

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2026

Members present: Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Fiona Rennie, Heidi Bryce, Hilary McGregor, Tasha Houchin

Apologies: Calum McLean, Emily Semple, Cllr Paul Henke, Michael Bowdidge, Police Scotland

In attendance: Brian Roberts (CEO Stirling Council), Frank Deas (SWSCan), Cllr Gerry McGarvey (Stirling Council), Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Jessie Malcolm (NHS), 30 members of the public

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CC1654 MINUTES OF 20 MAY 2026

- Minutes approved by Andrew Donaldson and Fiona Rennie.

CC1655 BRIAN ROBERTS – CEO STIRLING COUNCIL

Liz welcomed Brian to the meeting. Brian shared his local background and is currently touring all the local areas and explained that he is seeing common themes across the region such as roads, planning, enforcement etc. He will feed back on key issues to his team and discuss actions required. . Communication is key with local communities; Brian is keen that he and his team work more in partnership to help local communities thrive and where applicable take more local ownership..

Brian is keen that his senior leaders are known to community councils and more visible. It is hoped that more of his senior leaders will attend Community Council meetings to address local needs. Community Council Chairs will also be brought together to discuss common areas of interest / concern.

Questions / key points from the meeting:

- Disappointing that KCC / LPPs represent only a single voice from a local community rather than having more weight.
- Killearn is more than just the village, as there are a lot of rural and agricultural businesses who provide economic benefit to the local area so more consultation with those would be appreciated.
- Issues around Local Place Plan and how local areas are represented with no regard to the work carried out and representation already made.
- Lots of good work has been carried out around tree planting to offset carbon emissions in the local areas by a lot of local farmers. An offer of a presentation was made about the importance and benefits of tree planting.
Action: Gerry is happy to take these discussions forward with the relevant Officers and re-engage as required.
- Painting of lines on roads which have been re-surfaced – been waiting since September 2025 for this to happen.
Action: Council to pick this up.
- Charging points are still not working and there is nothing we can do locally.
Action: Council will pick this up.
- Enforcement of planning rules regarding Two Oaks (Station Rd.). Concern that the Head of Planning has no authority to ensure they adhere to planning permissions granted. **Action:** Council will pick this up with the Head of Planning and Building Control as required.

- No Tree Officer in place just now which is a concern. External consultants are being used for this at present.

CC1656 MATTERS ARISING

- **Blackwood House** - No update although lots of local engagement happened to keep it going which has not been successful. 2 residents currently.
- **Flying Fox** – waiting for grass around it to be ready then will be fixed.

CC1657 POLICE MATTERS

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

- Driver reported for careless driving at roundabout and striking a lamppost;
- Driver reported for colliding with fence;
- Driver found after dangerous driving - affected by drink or drugs and colliding with a road sign;
- Enquiries being made after blind bend overtaking at Glengoyne.
- Police have offered community councils the opportunity to purchase a realistic pop-up policeman (for a cost of £135 + VAT) these have been shown to have a positive effect in other areas. **Action:** KCC to look into . Council can put out speed monitors to check the effect this is having. Gary Neill suggested as Council contact.

CC1658 KCFC UPDATE

- Horti coming up (29th August)
- Now moving into Wedding season in Village Hall - income at the hall is much boosted by the weddings and all of the time / effort being put into the promotion of weddings and support to those enquiring is much appreciated.

CC1659 PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLANS

- **26/00245/FUL** 1 new application – Auchenhowie House on Endrick Rd. Erection of 2-stored side extension and 1-storey room with glass building connecting. Ecological report to be requested.
- Spatial Strategy for the local area has been produced. Classifications of local areas have been identified with different services for different areas identified. Need to look at the impact of this for us and the services we currently have. Additional sessions can be set up to discuss more local needs if required. **Action:** KCC to submit response
- Call for Sites / Site options – the 5 sites for housing submitted for Killlearn were shared – 6 homes at the bottom of Lampson Rd; 6-10 houses at the bottom of Drumbeg Loan; 32 homes at top of Drumtitan Rd; 5 houses at Drumtitan Rd behind Buchanan views; 10 homes A875 Boquhan. 440-540 houses are potentially proposed for Balfron although it is important to note there is not planning permission received or granted, and not all of these sites will be built on. Residents encouraged to share views with KCC - noted that this is a very early stage of the planning process. A drop-in consultation session is being held in the Village Hall on Thurs 18th June from 1-5pm. And 6-8 pm at Balfron High School. **Action:** Council enquiring whether the landowners names can be shared.

CC1660 ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Road closures:

- 23rd June Gartness Rd closed for 1-day
- Station Rd down to Gartness Rd closed for 6 weeks from 6 July-2 August for Gas upgrading in rolling stages. Access for emergency and locals to Buchanan Views
- 6-24 July - Blane Water Bridge closed 9am-4pm
- Gartness Rd - A81 junction is seen as a collision cluster site so a proposal to install rumble strips on A81, install Slow road markings, refresh all existing lines and install junction marker bollards

- Stockiemuir Rd road surface to be addressed this financial year.
- Boquhan requested the 40mph limit be reduced but did not meet the criteria so 40mph remains - concern noted that the criteria not always applicable in a more rural environment. **Action:** Council to pick this up.

CC1661 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Local Bus service** – thanks noted to Val Brand for her ongoing work, keeping everyone updated on bus activities. Current issues raised at the PTUG meeting include the condition of vehicles, speeding, tracking through app. Bannockburn depot is closing which raises concern about Balfron depot.

CC1662 QUESTION TIME

No questions were raised

CC1663 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was shared

CC1664 TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Donaldson shared the following report:

Income £0
Expenditure £100 Village Hall hires, Secretarial expenses.

Balance £876.81 [Andrew noted that this includes some unspent grant funding and funds saved when no minute secretary support had been available.]

CC1665 AOB

- Killearn taking part in Open Gardens – Sun 26th July 12-5pm. Get in touch with Horti if interested in participating.
- **Breast Screening** – concerns raised by residents that this is no longer being held at Oakwood, appointments have now been moved to Aberfoyle which has no public transport and is much further for local residents to travel - some have had their appointment cancelled and as yet not rescheduled - concern that many will choose / not be able to attend as a result of the change.
Action: KCC and Council to discuss with NHS / NSS representatives whether other options might be available such as Balfron School

CC1666 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 8pm in the Garden Room of the Village Hall and online.

The meeting ended at 22.09