

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

Members present	M Burdon, A Donaldson, J Duncan, M Harrison (Chair), D Morley, K Robertson, D Scott, H Wright
Apologies	J Allan, Cllr I Muirhead
In attendance	PC L Deans, 14 members of the public, C Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting after the summer recess and introduced Kirstie Robertson as the new youth member of KCC.

CC095 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014

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

CC096 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC084 – Matters Arising - B834 Bridge near Blane Smithy**

SC has cut back the trees to improve visibility. New road signs have yet to be erected.

- **CC084 – Matters Arising - Birch Road Bungalows**

The bungalows have been completed and are now occupied. Pavements at the top of Birch Road have been patched and the water pipe removed from the field and graveyard. With regard to the remaining grassed area of the turnip field, SC has agreed to restore the field and reseed the grass. This work has still to be carried out. SC has also ordered new child-sized goal posts.

- **CC067 – Correspondence – Speed Limit Sign**

It was agreed Margery contact councillors regarding an update on moving the 30 mph speed limit on Station Road to beyond Lampson Road.
(Action MB)

- **CC090 – Communication – Mailing List**

Andrew informed the meeting that the mailing list for residents to receive Updates by email was ready to implement. Residents can subscribe to this through KCC website. It was agreed to advertise the mailing list on the next Update, in December's Courier and also to send the information to the Kirk Newsletter.

CC097 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Break-in at house in Lampson Road.

- Speed checks with hand held Radar revealed one driver having no MOT certificate for the vehicle.
- Police officers on foot and mobile patrol in Killearn as often as time permits. As police are now community and response police, there is less time to dedicate to foot patrol.

Margery provided information on a new crime prevention scheme to be launched on Monday 29 September in Killearn. 'Smartwater', a commercial product, is a liquid used to mark items of property. Invisible once dry, it can be seen using the correct ultraviolet light. The chemical contains a unique marker which is registered to the user and can help to reunite recovered property with the owner. Killearn has been chosen to host the official Scottish National Media launch and, as part of a pilot study, local police officers will visit houses in Killearn after the launch to offer the service free of charge.

The problem of inconsiderate parking at the school was again raised by a local resident with the request that the police be made aware of this.

The meeting was reminded to phone the police number 101 to report any problems. This is a free call from landlines and mobiles. For emergencies, please call 999.

A resident reported a painted graffiti YES on a stone wall in Endrick Road.

Details of personnel and new policing arrangements for the community can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and clicking on Your Community.

CC098 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As Cllr Muirhead was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Councillor's Report.

CC099 – MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Margaret reiterated the need for three further KCC members, including a Planning Correspondent. Please contact Margaret if you are interested in applying to join KCC. Kirstie Robertson will be one of the new youth members of KCC. It was agreed that Andrew add energy and broadband to his KCC duties and that Christine take on some additional administrative work. Agreement in principle was reached regarding inviting representatives of local bodies such as Killearn Primary School Parent Council to attend KCC meetings.

CC100 – QUESTION TIME

A number of complaints about the state of the pavements in Killearn were voiced. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the October KCC meeting and to ask if a member of staff from SC could be present to provide further information.
(Action MB)

CC101 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

- Balfron High School pupils are currently working on a Musical production to be performed in November.
- During a recent cancer awareness week at the high school, over £850 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

CC102 – TREASURER'S REPORT

David informed the meeting that the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Drymen is closing and that future KCC banking will be done in Milngavie.

Figures from 1 April 2014:

KCC expenditure	£292.31
KCC income	£842.36

Current bank balance £1664.36 (includes D Stuart Fund)

CC103 – PLANNING

▪ Local Development plan

The modified local development plan was adopted by SC on 18 August 2014. The revised Conservation Area report can be seen on SC website. It was agreed that KCC contact Cllr Muirhead regarding progress on the hospital site.
(Action MB)

▪ Valid Planning Applications Received

14/00487/PPP Subdivision of building into 3 no 3 and 4 bedroom dwelling houses and erection of 1 no new dwelling house at Wishing Well Farmhouse Coffee Shop, Balfron Station, Drymen G63 0NJ
No comment.

14/00499/FUL Extension to side of dwelling at 25 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD
No comment.

14/00524/FUL Conversion and extension of old Scout Hall into 2 residential units at land and buildings at former Hall at Main Street, Killearn
KCC to object.

14/00568/FUL Front extension and garage conversion at Uplands, 13 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
No comment.

▪ Decisions of Appointed Officers

14/00325/PPP Proposed single storey dwelling house at land adjacent to west of Kincapple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan, Balfron
Decision: Approve with conditions

14/00475/FUL Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling at Jura Cottage, Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RW
Decision: Approve with conditions

▪ Planning Enforcement

14/073/UNAUTH Erection of decking and summerhouse at Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG
Case closed: no breach of planning control

CC104 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- A report from Community Conversation meeting held in June has been circulated to all KCC members.
- Health Meeting attended by Heather on 25 June. Ambulance Service would like to concentrate on providing emergency medical support rather than patient transport. Report can be viewed on KCC website.

Margaret informed the meeting of the KCFC meeting to be held on 18 September 2014 and of the Priority Based Budgeting meeting on 20 October 2014 at Balfron Campus.

CC105 - CORRESPONDENCE

Margery explained that due to the large number of pieces of correspondence received and the amount of work involved in logging items and passing them on, it had been agreed that all correspondence be sifted and a shortened record be issued to the monthly KCC meetings.

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

- No further details on first aid training for CC members due to take place on 18 September. It was thought this may have been overshadowed by the Scottish Referendum.
- Closing date for nominating your local health hero is 26 September 2014.
- Information was given regarding the Petition on Balfron to Killearn footway. Spare funding for 100m may be available pending a meeting to take things further.
- Proposal from Killearn Path Group re paths through Killearn Glen. It was agreed to contact Norman McNab to give notice of support from KCC.
- An email had been received expressing concern about speeding on Birch Road. It was agreed to contact the local police requesting they speak to residents about the situation.

CC106 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following the death of Derek Stuart, a former member of KCC, the meeting was informed that the family wish to give something to the village in his memory. A sum of over £350 was collected at his funeral and this will be used to purchase a wooden bench and memorial plaque to be located near the village hall.
(Action DS)

Further to the matter of a water tap at Killearn Cemetery, Margery informed the meeting that because of the risk of harmful bacteria in any water provision and the resources required to provide maintenance, examination and testing of same, SC have advised that it will not be possible to provide a water supply within the cemetery.

CC107 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 October 2014 at 8.00 pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.