

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 153 – Feb. 2026



Please find below – an update on news from KCC. Pls. see link for more details and minutes of the meetings <https://killearncc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Pls. note that the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th Feb. at 8pm - pls. email contactus@Killearncc.org.uk for details and we look forward to seeing you there.

POLICE MATTERS - the latest police report is available on the KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk – please see below for an extract from the report relating to Killearn.

- Welcome to PC Darren Gibson who joins the Forth & Endrick Ward Community Policing Team.
- An attempted extortion has been recorded after a member of the public was contacted by an unknown person over social media asking for nude images of themselves. The victim was given suitable safeguarding advice.
- A crime under the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act has been recorded. Enquires are ongoing to trace the suspect and the older child has been provided safeguarding advice.
- A fraud is currently being investigated after a local business was made aware that a fraudulent website had been set up purporting to be their business.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Please see the Stirling Council [website](#) for the latest planning report. Extracts of applications and activities within Killearn are noted below:

submitted / processed

- 5/00524/FUL - Killearn Co-Op - Installation of external refrigeration plant, including enlargement of existing enclosure and erection of new security fencing.
- 25/00645/FUL - 4 Oak Place - Garage conversion and alteration of roof
- 25/00683/FUL - 74 Main Street - Demolition of sun room and erection of single-storey extension
- 25/00697/FUL - Baikal, The Square Killearn - Extension including raised patio and addition of dormer windows

approved

- 2500597/FUL - Carbeth Lodge - 3 storey side extension, raised patio and garage extension
- 2500559/FUL - 5 Main Street - Roof work including maintenance reslating

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- B818, Fintry to Denny road – closed 09:30 to 15:30 on Monday 9th Feb
- Hillhead Brae, Balfron - Introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' to prevent parking on the grounds of road safety
- Blanewater Bridge Repair – Stirling Council has advised that work is ongoing to assess the extent and severity of the damage after the road traffic accident that damaged the parapet wall, last year. The intention is to include the repair as part of the lime work programme, which will run from April to September 2026
- A member of the public raised concerns over speeding in the village and asked if there was any update on road furniture or speed limitations, especially at Branziert Road. Various points were made about what could be done to slow traffic i.e. flashing signs,



speed cameras, road furniture. KCC will ask Stirling Council for an update on plans / timings of works which were due before the end of this financial year.

- A query was raised asking whether a local organisation would be able to plant wildflowers within the circle of the roundabout at the foot of Station Rd. The Council has explained that this would not be allowed under visibility guidelines which state that ... "drivers of vehicles approaching the roundabout shall be able to see objects of height between 0.26 metres and 2 metres on the full width of the circulatory carriageway".

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- It was brought to KCC's attention at the November meeting that places at Killearn Nursery have been cut causing issues with fully funded places, pushing families to use private childcare providers who do not offer the same / equitable flexible offering in terms of days / timings. Stirling Council's advice was that the 30 hours is applicable across the Stirling area - therefore if spaces were not available in Killearn parents should look at neighbouring villages. KCC is hoping to meet with the council representatives to discuss further.
- Blackwood's Beech House - Blackwood has provided reassurances that all the services at Beech House will continue to be provided and that there will be no changes to services while tenants continue to live there. Stirling Council Housing has offered housing options advice to the families of two tenants.
- Glass bin recycling - for details of glass collection dates, use the separate postcode finder for the new 8-week service. Please note that the glass schedule for 25-26 printed on the paper calendars issued in February '25 is no longer valid.

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-glass-bin-collections/>

- Trees for Goals - Killearn Football Club has recently formed a partnership with a group called "Trees for Goals", who will donate a tree to be planted for every goal that Killearn FC score next season. The trees will be planted in the Autumn in a place to be decided by the local community council. KCC is keen to support this partnership and is collecting more information about expected numbers of goals and any details of the tree types being donated
- Co-Op refurbishment plan - From Tuesday 4th February, the Co-Op will close for 3 weeks for the heavy lifting, new floors, ceilings, and all the "behind the scenes" electrics. The Grand reopening is scheduled for Thursday 26th February.
- Newly appointed Stirling Council CEO, Brian Roberts - Would like to introduce himself and attend one of the upcoming KCC meetings. This has been confirmed for Wednesday 15th April and we look forward to welcoming Brian to the meeting.
- Balfron Household Waste Recycling Centre - These works are now not likely to take place until early 2027 pending budget approval. Information sessions on the upgrading to the Centre are being scheduled on the dates below from 4pm-7pm.
 - 9th Feb Kippen (session finishes at 6.30 pm)
 - 11th Feb Blanefield
 - 16th Feb Drymen
 - 18th Feb Fintry
- Innovate Gymnastics teaches 400 children from 2 to 16 years of age, providing a number of offerings (holiday camps, after school care, health and wellbeing sessions etc). Innovate and other businesses who use the facilities at Balfron High School have been told due to changes - they can't book any further facilities from August '26. KCC will reach out to Stirling Council to find out more information.
- And we (KCC) are looking for someone local to join us as our Minutes Secretary - someone to take minutes at the meetings and then to write up and share those minutes. There is a fee of £40 paid / meeting and we'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested ?