

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2010

Present: I. Beaton; J. Duncan; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; J. May; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; H. Wright; P. Wilks.

Apologies: A. May; P. Campbell

In Attendance: Councillor C. O'Brien; PC D. McNally; and 6 members of the public.

CC89 *Minutes of the Last Meetings*

The minutes of the special meeting held on 18 May 2010 were adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2010 were adopted.

CC90- *Matters Arising*

Special Meeting. Martyn Wright was producing a poster based on the Eco Meeting poster describing the outcomes of this special meeting; this will be displayed around the village. The meeting thanked Martyn for this work.

Multicourt. The lighting times have been adjusted although it should be noted that the lighting is not in use during the summer period.

War Memorial Following the complaints from J Fallas that the work carried out on the memorial was not of a sufficiently high standard, Stirling Council had agreed to rectify the problems. This had not yet been done and no monies had been paid. Councillor O'Brien agreed to pursue this.

Litter Bins The Council had agreed to remove the litter bin on the old bus stop pillar. A dog waste bin is under consideration for the Branziert Road/Drumbeg Road area.

CC91 *Police Matters*

PC McNally reported that tools had been stolen from a garden shed at Lettre Cottage; a car stolen from the Main Street had crashed in Fintry and the perpetrator apprehended - this case is now with the Fiscal; windscreen wipers had been damaged on a car in the Black Bull car park; a £50 necklace was stolen from a craft stall at the Hoolie; later on the evening of the Hoolie a youth carrying a knife had been apprehended.

A police and trading standards initiative checking trades people working in the village was successfully carried out with no negative outcomes..

PC McNally said he was still keeping a lookout for the motorcyclist in Beech Drive.

Some incidents of graffiti were given and PC McNally said he would advise the clean-up squad from Stirling Council. It was noted that paint had been sprayed by the Scout Group on the Village Hall car park for a Hoolie stall and it was agreed to ask them to remove it.

The Chair thanked PC McNally on behalf of the Council for his excellent contribution during the year.

CC92 *Question Time.*

Roads It was stated by a member of the public that a small but deep pothole was causing problems on the Blane Smiddy to Strathendrick Bridge road. Nigel to write to Stirling Council.

Ian Beaton said that problems were occurring with the build up of traffic at Blane Bridge. Councillor O'Brien said the priority system was designed to prevent traffic tailing back to the roundabout on the A81. He suggested a wait and see approach.

Problems with the exit from Rosebank Cottage onto Station Road. Councillor O'Brien said that Stirling Council road engineers were looking at the problem.

CC93 Youth Matters

Cairi Macintosh said that the *Bible Buddy Story Telling Tent* at the Hoolie actively encouraged youngsters to come to Scripture Union camps.

Ian Beaton said that a mountain bike course had been agreed with Daye Tucker at Carbeth Home Farm. This was now being used by young people from P7 upwards; consideration is being given to creating a track suitable for younger children.

CC94 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £58.75, Number 2 Account balance £1238.61.

The Treasurer said that Stirling Council would not be issuing supplementary grants this year therefore money would be tight. It was agreed that as the Courier was managing to pay its way, the normal grant would not be given this year.

CC95 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

10/00310/FUL Renovation and extension of existing house at Ythan Lodge, Drumore Road.

Planning Decisions by Appointed Officers of Stirling Council:

10/00190FUL Reroofing of garage/store at 2 Balfroon Road

Decision: Approve with conditions.

Notification of tree works

Tre 2010\74; Information Bulletin 40 (LD\TRE\2-05) Tree felling only at : Birch Road, G63 9SG

Local Development Plan. Peter Rea gave a comprehensive overview of the Stirling Council Local Development Plan document. He reminded members that we had expressed our priorities as affordable rural housing, retention of open space and integrated transport. He said Stirling Council was looking for flexibility in planning with sustainable economic growth and development. There was a possibility of more housing in the countryside in small groups. There would be more woodland and more recreational facilities. There was a vision of local energy generation, local recycling and perhaps local food production. Balfroon and Doune would be the major housing growth areas with affordable housing.

The Chair said that at the Roadshows a plan of the village showed a number of specific areas where building was possible. Some of these were where private development schemes could be built, such as the north side of Station Road, land behind the Mulberry Bush Nursery in Balfroon Road and other small parcels of land in the area. For local authority housing, Stirling Council owned the field above the telephone exchange ('turnip field') and the land between Graham Road and Beech Drive below the Primary School, one of which would probably have to be the site for affordable housing. The community would be unlikely to want to see housing on either site, but change is inevitable and a compromise would have to be struck. If a small number of houses were to be built on the 'turnip field', it was hoped the remainder of the site could be designated recreational and thus would form an ideal location for the proposed football club changing rooms. The present proposal from the club to build on the 'large swings' area of the playpark was not ideal as the playpark formed a designed unit, and a playpark and changing rooms did not fit well together. The location of the changing rooms was a sensitive matter, therefore a meeting between representatives of the club, the planners, the housing department, the playpark committee and the community council should be sought, followed by the widest consultation with the whole community.

Councillor O'Brien said that the small areas of land shown with development potential did not mean that they would be developed, just that they were areas where a developer or landowner had expressed an interest. He stated that it was important that development was not just for dormitory housing, therefore sites for small industrial units should be identified.

Peter Rea said that a response to the Development Plan had to be made by the end of the month. It was agreed that a small committee of the Chair, Peter Rea, Heather Wright and Jenni May would prepare the response. The group would also look at any urgent planning applications that had to be dealt with during the summer recess.

CC96 Correspondence

Correspondence received:

Questionnaire on training needs for community councillors. The Chair reminded members to get their individual replies in before the cut-off date.

BT contract of sale for the telephone kiosk at Dumgoyne Post Office had been exchanged. This was now owned by the Council and it was agreed to allow use of the kiosk by KCFC All Killearn Archives Group who intend to create an information centre. Papers regarding appropriate maintenance guidelines will be passed to the AKA group. Betty Smith agreed to look into the question of insurance.

An email from Croftamie Community Council indicating possible pollution from Killearn Sewage Works. The Chair contacted Scottish Water who was dealing with the problem. Peter Rea suggested that SEPA should also have been contacted.

Correspondence with HBOS regarding the out-of-service autoteller. Local staff were now being trained to deal with problems which should reduce the time taken to correct faults. Apologies were received for poor service with both the autoteller and the unreliability of Killearn Branch opening hours.

Questionnaire on allotment provision. Peter Wilks to put on website.

Information on SURF, the Scotland Independent Regeneration Network. Heather Wright to find out more.

Central Scotland Police Chief Constable's Annual Report.

CC97 Current Local Issues

Killearn Hoolie. The Council unanimously agreed to congratulate the Hoolie Committee on an extremely successful and well-organised series of events culminating with the final events on the Glebe.

CC98 Any Other Business

Peter Wilks said he had been asked to bring up again the provision of a seat at the bus stop outside Spar. Derek Stuart suggested that a seat could be attached to the large planter.

CC99 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School on Wednesday, 15 September 2010.