

**KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2009**

*Present:* J. Duncan; C. Macintosh; A. May; B. Pell(*Chair*); K Pollock; P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

*In Attendance:* PC D. McNally ; P Campbell and 11 members of the public.

*Apologies* Cllr. G. Lambie; I. Beaton; I. Moreland; C. Riches

As PC D. McNally had to leave early it was agreed to bring *Police Matters* forward to the second item of the agenda.

**CC333 *Minutes of the Last Meeting***

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2009 were approved.

**CC334 *Police Matters***

PC McNally stated that this had been a quiet month, with a mirror broken in the Black Bull and a minor traffic accident.

At the request of the farmer, PC McNally asked residents of Lampson Road/Chestnut Avenue not to throw hedge clippings into the adjoining fields, as some species were poisonous to cattle.

Although the culprits responsible for a series of break-ins last year were now in custody, all residents were asked to be vigilant and to properly secure their property. The police would be policing the fireworks event and keeping a look-out for offences associated with fireworks.

The Youth Project would now start on 6 November and there would be regular Friday nights in the Village Hall. Peter Wilks reported that the Fourteen-Up Club account had now been closed and the residue of £241.75 transferred to the Youth Project.

**CC335 *Matters Arising***

*Village Officer* Stirling Council Officer, Jenny Eliot, reported that the Village Officer, Stuart Taylor, was on long-term sick leave and unlikely to return to duties. The villages were being served by the mobile team. Any problems should be reported to Streetscape.

It was reported that the seat at the top of Beech Drive was now back in position.

**CC336 *Roads & Traffic Management***

A retrospective apology had been received from Alistair Dawson who had been unable to be present at the September meeting.

The work was still not complete and the problems of the Bank Corner and Spar would remain high on the agenda of the next Council.

A member of the public asked if speed bumps could be installed on Main Street to slow the traffic. It was explained that this had been rejected by the Roads Department as it was a main thoroughfare, and because of vibration problems close to housing.

**CC337 *Question Time***

It was reported that there had apparently been a noticeable increase in large commercial vehicles passing through the village. It was agreed ask the police to investigate.

Jim Fallas stated that in his opinion there will still defects in the refurbishment of the War Memorial. It was agreed that the Chair would approach Alan Petrie of Stirling Council to request a meeting, at which Jim Fallas could be present, to discuss the works.

**CC338 *Youth Matters***

Ian Beaton was still looking into the feasibility of a skateboard park and would report to a later meeting.

The youth members welcomed the police initiative in the Youth Project and would actively promote it.

As the youth members are co-opted and do not have to stand for election, the current members of the Council agreed to ask the next Council to welcome their continued service as Youth Members of KCC.

**CC339 Treasurer's Report**

Number 1 Account balance - £58.75, Number 2 Account balance £1616.36.

£96.62 was the cost of filing cabinets, £57.51 expenses and £35 data protection.

Colourful Killearn had enquired whether a grant for Christmas lights could be obtained but the Treasurer thought this was unlikely.

The Council gave a vote of thanks to Betty Smith for all the hard and successful work she has put in as Treasurer; it was much appreciated.

**CC340 Planning**

Peter Rea stated that individual member's response to the questionnaire on strategic issues to be taken into account by Stirling Council in its preparation of the Local Development Plan had to be in his hands by the end of the week. It was agreed to circulate the Council's formal response to all members. It was noted all members of the public could make individual submissions to Stirling Council.

**Planning Decisions by Appointed Officers of Stirling Council:**

**09/00473/FUL Formation of timber decking at Whitecroft 20 Allan Road Approve with Conditions**

**09/00478/FUL Approve with Conditions**

**09/00531/FUL Extension to dwelling house at Achnagowan 88 Main Street Approve with Conditions**

**09/00523/FUL Erection of dwelling house at Land Adjacent And Southwest Of Blacklaw Drumbeg Loan Approve with Conditions**

**Valid Planning Applications Received:**

**09/00634/FUL Proposed ground floor glazed extension to rear with timber deck access to garden and conversion of double garage to study storage area with proposed access link to rear of house at 15 Lampson Road**

