to direct debits that had been set up without the knowledge of the account holder to transfer monies to another account and the other was in relation to an unknown suspect pretending to be calling from the complainer's bank and convincing the complainer to authorise transactions. Enquires are ongoing for both crimes.

Incident of Note

Police, along with other emergency services, were called to Finnich Glen after reports of a male entering the water and failing to resurface were received. Unfortunately, a body was recovered from the water and pronounced dead at the scene. We would like to thank

Lomond Mountain Rescue, Scottish Fire and Rescue service and Scottish Ambulance Service for their efforts. The family have been informed.

There were several other calls to Finnich Glen throughout the period ranging from issues due to cars parking along the road to safety fears for members of the public and this area remains a concern.

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

Members of the public at the meeting noted the overgrown state of the grounds at Finish Glen and the hidden dangers.

CC1550– KCFC UPDATE

Graeme Fraser gave the following update:

- Spring Tea Party

The Spring Tea Party was held on 25th May in the Village Hall and brought together almost 100 older residents in the village for tea and cake. Graeme thanked all of those involved – those who had baked and helped on the day and recalled how happy everyone had seemed and how much it helped to bring people together to see old friends.

Graeme noted that it is hoped to make the tea party an annual event.

CC1551 – PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Liz gave the following update based on the planning schedule – pls. see planning schedule details online

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-and-building-standards-documents-a-z/planning-schedule/>

There have only been two new applications submitted with regard to activities in Killlearn and as noted below

TREENQ-2025-044 - 2 Balfroon Road, Killlearn G63 9NJ

Felling 2 holly trees (originally part of hedge, now hugely overgrown Pruning 2 Birch and Ash (in dieback)

<https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/weeklyListResults.do?action=firstPage>

25/00250/FUL Land At Blaressan, Station Road, Killlearn

Renewal of planning permission 22/00148/FUL for erection of new dwelling house under Regulation 11 of the Development Management Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2013 – renewal request for application 19/00121/FUL. This was renewed previously 05 May 2022.

<https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/weeklyListResults.do?action=firstPage>

Liz also mentioned Shelloch Wind Farm – and noted that KCC is working with Balfroon Community Council to engage with the developer for the new Shelloch Wind Farm near Fintry in relation to potential community benefit funds. The farm received consent in 2024 and has recently been sold to the developer Vantage RE.

Local Place Plan

A draft version of the Local Place Plan is being pulled together and will be shared over the summer to give community members the opportunity to review it and provide feedback. The Plan will focus on the five key themes which were shared in the second

survey and will be supplemented by further information on areas such as Tree preservation and the balance of need for housing against maintaining the character of the village.

CC1552 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Callum shared the following updates with reference to local road closures:

- Ballochruin Road, closed Mon 2nd June for 4 weeks, for laying of new mains water pipes
- Buchanan Street, Balfron, closed 07/07/25 – 13/07/25 from 9am-6pm for resurfacing work
- A811, Buchlyvie Main Street, closed 30/06/25 – 06/07/25 for re-surfacing work

A local resident commented on the ongoing safety issues at Blane Bridge and how difficult it is to navigate without the traffic lights. It was noted that one of the solutions the council had proposed was for surrounding shrubbery to be trimmed back. **KCC to query timeline for the safety review and cutback of the greenery**

It was also noted that the road on one side of the Balne Bridge is flooding during periods of heavy rain. Hollow bricks have been installed recently when works were being done at Drymen bridge and residents wondered whether it might be possible to fit these at Blane Bridge to prevent the flooding becoming more of an issue. **KCC to query**

A local resident highlighted the following works on the Stockiemuir Rd. at Carbeth – the white lines had not yet been re-painted and the junctions in that area remained a safety issue – as cars coming onto the Stockiemuir Rd. had no lines to follow.

Following the council works on the footpath up Station Rd. – it was noted that the weeds are already intruding through the tarmac surface - **KCC to query whether some weedkiller / treatment can be provided.**

CC1553 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following correspondence:

- New rail service between Stirling and London - Lumo, part of First Group, will run four trains a day between Stirling and London Euston from 2026. The new Lumo service will also call at Larbert, Greenfaulds (serving Cumbernauld), Whifflet (serving Coatbridge), Motherwell and Lockerbie en route to England, where it will call at Carlisle, Preston, Crewe, Nuneaton and Milton Keynes Central before arriving in London.
- Gaelic for adults - new online classes starting again in Sept. Monday Beginners (A1): 6:30pm - 8pm - 15/9/25 - 6/10 or 27/10/25 - 1/12/25 and Tuesday Post Beginners (A2/B1): - 6:30pm - 8pm 16/9/25 - 2/12/25
- Stirling's Sustainable Mobility Strategy - a series of drop-in sessions have been arranged as part of the consultation. Everyone is welcome to attend the sessions – the nearest for KCC is in Balfron Library on Thursday 26 June (4.30pm – 7pm) If you can't come along to the sessions, you can still share feedback in the online surveys: <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/sustainable-mobility-strategy-and-travel-demand-survey>
- A survey has been launched on Stirling's new Local Housing Strategy - Feedback is being sought on Stirling Council's new Local Housing Strategy (LHS). This key strategic document sets out the council's vision for tackling housing need and demand in communities as well as its plans for achieving them. The online survey will run until Monday 28 July –

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/news/survey-launched-on-stirling-s-new-local-housing-strategy/> and there are drop-in sessions being held locally: Balfron Library- Thursday 26 June - 4.30pm – 7pm, Strathblane Library - Tuesday 8 July – 2pm – 4pm, Aberfoyle Memorial Village Hall – Thursday 10 July – 10am – 1pm.

- Feedback sought on £11m Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling project - People across Stirling are being encouraged to take part in a new survey that will help shape active travel in the area and support the shift to sustainable modes of transport. The survey is open to all residents, and participation is quick and easy. To take part, visit <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/walk-cycle-live-stirling> - the survey will run until the end Aug.

A local resident commented on the active travel plans and how the Council was sitting on funds that had previously been managed by Sustrans to fund local paths development – but didn't currently have the resources to be able to work with those funds / projects ... and as a result the two active travel paths projects within Killearn had been suspended pending further talks.

CC1554 – QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from the audience.

CC1555 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Henke explained that he is working with the local police officer to run a scamming information session at the Bowling Club in Balfron sometime during July and would pass on details so that Killearn residents could come along too.

CC1556 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Donaldson presented the following report:

Income	+ £250 from CALA – with thanks noted to CALA for their support
Outgoings	- £66 - Hall and admin costs

£517.63 Current balance of funds

CC1557 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business

CC1558 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be on Wed. **17 Sept. 2025 at 8.00 pm**

This meeting ended at 8.30 pm.