KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026 AT 8PM

Members present: Andrew Donaldson, Calum McLean, Elizabeth Jones, Fiona Rennie, Hilary McGregor, Tasha Houchin

Apologies: Heidi Bryce, Michael Bowdidge, Emily Semple

In attendance: Cllr Rosemary Fraser (Lord Provost, Stirling Council), Cllr Katie Harrison (Stirling Council), Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Jessie Malcolm (NHS), 14 members of the public attending in person, 12 attending online

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CC1679 MINUTES OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

- Amendments to Minutes: Admin grant of £587.05 had not been paid but it has now.
- Minutes approved by Calum McLean & Andrew Donaldson

CC1680 MATTERS ARISING

- **Local Place Plan** – submitted a year ago. The showcase is planned for Feb '27 (cancelled from Sept '26). Dates are being arranged for discussion to progress plans with Community Councils on a one / one basis.

- **Pop up policeman** – funding has been agreed with KCFC. Not yet worked out where it will be located or who will operate / look after the policeman. KCC to progress.

- **20mph signage** – no further update.

- **Flashing 20 mph signs** – chase up whether Killearn is eligible for these. **Action:** KCC to progress

- **Old Mill – Proposed licensing changes** – Courtney & Aaron (Manager) from The Old Mill attended and advised of major variations to current licensing planned for 2027/2028. An outdoor bar is planned, for use primarily during the summer and for functions. The process has started with the Licensing Board who advised bringing plans to KCC in order to update the local community and hear any concerns prior to applying.

  The current license is for 1x inside bar closing at 10pm. The new license will be for 2x bars; 1 permanent inside and 1 outside for 4-5 months of the year to utilise the garden space. Closing time would remain 10pm for the outdoor bar but they would plan to close between 9-9.30pm so it's not too disruptive. The License also covers live music until 10pm however this will also stop at 9/9.30pm.

  The current license is for 100 people inside and 100 people outside. The new plan will be for a total of 200 inside / 200 outside – totalling 400 people, which will require additional toilet facilities, staff, security etc. Some questions were asked about noise and car parking, and Courtney was keen to reassure that noise would be managed carefully so as not to disturb neighbours, and car parking would only be impacted at larger events which would only be occasional.

KCC to confirm next steps and timings with Courtney for sharing more widely.

CC1681 POLICE MATTERS
The full police report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

September –A house was broken into for the car keys although they didn't get away with the car; There was an attempt to break into an unoccupied property although this was not successful; A member of staff drove towards a colleague and struck them at their workplace. Enquiries are ongoing; Shoplifting from a local shop. Enquiries are ongoing.

CC1682 KCFC UPDATE
- Graeme reminded the meeting about the Heritage Showcase weekend on Sat 24th and Sun 25th Oct. The Primary School classes have all been developing displays and will be showcasing these alongside local history / heritage groups. David Smith from Fintry is also doing a talk presenting the history of Killearn over 2000 years in his own inimitable style.
- Killearn Fireworks are on Sunday 1st November – road closures will be in place

CC1683 PLANNING AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
9 applications – 4 since last meeting.
- Hut on Gartness Road beside the curling pond on the footprint of the previous building. Occasional use to be a part of nature. Structure should be able to be removed, no foundations and no disruption to the land. Queries from residents. Unsure if Ecology survey and Tree surveys have been carried out. **Action:** KCC to ask for more information.
- 2 Maple Crescent – dormer on front elevation.
- Trimming of trees at 8 Main St in the Conservation area.
- Rear extension and alternations to 20 Birch Rd.
- Auchenbowie (Loval Lodge) to remove 6 trees – 3 Ash, 2 Oak, 1 Silver birch. 4 within boundary of property, 2 on Endrick Rd verge. This is a private road and it is uncertain who owns the verge. Within the Conservation area. Unsure why they are to be brought down. Tree survey has been carried out. **Action:** KCC to find out more info

CC1684 ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE
Road Closures:
- A81 – Gartness Road to Balfron Station, 08:00-17:00 on 3rd November.
- A811 – Drymen to Ballat. Closed 09:00-18:00, 2nd to 15th November.
- Gartness Road, Closed 9th to 13th November.
- A875 – Main Street, Killearn. Closed 18th November, between Kirkhouse Road and Branziert Road.
- Fireworks night, Sun 1st Nov. Station Road closed 18:30-20:30, from Balfron Road to Gartness Road. Parking suspended on Station Road and Balfron Road, from The Square to beyond Greenend Road.

B834 resurfacing - Stirling Council have confirmed that the contractor did not complete the full scope of work, and they are working to schedule the remainder of the work

CC1685 CORRESPONDENCE
- Blane Bridge – Fiona explained that discussions are ongoing with Stirling Council to ascertain when there will be a further review of safety and whether traffic lights might be an applicable solution
- **Bus shelters** - Have been cleaned although Drumbeg/Branziert will be re-cleaned and wire protruding from the top will be removed.

- **EV chargers** - 1 charger is working; Fast charger has been installed. EDF to install their meter then Evolt can commission the unit.
- **Co-op grit bin -** Housing department own the car park not the Roads department. Roads will be approached to see if this can be progressed.

CC1686 QUESTION TIME

- Frank Deas highlighted some forthcoming resilience workshops (Killearn 26th Oct.) and the Forth Valley in 2050 Climate Ready workshop on 25th November
- https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/visioning-workshop-a-climate-ready-forth-valley-in-2050-tickets-2002070901962
- The final roll out of Digital Voice and removal of landlines is coming - Landlines going out of service soon and all phones moving to digital. Issues regarding vulnerability in the local area during storms. Speak to Doug Ashworth for further info or see website https://www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice . Having a fully charged mobile and battery pack to re-charge is helpful.

CC1687 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Rosemary Fraser: Public Sector Reform review - Purpose is to improve how things work and encourage more streamlining; Also devolving decision making to communities; Full Council meeting held recently; Closer working arrangements are being set up between Falkirk, Clacks and Stirling Councils looking at local issues to collaborate in; Closer partnerships with 3rd sector.
- Question about rural hubs, is structure changing to accommodate this? No, certain things stay local such as planning so the local place plan is still relevant.
- **Cllr Katie Harrison** – ensuring local areas are able to retain their own interests.

CC1688 TREASURER'S REPORT

Income £587.05 from Council

Expenditure Outgoing total £217

- £62 for Hall hires and Secretarial expenses
- £108 for web and email hosting
- £47 Registration for Information Commissioners office.

CC1689 AOB

- FV NHS Annual Review 26th November. You can ask questions online if required; Jessie urged everyone to get their flu injection. Covid is back and hospitals are busy and the flu vaccine can help. Local pharmacies can give the injections, and it can be bought privately too.
- Noted - and directed at the Councillors to please pass on – that the white lines on the roads still need to be painted at Blane Smiddy and in Strathblane where the sharp corner is – the white lining on roads was highlighted when Brian Roberts was at the KCC meeting but this still seems to be an issue.

CC1690 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 8pm in the Garden Room of the Village Hall and online.

The meeting ended at 21:20 hrs.