**09/00686/FUL Proposed two storey extension to create additional living space at 8 Chestnut Avenue**

**09/00715/FUL Covered walkway to restaurant door and to perimeter of outdoor seating area at Beech Tree Inn**

**Planning Applications Withdrawn**

**09/00541/FUL Alterations and extension to form new sitting room, entrance hall and shower room at Dunkyan Lodge Drumtian Road**

**Notification of tree works**

**Tre 2009\139 Tree felling only at Balfron Road, G63 9NL**

**Tre 2009\142; Information Bulletin 93 (S\09\0045\FUL) Tree felling only at Main Street, G63 3RJ**

**Tre 2009\169; Information Bulletin 106 Tree felling only at Main Street, G63 9LF**

**CC341 Reports of Meetings Attended**

There were no meetings attended by members of the Council. Aileen May intimated that she would attend the ASCC AGM.

**CC342 Correspondence**

**Received:** Notice of meeting on transport issues at new hospital by NHS Forth Valley; notification of public processions (fireworks parade, Remembrance Day); notification from Scottish Parliament on changes to the planning system; letter from Reporter notifying that Planning Appeal, 36 Balfron Road allowed; road closure between Station Road and Finnich Toll; consultation on additional support for learning; questionnaire on youth partnership; invitation to meeting of BBC Trust, Chair to attend; Stirling Council Minutes; Cluster Group Minutes; letter from Karen Dinardo on status of green lane; comments from Stirling Council on Disability Scheme; circular from APRS; SNH Magazine; note from Helen Loudon on "adopt a phone box scheme".

Information was received on Balfron Community Children's Partnership. Pam Campbell outlined the aim of the partnership; to deliver better services to young people, to help fund local police youth initiative and survey transport for all communities.

Notification of bid for funding of new houses by Stirling Council, an issue for the future would be the status of the "turnip field"

Helen Geddes notified the Council that a new handbook for Councillors was to be published. It is still intended to produce the handbook prepared by Aileen May.

**CC343 Local Issues**

**KCFC AGM** The Chair reminded the meeting that the AGM of Killearn Community Futures Company would take place on 29 October, preceded by an EGM to modify the constitution to reduce the size of the quorum. It was important that this was passed as the current regulations linked the quorum to the size of the membership in such a way as to make it difficult to reach the required number of members for a quorum.

**Community Council Award** The Chair announced that the *Courier* had nominated Killearn Community Council for the *Most Outstanding Local Group* at the Stirling Council Local Newspaper Forum, and had been successful. The certificate would be displayed in the notice board.

**CC344 Any Other Business**

**Community Council Elections** This was the final meeting of the Council which was to be disbanded on 30 October. Aspiring councillors were required to place their applications with the returning officer by 30 October. The new Council would be formed in November, the date of inauguration being dependent on whether elections were required.

**The Green Lane** The Chair clarified the situation regarding the private ownership of the green lane between numbers 5 and 7 Main Street. It is the intention of the owners to maintain the status quo and the footpath will be available for the public to walk upon.

**Future Topics** Following a query raised by a member of the public the Chair affirmed that energy conservation is becoming increasingly important and local villages, Fintry and Blanefield, were giving a lead. Energy conservation should be flagged as a marker for the new Council, as will be the matters of affordable housing and the possibility of the 'turnip field' being used for housing.

**Retiring Members** The chair announced that Iain Moreland, Christopher Riches and Kay Pollock had announced their intention to not seek re-election. The Chair paid tribute to all three members who had served the Council well. In particular, Kay Pollock had been a member since Community Councils had been formed and had served the Council in many official positions. Her knowledge and quiet counsel had been invaluable to the Chair and would be missed in the future. As a token of appreciation of her work for the Council over so many years, the Chair presented her with the token received by KCC for the Local Newspapers Awards.

**Appreciation** Kay Pollock thanked Brenda Pell for her diplomatic handling of meetings, excellent chairmanship and hard work for the Council. The award for Most Outstanding Local Group was a reflection of her chairmanship of the Council. The meeting showed its appreciation with a round of applause.

**CC345 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be called by Stirling Council at a date depending upon the outcome of the election and will be notified to the public by the usual channels.