

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2014

Members present	J Allan, M Burdon, E Cairns, M Harrison (Chair), D Morley, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	A Donaldson, J Duncan, E Robertson
In attendance	PC J Parkinson, 18 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

CC070 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2014

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

CC071 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC060 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

As further road works are due to commence on 2 June, it was agreed Margaret contact SC Roads Department to request the issue of traffic priority at the bridge be considered at that time. *(Action MH)*

- **CC060 – Matters Arising - Contaminated Water**

Although SC still intend carrying out remedial work in the summer, no date has been set. This work will address the problem of surface water from Crosshead Road and the Primary School. Any potential sewage contamination is the responsibility of Scottish Water, not SC. SEPA will only investigate where there is evidence of contamination.

- **CC067 – Correspondence - Birch Road Bungalows**

Scottish Water is still awaiting information from SC regarding water connection. Following a complaint from a local resident, the Stirling Observer newspaper plans to print an article on Friday 23 May regarding the lack of progress with this development.

- **CC067 – Correspondence - Field in Trust**

Following contact with Killearn Hoolie, it is hoped to have a small inauguration ceremony on 7 June at the children's races event. *(Action MH)*

CC072 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Jamie Parkinson was welcomed to the meeting. Following changes to policing in Forth Valley Division, there are now 5 community police officers providing 24 hour policing in this area.

PC Parkinson reported the following incidents:

- Jewellery stolen from a house break-in in Branziert Road North.
- Dangerous driving on Stockiemuir Road, resulting in three males being charged.
- Break-in at Croy Leckie at Killearn Home Farm. Four individuals have been traced following a similar break-in in Argyll. Further to the fire at Home Farm in December 2013, significant information has come to light. An update will be given at next month's KCC meeting.
- Road accident at Blane Smithy roundabout where a car crashed and was set on fire. Three individuals have been arrested and have appeared at court.
- Six fixed penalties for speeding offences issued in Killearn. Speed checks conducted in Boquhan and Dumgoyne in response to community concerns.
- House break-in in Maple Crescent with high value jewellery being targeted.

Over the past month, up to ten officers have been working night shifts in the west Stirlingshire area in an effort to resolve the housebreaking problem. Members of the public are urged to remain vigilant and immediately report anything suspicious to the police by dialling 999.

A request was made for police to monitor bad driving at the chicanes on Beech Drive.

CC073 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of difficulties experienced by those using mobility scooters around the village. An audit of accessibility of roads and pavements around Killearn would be worthwhile, and it was suggested that this be discussed at the forthcoming Village Action Plan meeting on 22 May.

Due to the lack of progress with the new bungalows in Birch Road, it was agreed that KCC write to SC protesting about the matter. It was also requested that the makeshift footpath at the top of the Birch Road be made safer. (*Action MH*)

It was announced that KCFC had received an anonymous donation of £1400 to purchase a defibrillator which will be housed outside the village hall.

As Janet Duncan will be retiring from Killearn Post Office at the end of May, it was agreed to organise a monetary collection at the Village Action Plan meeting as a token of the village's appreciation for her work. An information flyer and collecting box will be available at the meeting and David Scott agreed to act as banker for the funds.

CC074 – YOUTH MATTERS

Ellie reported that unfortunately there had been a very low uptake on the offer of study space in the village hall. National 4 and 5 exams, together with Intermediate 1 and 2 and Advanced Higher exams are underway. S6 pupils have now left school after their graduation ceremony and school leavers' lunch.

Ellie and Eilidh will be leaving KCC in the summer. Emily Gardner has been proposed as a new youth member and will be invited to the June meeting. Ellie agreed to try to find a second youth member.

CC075 – TREASURER’S REPORT

There have been no transactions in the past month. KCC draft Income and Expenditure Account for 2013/2014 was audited by Ian Somerville and appreciation was recorded for his help in this matter. KCC approved the account for adoption at the June KCC AGM.

CC078 – PLANNING

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/000094/FUL Proposed removal of existing conservatory and extension to rear of property to form new family room with woodburning stove. Ridge line to be increased in height. Front entrance door to be relocated and existing door to be infilled to form new window at Birchwood, Ibert Road, Killearn G63 9PY
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00151/FUL Replacement of previous double garage, doughtaken in 2013 for relocated access, at 5 Main Street, Killearn
Decision: Approve

14/00154/FUL Erection of dwelling house at garden ground north east of 29 Main Street, Killearn
Decision: Refuse

14/00169/FUL Formation of 2 dormers (one to south and one to north) at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfron Road, Killearn
Decision: Approve

14/00204 Erection of dwelling house at garden ground to south west of Drumfin, Endrick Road, Killearn
Decision: Approve with conditions

KCC expressed concern at the apparent lack of consistency in planning decisions within the conservation area of the village.

No new planning applications had been received.

- **Stirling Local Development Plan**

A response to KCC comments on the SLDP has been received from SC planners. This will be made available on KCC website at www.killearncc.org.uk.

Just before the beginning of the KCC meeting, Margaret had received an email from Steve Taylor of Ideas Ltd on behalf of Mansell Homes in connection with the development on Blaressan Field. Whilst wishing to encourage dialogue, KCC agreed that a future meeting be arranged with the developers once SC has outlined its brief for the site. (*Action MH*)

CC079 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margery outlined the following points from the meeting organised by SC for community councillors and Digital Scotland held on 23 April 2014:

- Digital Scotland is the organisation appointed by the Scottish Government to ensure superfast broadband is delivered throughout Scotland. Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC) infrastructure will be required for most areas to allow download rates of around 80 Mbps, compared to about 8 Mbps currently available in Killearn.
- Killearn is due to be upgraded in the second half of 2016.

At the KCC meeting, members of the public expressed the desire that the whole of Killearn Parish be upgraded and not just Killearn village.

Margaret reported the following from the Rural South West Area Forum held on 19 May 2014:

- Information from the roads maintenance programme showed that of 1011 km of roads in SC area, 42% require attention. (Scottish average is 36%).
- LEADER programme for rural development to run from 2015 – 2020. Emphasis will be on economic benefit with possible additional funds for broadband and rural businesses.
- Role of the Area Forum in community planning.

CC080 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- The Commonwealth baton relay route on Sunday 6 July will come from Aberfoyle, via B834, Station Road in Killearn and then on to Balfron.
- A81 closed from Ballat crossroads to roundabout at Aberfoyle. 26 – 30 May.
- Blane Smithy Road closed from 8.00 am – 8.00 pm on any one day from 2 – 6 June.
- A81 closed from Ballat crossroads to Ward Toll. 2 – 4 June.
- Killearn Post Office at the Spar will be closed from 5.30 pm on 10 June until 12 June for refurbishment. New opening hours will be Monday – Saturday, 7.00 am – 10.00 pm and Sunday, 8.00 am – 10.00 pm.

CC081 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notification was given of the KCFC Village Action Plan meeting to be held on Thursday 22 May in the village hall. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

CC082 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM and next KCC meeting will take place on 18 June 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.