

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2026

Members present Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Fiona Rennie, Emily Semple
Hilary McGregor, Michael Bowdidge, Tasha Houchin

Apologies Calum McLean, Heidi Bryce

In attendance Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Frank Deas (SWSCan),
Cllr Rosemary Fraser, 36 members of the public

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CC1642 - MINUTES OF 15TH APRIL

- Minutes approved by Emily Semple and Tasha Houchin

CC1643 - MATTERS ARISING

- Blackwood Care Home
No update
- EV Charger
KCC and Stirling Council chasing but as the charging points are not owned by either KCC or Stirling Council this is difficult to progress - SSE will only respond to ChargePlace Scotland.
- Project Vector - Drop In
Police Scotland are running a drop-in session for rural crime/theft on Wednesday 27th May in Village Hall - from 6pm - 8pm

CC1644 - POLICE MATTERS

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

- Enquiries are ongoing to trace the driver of a vehicle that collided with a parked car causing minor damage. The driver thereafter failed to stop and report the collision.
- A person has been reported to the procurator Fiscal after they grabbed an older child by the shoulders and shook them.
- A vandalism has been recorded after persons caused damage to a metal gate to unlawfully gain access to forestry land. Unfortunately there are no further lines of enquiry and this remains undetected.

CC1645 - KCFC UPDATE

- 200th Anniversary / Annual Tea Party
Enjoyed by all who attended and thanks to those who volunteered. All donations are going towards the refurbishment of the village hall and are greatly appreciated.
- Beer Festival and 10k
Both are being held on Sat 6th June. The Village Hall is donating a prize as part of the 200th anniversary celebrations and this will be given to the 200th finisher.

CC1646 - PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLANS

3x New Applications have been received this month:

- Beechknowe, 6 Drumbeg Loan - Alterations and extension to house
- 5 Main St - Tree crowning
- Old School and 9 Main St - Removal of Ash trees at boundary (Approved)

6x are still live and 3x have been approved since April.

Enforcement is still in effect for 41 Station Road and the application to reduce developer contributions from Killearn Court has been withdrawn.

TPO

Ingrid has now retired.

Action: KCC (Tasha) to follow up with Stirling Council and Stephen Bly to find out how advice with respect to trees / TPOs etc. will be accessed and from whom.

Strategy for Local Development Plan

Spatial Strategy determines how Stirling Council categorises local areas - Balforn will be a Rural Hub, Killearn will be a Rural Village and Ballagan Wood a Small Settlement. The strategy for future growth was discussed including the impact of Ballagan Woods on the local infrastructure including schools. 17 of the 40 occupied houses currently have toddlers or primary aged children and a Small Settlement classification will mean there needs to be schooling provision within a certain distance. Small Settlements also should be 10 minutes from a bus stop.

It was noted that the Rural Hub classification comes with specific considerations and shouldn't come at the expense of a Rural Village. Understanding the Spatial Strategy will help understand how Stirling Council is moving forward. Tier 4 areas such as Killearn will find that how planning decisions are made is potentially changing.

Stirling Council has had a Call for Sites which is shared on the Council website. 5 residential sites with a max of 63 homes (if all approved) have been submitted around Killearn and will be assessed with specific criteria. Nothing has been granted or approved, nor may have planning permission requested. Process has been to determine what land could be considered for development within the next 10 years. Residents can comment on each site online, including the types of housing needed such as flats, bungalows, smaller properties etc. Single housing applications can still be submitted outwith this process.

Two short consultation surveys are live covering the spatial strategy and the site options
<https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/spatial-strategy>
<https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/site-options>

There is a daytime drop-in session in the Village Hall on Thurs 18th June from 1-5pm. A local resident noted that ideally some of these drop in sessions would / could be in the evenings KCC is looking to host a further drop in session in July - details tbc.. [since the meeting a Drop in Session in Balforn for Balforn / Killearn has been arranged for 18th June from 6pm - 8pm]

CC1647 - ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- In previous correspondence Stirling Council has confirmed that the 20mph limit will be extended to the boundary on Balfron Rd. and similarly to the boundary at Branziert Rd., there are also plans for a 40-mph speed limit buffer zone in advance of the 20-mph speed limit. KCC is waiting for details from Stirling Council on timings for implementation.
- Road closures – Station Rd will be closed from junction with Balfron Rd., down to Gartness Rd. for 4 weeks from 6 July for Gas upgrading in rolling stages. Access for emergency and locals to Buchanan Views.
- Crow Rd at Kippen closed 8-10 June; B818 Carron Valley closed 9-27 June; B834 (Blane Bridge) investigations around gully causing standing water. Still no timing for bridge being repaired then the traffic lights will be removed again.
- Lack of School signage on Beech Drive – Council advised this is a link path not an official entrance to the school so no School signage should be installed however the option for double yellow lines is being investigated and KCC is in touch with an officer at Stirling Council to discuss .
- The route round Graham Rd. and Buchanan Road and the road round the Square from Main St. and Crosshead Rd. have been suggested for one way traffic. The Council will review by the end of June.
- Crosshead/Graham Rd – footpath lighting has now been resolved.

CC1648 - CORRESPONDENCE

- Colourful Killearn
Litter picking on last weekend in May. Posters will go up in village - pls. Contact Colourful Killearn for more details.
- Football World Cup
Licensing hours in Stirling are being extended for this.

CC1649 - QUESTION TIME

- Queen's View Car Park
A question was raised over the fee being charged to park there for 15 minutes, This is out of the Killearn boundary but it was discussed that Auchineden own the car park. Cars were being abandoned or burned out and the estate had to cover the cost along with general maintenance. The charges were to cover these costs.

Concern was raised over people now parking on the slip road instead.

Additional awareness was raised over QR codes on various car parks and not to use them.

CC1650 - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Delegation from Prague going round our Primary Schools reviewing teaching styles
- New Lumo train service from Stirling to London starts tomorrow 21st May) . 4 journeys a day with cheap advance tickets.
- As Lord Provost, Rosemary explained that she had attended Track and Field Athletics; Kirking of New Parliament and New General Assembly; Hosting Celebration of Sport in October; Getting more art into Viewforth building; Hoping to host more events over winter and draw tourists to the area; Visitor Levy to be rolled out June 2027. Funding put aside to enhance infrastructure ahead of the Visit Levy. There will be some funding available for local villages; New bus services launched and going well.

CC1651 - TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Donaldson shared the following report:

Income	£0.	
Expenditure	£84	Village Hall hire, Secretarial expenses.
Balance	£976.81	

A correction was made to include an overlooked payment for February hall hire. This has now been rectified.

CC1652 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Brian Roberts, CEO Stirling Council attending June meeting including Call for Sites discussion
- Killearn taking part in Open Gardens – Sun 26th July 12-5pm. Residents are encouraged to get in touch with the Horti team if interested in participating.

CC1653 - DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Wednesday 17 June at 8pm, with AGM at 7.45pm

This meeting ended at 21:34