

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2009**

*Present:* A. May; B. Pell(*Chair*); K. Pollock; P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks.

*In Attendance:* Councillor G Lambie; P Campbell; PC D. McNally; Iain Beaton; Cairi Macintosh and 9 members of the public.

*Apologies* C. Riches; J. Duncan; H. Wright; I. Moreland

**CC273 *Minutes of the Last Meeting***

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2009 were approved.

**CC274 *Matters Arising***

***Well Green Lane*** Apology received for lack of action, an inspector to be sent to check.

***Benches*** Benches adjacent to garden fence are to be moved to opposite side of football pitch. Stored bench to be placed in front of see-saw.

**CC275 *Treasurer's Report***

Number 1 Account balance - £58.75, Number 2 Account balance £623.85.

Expenditure on Number 1 Account - £17.38 for bench parts. The full supplementary administrative grant of £455 was received and paid into the Number 2 Account, and a grant of £300 was made to the Killearn Courier for which a letter of thanks had been received.

The treasurer reported that she had applied for grants for Colourful Killearn and the Thursday Club.

A request was made to all members to send in their expense claims as soon as possible.

**CC276 *Question Time***

A member of the public stated that she had received a visit from a cold caller despite the designation of the village as a *No Cold Calling Zone*. Pam Campbell said she would take it up with the company concerned, but revealed that because of a court ruling, the signs had no legal force, although responsible companies had generally agreed to abide by the designation. PC McNally said if any member of the public was concerned about a cold caller, they should contact the police.

A member of the public was concerned about the state of the footway in a part of the Main Street. Later a resident was able to confirm that this section of the footway is privately owned.

**CC277 *Police Matters***

PC McNally stated that there had been a door kicked in and a break-in at Town and Country. Speed checks had resulted in successful prosecutions. A drunk driver had been charged.

Investigations into the fires at Killearn Hospital are proceeding, with possible suspects in Glasgow.

PC McNally said he would speak to the people riding horses in Wellgreen Lane, Buchanan Road, Graham Road and on the recreation ground. Although they could legally ride there, he would ask them to be responsible, especially around young children and elderly pedestrians.

Concern was expressed about young motorists racing up Main Street at weekends; PC McNally said he would keep a watch on the situation.

**CC278 *Review of Youth Issues and Youth members***

The special meeting of the Council in February was deemed a success by all members. It was felt that the young people must help the Council take forward the ideas expressed during the meeting, perhaps with a small group including one or two Council members.

Iain Beaton and Cairi Macintosh, who were present, stated that a number of young people at Balfroon High School had expressed an interest in forming a Youth Community Council, and they would liaise between the Youth Council and the Community Council. Aileen May agreed to be the Council member responsible for the liaison.

As two vacancies existed, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Iain Beaton and Cairi Macintosh as the Youth Members of the Council. The motion for co-option was proposed by Peter Wilks and seconded by Aileen May.

**CC279 Planning**

***Planning Applications Received:***

***09/00061/FUL Erection of front porch at 1 Maple Crescent***

***09/00109/FUL Erection of extension to rear of dwelling house at 6 Lampson Lane***

The Council do not wish to comment on these applications.

***Planning Applications Decision by Stirling Council:***

***09/00029/UNAUTH: Raising of ground level resulting in land slippage at Balfroon Road, Killearn.*** The decision was that there had been no breach of planning control.

Peter Rea stated that he had received a copy of Stirling Council's response to a consultation paper on *Householder Permitted Development Rights*. This could be viewed on the Stirling Council website.

**CC280 Reports of Meetings Attended and SOA Response**

Heather Wright attended the Community Health Partnership, Public Partnership Forum on the *Scottish Ambulance Service and Patient Transport*. It was reported that Balfroon had a 2-man vehicle 24/7 (with back up being provided from Stirling if on a call). Fast response vehicles attended the scene and would stabilize the patient until the arrival of the A&E ambulance. Cover for local residents would always be available, though this may be a call out from another depot. Assurance was given on the level of staff training. The patient transport service was under considerable pressure as demand outstripped capacity. Various options were discussed, including car transfer and 'Dial a Journey'. Escorts would be transported if proven to be necessary for medical support. The ambulance service was responsible for the provision of appropriate service. The full report may be viewed on the Council website.

The Chair and Secretary attended the Area Planning Forum Cluster group. There were reports on the Strategic Housing Plan in which there were no proposals for the Killearn area and on Community Policing. The Police and Communities Together (PACT) scheme was described and it is hoped that this will offer a closer partnership between the police and the public.

The Chair will attend a meeting on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). A response has been submitted prioritising the points in the draft document which are considered relevant to Killearn.

**CC281 Correspondence**

***Correspondence received:*** Big Fit walk; East Stirling Community Forum; Community Health Partnership; NHS Forth Valley News; Dogs' Trust; Balfroon Baby Café.

The Detached Streetworx Team will visit Killearn every Tuesday evening on the recreation ground and invites any interested young people to make contact with them. The youth members stated that Tuesday was not a good day as school work prevented many young persons taking advantage of this facility.

The Secretary noted that the Stirling Council minutes intimated that a manager's house for a stud farm in Blanefield had been refused on the grounds that it was unnecessarily extensive. This was similar to the situation at Stilwater.

**CC282 Any Other Business**

Three local youth groups had volunteered to take part in *National Spring Clean Week*. Primary 1 of the Primary School would litter pick around the Playpark on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Rainbows and Cubs would also be taking part at a time to be decided. It was agreed that a certificate of thanks would be presented to both groups.

It was noted that the launch of the third edition of *The Parish of Killearn*, a book detailing the village and its history would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Strathendrick Film Society was helping to make a period drama film using local students and would like to hear from anyone who could help with the technical side of the production.

**CC283 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 April 2009. Because of the school Easter holidays this is the fourth Wednesday in the month.