

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 137 – Sept. 2024



Please find below – an update on news from KCC and some highlights from the meeting on Wednesday 18 Sept. '24.

Pls. see link for minutes of meetings <https://killlearncc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Pls. note that the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 Oct. @ 8 pm - pls. email contactus@Killlearncc.org.uk for information.

POLICE MATTERS (The full police report is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk)

- Vandalism has been recorded after a brick was thrown through a living room window of a property. Enquiries are ongoing.
- An attempted fraud has been recorded after a resident was contacted by an unknown suspect purporting to work for RED driving school via Facebook messenger and offered to be their driving instructor and requested 3 upfront payments. Fortunately, the resident recognised this as a scam and refused to send money.
- An older member of the community was contacted via text message by someone purporting to be her son and asked her to help him pay a bill due to their phone being 'broken'. Unfortunately, the victim provided her bank details to the suspect and £439.96 was taken from her bank account. The suspect made an attempt to withdraw further money, however this was blocked by her bank. Fortunately, her bank has reimbursed the stolen funds.
- A person was arrested and charged with theft by housebreaking after entering a dwelling via ajar window. He was disturbed by the homeowner and fled the scene. He was traced shortly after by police and arrested.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

- 6 Station Road - 20/00416/FUL – a proposed two storey extension – KCC did submit an objection to this application but the application has subsequently been withdrawn.
- 41 Station Road - 24/00548/FUL – a retrospective application covering new metal electric entrance gates, a new stone wall at the entrance and driveway resurfacing. The roads department has already objected as there has been no effort to improve visibility splays onto Station Road. KCC members agreed to object to this planning application based on the safety issue created around visibility. A number of local residents at the meeting also voiced their objections.
- CALA has emailed sales information to those who have registered interest and will be publicly launching in the first week of October. Based on the current schedule, it is anticipated that the first residents will be moving in for early Spring 2025.
- CALA have committed funding towards the proposed Active Travel path from the development at the hospital site to the village and are funding repairs to the pavement up Station Road – works on the pavement will be undertaken by Stirling Council - dates tbc. and noted that timescales are now getting very tight.

CALA Community Pledge <https://www.cala.co.uk/sustainability/people-and-communities/community-pledge/> – this is still being discussed within CALA and details will be shared once available.

- KCC had asked via social media and other means, for ideas from the community on local projects / causes that might benefit from funding and has passed these details onto the team at CALA.

RSHA Development Update (Lampson Rd.)

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- House foundations are due to be completed by the end of September. The next stage is the delivery and erection of the timber frame kit components; from beginning of October through to late November
- Rural Stirling Housing Association (RSHA) is offering 2 x 3-bed, semi-detached properties in the new development for sale through the Scottish Government's New Supply Shared Equity (NSSE) scheme. Anyone who would like to find out more about the NSSE houses can contact ewan@macdonald-cameron.co.uk at Macdonald & Cameron.

Local Place Plan (LPP)

- Thanks to all of those who completed the Local Place Plan survey – there have been hundreds of responses and the data and comments are being reviewed. The next step will be to ask for further information in some key areas i.e. which natural spaces to help preserve, ideas on a wider scope of play and recreation options and how best to provide a wider choice of housing options.

General Planning discussions

- KCC reps. are meeting with the planning officer at Stirling Council to better understand how decisions on local planning proposals are being made and how objections from the community council can help to inform these planning decisions. In preparation, KCC has also asked for information on the number of planning applications processed, how many are approved / rejected, how many are referred to a panel for decision and how many of the panel outcomes are in line with the planning officer recommendations?

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Blanewater Bridge – works on the bridge have now been completed. Temporary traffic lights remain in place and pending a review of safety considerations.
- Coop to Well Green Path - This has now been completed.
- Oak Tree in Play Park – three large branches have fallen off the tree. The tree is now cordoned off and will be further assessed.

Road Closures

- The road between Arnprior and Port of Menteith is closed for 6 months from 9th Sept. to repair Cardross Bridge.
- new 20mph restrictions are now being rolled out within Milton of Buchanan, Arnprior and Buchlyvie.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Flying Fox - Killlearn PlayPark - An inspection has been carried out on the flying fox for any damage or movement in the foundations, if all is okay a new cable will be purchased and fitted.
- Public Transport/Bus Service – performance on the local bus routes continues to be disappointing. Val Brand has escalated to local MSP Evelyn Tweed who has agreed to action.
- Waste Collections - Info for bin collections can be found using the following website by entering your postcode: <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bin-collection-dates-search/> please note that the council no longer posts out bin collection calendars, but you can view, download or print your own copy at any time online. If you don't have

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access to a printer, your local library or Customer First in Stirling can print your calendar.

- Libraries - Residents are being asked to shape the future of Stirling Council's libraries in a new consultation. <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/news/opportunity-to-shape-the-future-of-stirling-council-s-libraries/>
- Disabled parking at the pharmacy - a member of the community with mobility issues was unable to park at the pharmacy and therefore unable to collect their prescription. KCC will seek advice on how to help create space for those with limited mobility.

AOB:

- Congratulations to Cllr Gerry McGarvey who has now been appointed as Depute Leader following the appointment of Cllr Margaret Brisley as Stirling Council Leader.
- KCC wishes Paul Henke a speedy recovery following a recent illness.
- Thank you to PC Matt, for holding the Scam Awareness session. The session was well attended and well received.
- The KCFC AGM is being held on the 22nd October at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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