

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014

Members present	M Burdon, A Donaldson, M Harrison (Chair), D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	J Allan, E Cairns, J Duncan, D Morley, E Robertson,
In attendance	Cllr A Berrill, P Campbell (SC), 12 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC083 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2014

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

CC084 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC071 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

SC has agreed to erect road signs warning of oncoming traffic in the middle of the road. In order to improve visibility, trees will also be cut back. No dates for this work have been given.

- **CC071 – Matters Arising - Birch Road Bungalows**

As SC have not responded to communications from Margaret or Cllr Lambie, it was agreed that Margaret write a strongly worded complaint to the Chief Executive, SC regarding the situation.

Concern was again expressed about the deteriorating pavement at the top of Birch Road and it was requested that this be repaired as soon as possible.

There was strong feeling amongst members of the public that the remaining grassed area of the turnip field was unacceptable as an appropriate play area for the children. It was felt the area was unsafe and posed a health and safety risk for children. The area requires to be made safe by clearing all stones and rocks, then levelled appropriately and reseeded with grass.

(Action MH)

- **CC078 – Local Development Plan**

The Modified Plan would be presented to Stirling Council on 26 June and if approved would then be sent to Scottish Government. It was envisaged that the Modified LDP would be adopted by Stirling Council by the end of July.

CC085 – POLICE MATTERS

As the police had been called out to an incident, no-one was able to attend the meeting. Margery, therefore, explained the new policing arrangements for Forth Valley Division.

David Konkol and David Hannah are the two sergeants at Balfron Police Station who will cover the day to day policing in the area. In addition, there are 15 officers in Balfron to provide 24 hour policing, five of whom have specific focus on Killearn, Blanefield and

Fintry. These officers are Constables Lorna Deans, Steven Graham, Alan McCallum, Ross McNaught and Paul Roose.

Any queries can be emailed to ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk and will be dealt with by a sergeant.

Please phone 999 in an emergency or for non-urgent matters, phone 101 to speak to a local officer.

The monthly written police community council report contained the following information:

- Speed enforcement duties carried out in Killearn have resulted in 8 offences, three of which were by Killearn residents. Two drivers were reported to the Fiscal for driving at 52 and 59 mph.
- Housebreak-ins have continued in the area. It was suggested that further details be requested in future reports such as numbers, location, timings etc.
- Patrols have been increased in the local villages and additional resources used to provide extra patrols and co-ordinated road checks at strategic junctions. Checks are currently taking place on the A81.

Noisy driving around the village appeared to have ceased. Appreciation was expressed by local residents who had contacted the police by phoning 101 and had their queries dealt with very efficiently.

CC086 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC087 – YOUTH MATTERS

There were no youth matters.

CC088 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Transactions in the past month: £88.06

Current bank balance: £1113.31

CC089 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

14/00318/PPP Subdivision of building into 3 and 4 bedroom dwelling houses and erection of one new dwelling house at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
KCC to question whether this application meets planning guidelines for houses in the countryside and ask if the property could be re-used for business use.

14/00325/PPP Proposed single storey dwelling house at land adjacent to west of Kincapple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan [The applicants recently applied to convert this ground from agricultural to garden use]
No comment.

14/00329/FUL Two new dwellings at land and buildings at former Hall, Main Street, Killearn [Scout Hall site]
KCC to question planning rules relating to infill developments within the Conservation Area and lack of consistency in decision making. Also note refusal of similar application in 2009 and access road restriction to five houses.

14/00341/FUL Demolish existing playroom, internal alterations and single storey side extension to existing dwelling house at Blairbeg, 7 Drumtian Road, Killearn G63 9QA
No comment.

14/00357/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new side and rear extension at 27 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QF
No comment.

CC090 – COMMUNICATION

Margery and Andrew spoke on communication. KCC Update posters with items of immediate interest to the community have been produced and placed in the Village Hall and Spar notice boards. In addition to this, it was agreed to compile a mailing list of residents wishing to receive Updates by email. With regard to information to be given in the email, the following points were discussed:

- Road closures.
- Normally one Update per month unless emergency information requires to be given.
- Information on floods, snow, fallen trees etc.
- Purpose of email must be clearly defined at the outset.
- After one year, request feedback.
- Unsubscribe facility be made available.
- Provide links to other information.
- Subscribe to email list from KCC website.
- Start in September.

CC091 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret reported on the KCFC meeting attended on 5 June 2014 and outlined the following points.

- Defibrillator to be located left of entrance to the Village Hall on Friday 20 June. Training will be advertised. It has been suggested that another defibrillator be located, possibly at the Co-op.
- Village Action Plan meeting on 22 May 2014 was attended by over 100 people. Suggestions are currently being analysed. A questionnaire will be delivered and collected from all households in August.
- Friends of Abbeyfield to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.
- All Killearn Archive have interviewed Jay Houghton re the early days of the Post Office and have photographed the interior of Dumgoyne Post Office which is now closed.

Margery reported the following from the Community Council Conversation meeting:

- Speakers were Stewart Carruth, deputy chief executive SC, Joyce Wrighton, Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) and Margaret Vass, Strathblane Community Council.
- Group discussion provided an opportunity to make useful contacts and share ideas.

Heather informed the meeting she would attend the health meeting on Wednesday 25 June 2014. Her report will be available on KCC website at the end of June. The meeting would focus on the Ambulance Service and first responders.

CC092 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Residents are encouraged to gather on Station Road at 11.52 am on Sunday 6 July 2014 to see the Commonwealth baton being carried through Killearn.
- Consultation on proposals for councillor numbers.
- A809 closed from junction with A811 to junction with Endrick Way from 8.00 am – 8.00 pm, 30 June – 4 July.
- Closure of Strathblane Road at Milngavie Reservoir for one week beginning 23 June from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm each day.
- Closure of A811 from Gargunnock to Stirling for Armed Services Day on Saturday 28 June from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm.
- No Waiting at Any Time restriction on Main Street, Drymen opposite Buchanan Arms for 18 months from 1 July as parking is causing congestion.
- First aid training for CC members on 18 September in Village Hall. It is possible this may be extended to other nominated people pending clarification.
- Wind-up torches and 2-way radios etc to be added to existing community resilience packs.
- Community empowerment and renewal bill launched.

CC093 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

CC094 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 September 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.44 pm.