



Welcome to Update 129 24/12/2023

Next meeting : Wednesday 17 Jan. @ 8 pm – This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting – in person, in the Garden Room at Killlearn Village Hall and online on zoom. pls. email contactus@Killlearncc.org.uk for a link to the meeting and any further information required.

Pls. see update below, based on discussions from the KCC meeting held on Wednesday 20 Dec. '23 and subsequent happenings.

May we take this chance to wish you all a very happy festive season and all of the best for 2024.



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

- Theft from glamping pod within the area. Enquiries are still ongoing
- Attempted fraud targeting an older resident via a telephone call, supposedly from BT, to check their computer for viruses. Access was given and a considerable amount of money tried to be withdrawn from the victim's bank account. The bank stopped the transaction and police enquiries are ongoing
- Damage caused to a glass pane of house front door
- Report received of fireworks being let off near the old church during bonfire night but no trace of persons when Police attended
- Minor damage caused to vehicle after striking a deer
- In another village, theft of quantity of elderly person's high value jewellery by bogus workman, purported to be an employee of Scottish Water. Local residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police

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- A local member of the public spoke of a potential scam involving roofing work, advising caution before agreeing to any work

Planning: please see KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk for the full planning schedule

- Ewan Macdonald of Macdonald & Cameron and John Turnbull of McTaggart Construction were welcomed to update the meeting on the Rural Stirling Housing Association development at Lampson Road. Funding has now been secured for the development of eleven new-build affordable homes. This comprises four one-bed cottage flats, four two-bed cottage flats, 2 three-bed semi houses and one four-bed bungalow with wheelchair access. It is anticipated work will start in the first quarter of the new year.

23/00680/FUL- Erection of dwelling house for the retirement succession of a viable farm holding at land 230m south west of Essangal Cottage, Killlearn.

- It was agreed to draw this to the attention of Cala Homes, as it may affect their development
- A local member of the public requested that demolition of the sewage works and old asbestos buildings be a condition of the planning application being approved. It was agreed to contact SC to clarify whether this is a brownfield site and the potential health hazards involved.

23/00719/FUL - Erection of multi-storey dwelling house and double garage, landscaping and formation of new paved driveway at garden ground of 41 Station Road, Killlearn.

Following discussion from the floor, it was agreed KCC object on the following grounds:

- Proposed 9/10 apartment three storey house is out of character with local surroundings and is over development of plot. Request more information on use of house. KCC recommended smaller building more in keeping with surroundings
- Facing brick not sympathetic with surrounding area
- Loss of daylight and privacy for neighbouring properties
- Road safety issues resulting from new access onto the very busy Station Road
- Flooding and drainage issues
- Felling of numerous trees and removal of shrubs resulting in loss of wildlife habitat
- It was noted that anyone can object to a planning application, not just neighbours. If SC receives five objections, the application will be decided by the Planning Panel. It is, therefore, important that residents send in individual objections as well as KCC objecting
- KCC also agreed to ask SC why no building warrant has been issued for the work done on the existing property at 41 Station Road, Killlearn
- In view of the concern expressed at the felling of two oak trees in the garden grounds of said property with no application being sought, it was agreed KCC request a tree survey be carried out in the village
- KCC also agreed to request an extension of the conservation area in Killlearn and ask SC why this currently stops at Endrick Road.

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Local Place Plans

- The meeting was informed of the good response to the Local Place Plan survey so far
- Residents living in or near Killearn are encouraged to participate anonymously in the local place plan survey which can be accessed online here <https://www.ourplace.scot/tool/start/killearn-adult-pop> or by requesting a paper copy from KCC c/o contactus@killearncc.org.uk More information is available in the new Killearn Courier and via the KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

Roads:

- It is hoped that Drumbeg Loan will open shortly – Scottish Water are doing construction works
- A resident expressed safety concern about a local person who does not drive, walking up Station Road on a daily basis with a pram and small child. The current state of the narrow pathway makes part of it unusable and necessitates walking on the busy road. The resident felt that SC's decision to schedule repairs for February or March 2024 was totally unacceptable and that a temporary repair needs to be carried out urgently. KCC will write to SC explaining the situation and request action.

Any other business:

- A film night and presentation with Jackie Savery and Nigel Pope of Maramedia was held in the Village Hall recently, this was very popular and it is hoped to run further such events more regularly in the future
- Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Country Market at the Village Hall
- The village Christmas tree was erected on 2 December at Killearn Kirk. Thanks were expressed to Eden Mill for providing same and to the volunteers from Colourful Killearn for putting the tree up and fitting the lights. Thanks were also extended to Caroline for her involvement in organising the Christmas lights on Balfron Road
- It was announced that grant funding has been awarded to KCFC for the Warm Space Initiative at the Village Hall. This will take place every Sunday 2pm – 4 pm from 7 January 2024
- The Village Hall was very pleased to work again with Killearn Primary School to provide an Advent Window – the launch was on a particularly wet evening – but thanks to all who supported
- The Gold School of Sport Award was received by Balfron Schools Cluster at a prestigious ceremony held on 5 December 2023. All eight schools within the area received the highest level given by Scotland's national agency for sport, SportScotland
- It was noted that conversations are ongoing with Stirling Council to share the disproportionate impact that proposed council cuts in 2024/2025 would have on rural communities. A meeting will take place on 18 January 2024 to listen to concerns from rural communities. Feedback from same will be posted on KCC website
- Thanks were expressed to the team of volunteers who have delivered 1447 Christmas cards throughout the village, raising £781.11 for CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland)



- The Advent Window Trail is open until early January and hopes to raise £1000 for Shelter. Thanks were given to the organising committee and all those involved in this venture
- KCC meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of the month in 2024. These will be blended meetings at The Garden Room in the Village Hall offering both in-person and online provision.