

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 154 – Mar. 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 Mar. 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.

Crime

- A person has been arrested and charged in connection with having sexualised communications with a person they perceived to be under the age of 16.
- A report was received in relation to a vehicle having collided with another vehicle and the driver of the offending vehicle leaving the scene without making efforts to trace the owner/driver and exchange insurance details. No suspect identified.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Representatives from KCC met with Sharon Marklow [Service Manager - Planning & Building Standards @ Stirling Council] - the meeting helped to share plans and an understanding of some of the queries that had been raised with reference to specific planning applications. Sharon talked about

- the development of a Stirling Council wide Tree and Woodland Strategy to help raise the profile and accountability for preservation of trees and woodland and
- the recent Call for Sites – which is now closed – details of which will be made public sometime in March and there will then be a period of further consultation taking into account the views of local communities as outlined in the Local Place Plans.

Please see the Stirling Council [website](#) for the latest planning report. Recent items within Killearn noted below:

approved with conditions (3)

- 25/00646/FUL Machar 2 Ibert Road Killearn G63 9PY - Replacement of roof slates and guttering
- 25/00683/FUL 74 Main Street Killearn G63 9ND - Demolition of sunroom and erection of single storey extension
- 25/00697/FUL Baikal The Square Killearn G63 9NG - Extension to dwelling house including raised patio and dormer extensions

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Roads & paths:

- C56 Craigallian Road. Strathblane/Mugdock to Stockiemuir Road. Closed 09:00/-12:00 and 13:00-16:00, 23rd Feb – 8th March
- Blanewater Bridge Repair - Work is ongoing to assess the extent and severity of the damage and repairs will be completed as part of the lime work programme, during April to September 2026. KCC has asked whether works will involve closure of the bridge
- Pothole on Station Road – this has been patched with a temporary repair, with further repair work due to be assessed

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- Damage to bollards at chicane on Station Rd. – this has been reported to Stirling Council for repair
- New White Lines on Balfron Road – the road marking contractor will attend once weather conditions allow - hopefully by the end of March 2026

AOB

- Killearn Nursery - Stirling Council have confirmed that they will meet with the private providers in the area to try and ensure that places are available locally for Killearn residents. It was also raised that other villages in the surrounding areas will have spaces available
- Blackwood's Beech House - The residents have received an update saying that there is one party in discussion regarding taking over the facility and that the Board will consider that proposal at their next meeting
- Refurbishment of Balfron Household Waste Recycling Centre – a budget of £1.6 million approved and works are likely to start Jan / Feb 2027 for 6 months. During the works the site will be closed and local residents will be redirected to Callander and / or Polmaise sites
- Balfron High School Sports Facility - following the end of the PFI agreement, Stirling Council is taking on the contract for the running of the facility - arrangements are likely to stay as is but the formal handover to SC has not yet happened
- EV Charger - Stirling Council is still chasing SSE
- Flying Fox - work is in progress to install the new flying fox and slide in the playpark
- There continue to be issues with reliability of the local bus services provided by McGills – and the company is now being called to another public enquiry in March and could face further disciplinary action
- 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 ?

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