# KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2014

| Members present   | Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan,<br>Margaret Harrison (Chair), Kirstie Robertson, David Scott,<br>Heather Wright |
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| Apologies         | David Morley, Brenda Pell  |
| In attendance     | PC Paul Roose, 10 members of the public,<br>Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)   |
| How to contact us | Go to www.killearncc.org.uk and click on contact button  |

# CC108 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

# CC109 – MATTERS ARISING

# • CC105 – Correspondence – Speeding on Birch Road

Further to a number of complaints about inappropriate speed on Birch Road, SC was contacted requesting that a 20 mph zone be implemented in the area. A reply is still awaited and it was agreed that Jim would contact SC again. *(Action JA)* 

PC Roose agreed to pay extra attention to the problem and encouraged members of the public to contact the police on 101 to report inconsiderate and unsafe driving on Birch Road.

# • CC096 – Matters Arising – Speed Limit Sign

In the absence of a local councillor, there was no update on this matter.

# CC099 – Membership and Responsibilities

It was reported that no further volunteers had come forward to join KCC.

The headteacher at Balfron High School had been contacted regarding a further youth member of KCC. She agreed to circulate the information, but no response to date.

It was announced that KCC would invite the Parent Council of Killearn Primary School and KCFC to be formally represented on the community council. *(Action MB).* 

# CC090 – Communication – Mailing List

Andrew informed the meeting that 18 people have subscribed via KCC website to the mailing list to receive Updates by email.

# CC110 – POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was informed of the following items from the police report for the month of September:

- Collision involving a motorcyclist near to Killearn Lodge.
- One speeding offence involving a local resident.
- Further to problems with farm animals on the road, local land-owners were requested to check fences and gates regularly to make sure boundaries are secure.
- Following the launch of Smartwater, local officers have been visiting houses in the area.
- Regular foot and mobile patrols have been carried out, as well as additional patrols from the Central Motorcycle Unit based in Glasgow.
- As nights become progressively darker, PC Roose encouraged members of the public to check vehicles are road worthy and check that houses look occupied at night by leaving a light on and making sure security lights are working.

Margery explained to the meeting the arrangements for circulating the Police Report and asked for any issues residents wished to raise to be forwarded to her for inclusion in the report back to the police.

# CC111 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It was noted with some disappointment that recent emails to all three councillors had not received answers and it was felt that the councillor's absence from the meeting again was very unsatisfactory. It was five months since a councillor had attended a meeting of KCC. *(Action MB)* 

As no Councillor was in attendance, there was no Councillor's Report.

#### CC112 – QUESTION TIME

Following a question about the brown bin collection, the meeting was informed that the last collection would be on Thursday 27 November. Services will resume in March 2015. Full details are on the website.

#### CC113 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

Jeans for Genes day raised over £900 on Friday 26 September. £450 was donated to Genetic Disorders UK and £450 to Robyn House Hospice.

Third year pupils have been involved in the French Exchange Programme in October.

Balfron High School welcomed former pupil and gold medal winner of 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Ross Murdoch, to the Swimming Gala. Ross acted as judge, raced against the seniors and provided a photo opportunity at this special event.

# CC114 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Over the past month, the following transactions have taken place:

| Expenses             | £16.80   |
|----------------------|----------|
| Income               | £5.13    |
| Current bank balance | £1652.69 |

# CC115 – PLANNING

## Local Development plan

The final local development plan has now been published and is available from local libraries or online at www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan.

# Valid Planning Applications Received

14/00572/FUL Proposed side extension at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ [Old School House].

14/00580/FUL Proposed rear two storey extension and internal alterations at Mews Cottage, Drumtian Road, Killearn G63 9QB. No Comment

14/00590/FUL Proposed conservatory to rear at 44 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH No comment.

## • Decisions of Appointed Officers

14/00487/PPP Subdivision of building into 3 no 3 and 4 bedroom dwelling houses and erection of 1 no new dwelling house at Wishingwell Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ Decision: Approve with conditions.

14/00499/FUL Extension to side of dwelling at 25 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD Decision: approve with conditions.

# • Planning Applications Withdrawn

14/00572/FUL Proposed side extension at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ [Old School House]

# • Planning Enforcement

14/104/UNAUTH Tree removal on development site at Drumbeg Loan, Killearn

# CC116 – KILLEARN PAVEMENTS

Residents were asked to contact KCC with details of areas of pavement that need repairing. Information will be given on the next Update and on KCC website. It was agreed that Jim co-ordinate the information. *(Action JA)* 

SC have agreed to repair 330 metres of footpath between Blackhill and Killearn in the near future.

# CC117 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margaret attended KCFC meeting on 18 September and reported on the following:

- *Three Sisters Bake* has been appointed to operate the Village Hall coffee shop from early November. When a function is occupying the main space, coffee shop service will be offered downstairs.
- Derek Stuart's memorial bench may be located in front of the low wall near the entrance to the Village Hall.
- Following the success of the Astrid Quartet concert, KCFC are keen to encourage further concerts in the Village Hall.
- KCFC AGM will take place on 23 October 2014.
- Residents were reminded to complete the questionnaire on the new village action plan.

Heather reported on the meeting regarding Killearn Glen held on 10 October:

Green Aspirations of Drymen have been approached to investigate managing the woodland aspect of the Glen, initially to restore a mediaeval oak coppice. KCFC, Paths Group and All Killearn Archives will all work in partnership with Green Aspirations. As the Glen belongs to SC, a meeting will be arranged with them and a full survey done of the area. The spring edition of Killearn Courier will provide further information on this project.

Priority Based Budgeting meeting at Balfron Campus scheduled for Monday 20 October has been postponed to 25 November.

SW Area Forum will take place on 17 November in Balfron.

# CC118 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Forth Valley Health Care Survey requires further clarity.
- Concern was expressed about future arrangements for community councils following receipt of a review of strategic engagement from Community Engagement, SC.

#### CC119 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Further to receipt of information about Neighbourhood Watch, it was agreed that KCC investigate this further at a future meeting.

It was unclear whether the First Aid Course had taken place in September. It was agreed to find out if another course would take place. (Action MB).

# CC120 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 19 November 2014 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.56 pm.