KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

Members present: Andrew Donaldson, Calum McLean, Elizabeth Jones, Emily Semple, Fiona Rennie, Heidi Bryce, Hilary McGregor, Michael Bowdidge, Tasha Houchin

Apologies: None received

In attendance: PC Darren Gibson and PC Matt McCammon, Community Officers based out of Balfron Police Station, Cllr Gerry McGarvey (Stirling Council), Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Jessie Malcolm (NHS),14 members of the public attending in person, 12 attending online

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CC1667 MINUTES OF 17 JUNE 2026

- Minutes approved by Andrew Donaldson and Calum McClean

CC1668 MATTERS ARISING

- **Local Place Plan** – concern had been raised that Stirling Council has noted at other meetings that an LPP would only have a single voice in planning debates - equivalent to a single organisational / individual view and this is seen as concerning / not the understanding of communities who have invested considerable time / effort in producing LPPs based on community engagement - discussions are ongoing to understand this position.

- **Pop up policeman** / **Speedwatch camera** – the police team talked through 2 options - a pop up policeman and / or use of a volunteer managed speedwatch camera - to help deter speeding - both had been discussed previously at KCC meetings but no decisions or actions have been taken forward as both needed volunteer support and funding..The pop up policeman / woman is available to purchase from the police for £135 - it comes with a chain and padlock and can be put out in speed hot spots - on a random basis. The speed watch camera costs £2,000 - but could be purchased by a group of CCs or volunteer organisations - volunteers would be provided with training and any speed violations are reported to the police who will then send a standard letter to the offender with a warning.. Concerns were raised that local volunteers using the speedwatch camera could be subject to abuse from drivers and that the pop up policeman might be a better starting point. It was agreed to explore the suggestion of a pop up policeman and to approach KCFC and other organisations about funding options.
  Action: KCC to progress.

- 20 mph signage - queried whether there is an option for flashing lights warning of speed being installed in the village? Budget restricts numbers of these purchased however Killearn is overdue to have the 20 signage replaced which was due 2025-26.
  Action: KCC to chase up.

- Concern about recent speeding activity on Fri and Sat nights through the village which seems to be increasing. Police advised to ring 101 to report , then at least Police can log whether there are patterns of behaviour and target their patrols to suit.

  Residents can also email KCC contactus@killearncc.org.uk

CC1669 POLICE MATTERS
The full police report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

- **July** – Fraud saying from local bank and money was taken; Allegation of damaged property although suspect released without charge; Branch blocking road near Glengoyne which was removed; Motorcyclist came off his bike and was taken to hospital; A number of injured or dead deer were reported which have been removed so caution is advised (Police are notified if the animal is on the road causing an obstruction. Otherwise phone the Vet).

- **August** – Fraud involving online 'sextortion' with demand for money being made from one young person. Enquiries are ongoing although most related email accounts are not in the UK; Driving chaotically and threatening behaviour; Collision in Balfron (Pirn) and abusive behaviour. Driver has been charged; Shoplifting - not been caught; Vandalism to land owners fence on regular walking route; RTA followed by assault. Enquiries ongoing; A few attendances at the Devils pulpit with Lomond Mountain Rescue including RTA, walking casualty and swimming casualty.

- **September** – High spec cars have been targeted in the village with a house being broken into for the car keys. Balance of thieves being in your property for as short a time as possible or hiding your keys to make it difficult for them to be stolen. Carrying out security checks of your own property was advised.

CC1670 KCFC UPDATE
- Graeme advised of a successful summer with good efforts to raise funds for the 200th anniversary of Village Hall. There is nowsufficient funds to progress various landscaping and repair / refurbishment projects .

- "Faces & Places - tales from the past" - is a Heritage and History weekend – 24th & 25th Oct. and includes input from other local villages. Posters and flyers to come shortly.

- Killearn Fireworks are on 1st November. Brochure will go out in the next couple of weeks.

CC1671 PLANNING AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
10 applications – 8 still live, 2 have been passed.

- New house Drumtian Rd s/e of Little Carbeth - to be investigated and commented on;
- Side single story extension to Shepherds Cottage, Branziert Rd N;
- Application to remove trees @ The Square
- Sewage works site for installation of water washing and associated works;
- 14 Aitken St - infill garage door and convert to room;
- 16 Buchanan Rd - removal of shed and install building;
- 39 Station Rd (2 Oaks) - reposition of garage to move further back into site. Has been responded to. Porch has been put on the house that wasn't part of original application hence garage movement which now encroaches on the protected trees. Update on Enforcement notice issued in Feb has also been asked for;
- New house at Greenend Rd which has been objected to by neighbours and Roads department and Env Health have asked for a noise assessment;
- 34 Branziert Rd N application for larger dormer.
- 2 responses from Call for Sites were submitted from KCC and KCFC along with others.
- No update on Tree Officer. Still not appointed.

CC1672 ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- **Upcoming road closures:** Blane Bridge-Stockiemuir Rd closed in full from 8am-6pm 22-27 Sept; A81 Kirkhouse Inn to Mugdock closed 9am-6pm 29 Sept-1 Oct; Branziert Road N 12-19 Oct; Napier Rd 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 21-30 October. Minutes update: Closure of Napier road from 21st September to 30th October

- **Beech Drive** – school entrance line markings have been installed. Discussion around pros and cons of this.

- **The Square - a** 1-way system in a clockwise direction has been proposed around The Square. The proposal was put out for comment with a deadline of 28 Aug. No update on this yet. Traffic will enter the Square on Main St and go past the entrance to the garage, and will exit at the corner of Main St. and Balfron Rd. by West Homes.

- **Station Rd** – questioned whether the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph. Stirling Council have carried out another review and confirmed that it does not qualify for a reduction in speed. Gerry to raise this again.

- **Balfron Rd** – questions about extending the 20mph to village boundary signs towards Balfron which was objected to locally. Now going to panel.

- **Blane Bridge** – following another review, Stirling Council have advised again that traffic lights are not required.

CC1673 CORRESPONDENCE

- Cllr Paul Henke – passed away in July. Paul was thanked for his contributions over many years. There is a Local election on 1 October to appoint a new Councillor.

- Bus shelters still haven't been cleaned.(KCC chasing)

- 1 EV charger is working; the fast charger needs a new charging unit which is being worked on.(KCC chasing)

- Ongoing discussions relating to Resilience Hub for Forth & Endrick being looked at.

CC1674 QUESTION TIME

- Dumgoyne and West Highland Way crossing at the Beech Tree - noted that cars are speeding far above the 40mph limit. Requested whether there could be warning signs indicating that there are walkers crossing constantly? Gerry advised there is signage already (although some is missing) but maybe not specifically mentioned walkers **Action:** Calum to investigate.

- The Notice Board at Killearn Hub still has 2025 minutes posted on it. This has been rectified.

CC1675 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The First Minister's Programme for Governance with Public Sector Reform announcement has caused some concern about the future of the public sector. Stirling Council is working proactively with Lanarkshire and Falkirk Councils on how they can work better together. Other Councils have the same approach. The focus should be on how public services can be enhanced by this approach rather than looking at structures.

CC1676 TREASURER'S REPORT

Income	£0	
Expenditure	£112	(Village Hall hires, Secretarial expenses)
Balance	£804.81	

£300 remainder of grant for local place plan work with some work to be paid for.

Stirling Council has paid £507.05 admin grant, down from last year. No date on when the admin grant will be received. Update to minutes: Admin grant of £587.05 has now been paid.

CC1677 AOB

- None received

CC1678 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21 October 2026 at 8pm in the Garden Room of the Village Hall and online.

The meeting ended at 21.48