



Welcome to Update 132 29/03/2024

Next meeting : Wednesday 17 Apr. @ 8 pm – This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting – in person, in the Garden Room at Killearn Village Hall and online on zoom. pls. email contactus@Killearncc.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 Mar. '23 and subsequent happenings.

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

- No crimes were reported to the Police during February 2024.
- Reports of vehicles speeding on Station Road but on arrival of Police, there was no trace of the vehicles.
- Concerning reports of dangerous driving and speeding near the Killearn Kids Hub on Main Street have been received. Members of the public witnessing same are asked to contact the Police and, if possible, give the offending vehicle's registration number as this will give the Police a line of enquiry with the registered keeper.

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

- Further to the objections raised to Planning Application 23/00719/FUL - Erection of multi-storey dwelling house at 41 Station Road, Killearn, Jim explained to the meeting that the SC Enforcement Officer has instructed a Retrospective Planning Application for work on the existing house. Adjoining neighbours will be notified of this and should submit any objections to SC.
- As previously noted - there has been a good response to the Local Place Plan survey so far and work continues to raise awareness - 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

Roads:

- As outlined in the Police Report above. A vehicle driving at speed on Main Street did not stop at the zebra crossing near Well Green. SC has been informed and has agreed to install warning signs of a zebra crossing on both sides of the road.
- SC has agreed a plan of works to support the extension of the 20 mph limits in the village – this includes more signage and road markings – KCC will be chasing progress on these plans and asking SC for clarification on the 20 mph limit request for Station Road.



- It was noted potholes have been filled in the area and thanks expressed to SC for undertaking this work.
- Following an accident on Drumtlan Rd where a cyclist came off his bike and was knocked unconscious after hitting an unmarked raised ramp KCC will pick up this issue with SC.
- The continued inconsiderate parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the Co-op was discussed. Members of the public are reminded that parking on pavements is illegal and damage done to this section of pavement is causing particular difficulty to pedestrians.

Any other business:

- Frank Deas reported on the recent success of the Community Tree Planting day at Buchanan Views estate and thanked everyone involved in making it a success
- Elizabeth updated the meeting on the SC budget cuts. It was acknowledged that the concerns raised by the rural communities had been taken into account. The new budget will mean that local residents will see an increased cost of the Garden Waste Permit, an increase in some car parking charges, reduction in funding for the Citizen's Advice service and reduction in funding for libraries (although all libraries remain open). The bus service has not been affected for the time being. Full details are available on the [SC website](#)
- SC has asked for suggestions for a new street name for the Rural Stirling Housing Association development off Lampson Road – pls. see [guidelines](#) on naming for streets – and pls. pass on any ideas to contactus@killlearncc.org.uk
- Pls. note plans for a new rail service by Grand Union Trains to open in 2025 which will run between Stirling and London
- Its Spring Clean Scotland <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/springclean> time of year - anyone wanting to help with litter picking etc. can find more details online
- Thanks were noted to all those involved in the production and distribution of the latest Killlearn Courier. Thanks were also expressed to the advertisers and encouragement given to support these local businesses. A request had been received asking how to donate to the Killlearn Courier and it was suggested an article appear in the next edition explaining how to do this.
- Local resident, Natasha Houchin spoke to the meeting to help raise awareness of retro-fitting properties. This involves assessment of buildings, reducing energy consumption, reducing emissions, improving the fabric of buildings and improving living standards. It is hoped to hold retro-fit events to provide information for the local community in the future

Some dates for diaries

- Wrestling returns to Killlearn Village Hall on Friday 29 March
- The Warm Space Initiative continues every Sunday afternoon 2pm – 4pm in the Garden Room at the Village Hall and local residents are welcome to come along and meet friends, support our older population
- The next Killlearn Country Market will take place on 13 April at the Village Hall incorporating a workshop on preparing gardens for spring. Local residents are encouraged to complete the

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Killearn Country Market Feedback Form which can be found here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerB3GGLWsRmzhZF8ZqlpC5EyR2mPFtI5nPf-AaZaPsPvWtNw/viewform?usp=sf_link link

and to note that there is a chance to win a £20 voucher to spend with any vendor at any market in 2024!

- The Killearn War Memorial is 100 years old this year. There will be a rededication ceremony at 3 pm on Sunday 28 April – all welcome.

Cybersafety - a reminder to us all about the importance of password control and being aware of scams

- A good password should be easy to remember, but hard to guess. It is recommended that we use three random words e.g..
 - “square galaxy bacon”
 - “battleship grape hairdo”
 - “tooth whale bananas”

test this link <https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/> to see how secure your password is and how long it would take someone to crack it ..

Scams such as ‘phishing’ are becoming more sophisticated and we should all be wary of texts, adverts, emails or social media posts which appear unusual - [The National Cyber Security Centre](#) has published 3 tell tale signs that could indicate a phishing attempt – be very careful if a message appears **authoritative, urgent or emotional**..

The following reputable websites provide invaluable helpful information:

- <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/how-to-spot-fraud>
- sign up to “Which Scam Alerts” via: <https://act.which.co.uk/page/103781/data/1?locale=en-GB>
- and check attachments or URLs which are received via email or by other means on <https://www.virustotal.com> which will give you a score as to how suspicious the links look.