

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Margaret Harrison (Chair), David Morley, David Scott, Heather Wright, Kirstie Robertson
Apologies	Brenda Pell, Janet Duncan
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, PC Alan McCallum, 18 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
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CC134 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC135 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC122 – Matters Arising – Inappropriate Speed on Birch Road**

Margaret informed the meeting that SC has no funding at present to erect 20 mph signage on Birch Road.

- **CC116 – Killearn Pavements**

The list of areas of pavement that require repair will be finalised in January. It was noted, in particular, that the new pavements and road surfaces on Birch Road were extremely hazardous in the recent icy weather and that this area be added to the list for SC's attention.

- **CC124 – Councillor's Report – Bridge at Blane Smithy**

SC has agreed that the new road signage will be erected within the present financial year.

- **CC124 – Councillor's Report – Restoration of Turnip Field**

Some work has been done to the surface of the field since the last KCC meeting but, as yet, has not been inspected to make sure it is satisfactory.

CC136 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Alan McCallum informed the meeting of the following:

- Report of dangerous driving in New Endrick Road. Ongoing investigation.
- Hand Held Radar used in Killearn, including Beech Drive, with no speeding vehicles found. Beech Drive will continue to be monitored.
- Theft of security light from a house in Balfron Road on 7 December.

- Shops in Killearn, Balfron and Blanefield targeted on 12 December by a team stealing alcohol. Police investigation is ongoing.
- Reminder of new drink/driving limit effective from 5 December 2014.
- PC McCallum spoke about phone calls and emails which have been received by members of the public from companies implying that compensation for PPI/insurance/or from involvement in a road accident etc may be due. He advised residents to hang up if they were concerned in any way. The police, bank or insurance company will **never** ask for bank account numbers or ask for transfer of money over the phone.

The full Police Report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC137 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Muirhead outlined the following in his report:

- Expression of thanks to KCC for the PBB draft response.
- Recent changes in management structure within SC.
- Provision of free school meals to school pupils in P1 – P3 available from 5 January 2015.
- Alteration of signage at Blane Smithy Bridge to take place within current financial year.
- No funding available at present for relocation of 30 mph sign on Station Road. It is possible this may be available in 2016/2017 financial budget.
- No funding available for 20 mph signs on Birch Road. Cllr Muirhead plans to meet with the Leader of the Council to look at possible funding in the future. KCC expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of progress with this issue. It would appear the only way forward is to raise a petition, something KCC were trying to avoid due to the expense involved for SC. KCC pointed out that the cost of a petition could well be similar to the cost of erecting 20 mph signs and queried the sense in this.

Cllr Muirhead was asked to look into the issue of speeding on Balfron Road near the Tennis Club. Following a recent incident, it was suggested that a sign be erected warning drivers that children are at play nearby.

CC138 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of lights being left on for 24 hours in the Co-op. Margaret agreed to speak to the manager about this light nuisance. (*Action MH*)

Bin collections usually take place on Saturday and Sunday, instead of Thursday, during the Christmas and New Year period. Full details are available on SC website.

CC139 – YOUTH MATTERS

- 25 October – 5 November. Eight pupils from Robert Law Secondary School in Malawi took part in an exchange programme with Balfron High School.

- This year's school musical production in November was another great success with tickets being sold out. £280 was raised for MIND charity.
- On 14 November, Balforn High School raised £220 for Children in Need.
- Halloween Disco raised £1000 for Robin House Hospice in Balloch.
- Balforn High School was awarded Sports School of the Year in the 2014 Scottish School Sports Awards with former pupil, Ross Murdoch, receiving Sports Personality of the Year Award.

CC140 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£40.00
Current bank balance	£1480.69 (including £352.00 from Derek Stuart fund)

CC141 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00719/FUL Erection of a new house at land 95 metres south west of Cleveden, Main Street, Killearn
KCC to object

14/00748/FUL Side extension to existing dwelling house at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
KCC to object

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/00605/PPP Erection of new dwelling house at land adjacent to Drumore Cottage, Gartness Road, Killearn
Decision: Refuse [on the grounds that the building would not form part of a group or cluster of buildings in the countryside]

14/00644/FUL Alteration to roof to install dormer window at The Cottage, 37 Station Road, Killearn G63 9NZ
Decision: Approve

14/00650/CON Downtaking in planned safe controlled manner of this detached timber building (single storey) in open site at Hall, Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
Decision: Approve

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

14/00524/FUL Two new residential units at land and buildings at former Hall, Main Street, Killearn [former Scout Hall]

- **Local Development Plan**

Following the initiation of an early review of the LDP, KCC proposed to respond expressing the overwhelming view of Killearn residents that there should be no large scale developments in one place, that no more than 30 houses be built at Blaressan and that the brown field former Killearn Hospital site be developed before any more green field sites are allocated.

Margaret explained to the meeting that according to Proposed Supplementary Guidance SG12 for residential alterations and extensions, proposals taking up more than 30% of plot size will be classed as overdevelopment.

▪ **Broadband Cabinets**

It was announced that BT broadband cabinets have been approved at Gargunnock and Thornhill.

CC142 – PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING (PBB)

Margery spoke to the first draft document, firstly covering general points followed by detailed responses. This document is available on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk Any comments on same should be emailed to KCC by 5 January.

CC143 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Due to lack of time, this item was postponed until the next KCC meeting. Heather's report on the Health meeting will be placed on KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk.

CC144 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record, highlighting the following item:

- Community council area profile from 2011 census. This is a very useful source of statistical information on the village.

CC145 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KCC elections will be held in February 2015. Further details to be given at the next KCC meeting.

All KCC meetings in 2015 will continue to be held in Killlearn Primary School with the exception of the April meeting which will take place in the Village Hall.

It was requested by a member of the public that white lines be restored to the entrance/exit to the Co-op car park at the edge of the building, clearly showing pedestrian right of way on the pavement. Margaret agreed to speak with the Manager about this.
(Action MH)

CC146 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 21 January 2015 at 8.00 pm in Killlearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.