

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 159 – Aug '26



Pls. see below for some recent news items for sharing.

Please note that the **next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 8pm** in the Garden Room of the Village Hall and online. 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 and main points noted below from the Aug. '26 report.

- Fraud involving online 'sextortion' with demand for money being made from one young person. Enquiries are ongoing although most related email accounts are not in the UK
- Vandalism to land owners fence on regular walking route;
- Multiple attendances at the Devil's Pulpit with Lomond Mountain Rescue including RTA, walking casualty and swimming casualty.
- Reports from residents where high spec cars have been targeted in the village with a house being broken into for the car keys. The Police advised to do our own security checks at our properties – check doors / locks / windows etc.

At the recent KCC meeting, the police team talked through 2 options available to communities to help deter speeding

The pop-up policeman / woman is available to purchase from the police for £135 - it comes with a chain and padlock and can be put out in speed hot spots - on a random basis.

The speed watch camera costs £2,000 - but could be purchased by a group of CCs or volunteer organisations - volunteers would be provided with training and any speed violations are reported to the police who will then send a standard letter to the offender with a warning.

Feedback suggested that the pop-up policeman might be a reasonable starting point... KCC to explore the option and to approach KCFC and others about funding options.

Residents are reminded that if they do have any concerns about speeding – these can be logged through ringing 101 - Police can then log patterns of behaviour and target their patrols to suit.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Local Place Plan – concerns had been raised that Stirling Council has noted at other meetings that an LPP would only have a single voice in planning debates - equivalent to a single organisational / individual view and this is seen as concerning / not the understanding of communities who have invested considerable time / effort in producing LPPs based on community engagement - discussions are ongoing to understand this position.

Details of **recent / current planning applications** are noted below and can be viewed online via the Stirling Council Planning Portal using the ref. numbers noted

<https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

26/00288/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse, Land North Of Westfield Greenend Road Killearn

26/00319/FUL Erection of dwellinghouse at Land 580 Metres South East Of Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road, Killearn

26/00457/FUL Erection of single storey side extension at Shepherds Cottage, Branziert Road North, Killearn, G63 9PY

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26/00476/FUL Formation of new dormer on front elevation at 2 Maple Crescent, Killearn G63 9SA

26/00361/LWP Removal of a wooden shed and erection of an ancillary building at 16 Buchanan Road, Killearn G63 9RP

26/00430/LWP Proposed Garage door infill to form window (garage to be used as home office/playroom) at 14 Aitken Street, Killearn, G63 9BH

TREENQ-2026-061 Crown reduction and removal of dead branches at Killearn Village Hall

26/00393/NPT Peatland restoration at Ballagan Burn, Killearn for Duntreath/ Ballewan Estate

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

A reminder of local road closures in the coming weeks

Essential carriageway resurfacing works are being carried out on Napier Road between the B834 Station Rd to Lampson Rd. A carriageway/ footpath closure and parking restrictions will be in place during normal working hours (Monday to Friday - 08:00am to 17:00pm) **from 21-9-26 to 30-10-26**

The A81 (main road through Strathblane) will be closed from its junction with the A891 (road to Lennoxton) to the East Dunbarton / Stirling Council boundary from 0900 hours until 1800 hours **from 29-9-26 until 2-10-26** to facilitate roads maintenance works.

Branziert Road North will be closed for its entire length from **12-10-26 until 19-10-26** to facilitate public utility works.

Stopping restrictions have been introduced on Beech Drive, Killearn to improve safety outside the school and restrict where dangerous or obstructive parking takes place.

A note was made at the KCC meeting that there is now a high number of walkers on the WHW crossing the A81 at the Beech Tree – KCC to speak to Stirling Council ref warning signage.

AOB

Cllr Paul Henke – passed away in July. KCC and friends would like to thank / recognise Paul's contributions to the local community over many years. There is a Local Election on 1 October to appoint a new Councillor for Forth & Endrick Ward. <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/elections-and-voting/ward-2-by-election-october-2026-information/>

- **EV chargers** – The second charger is still awaiting a power connection – chasing is ongoing.
- **"Faces & Places - tales from the past"** - is a Heritage and History weekend – 24th & 25th Oct. and includes input from other local villages. Posters and flyers to come shortly.
- **Killearn Fireworks** are on 1st November. Brochure will go out in the next couple of weeks.
- Stirling Council has launched a **new online portal for residents to access waste and recycling services** <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bin-collection-dates-search/>
- Cleaning of local bus shelters is still being chased up
- Chris Kane MP has called on the Scottish Government to **extend its £2 bus fare cap to Stirling & Strathallan**, highlighting the unfair situation facing residents in rural West Stirlingshire who live just miles from communities already benefiting from cheaper travel.

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