

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: J. Duncan; B. Pell(*Chair*); P. Rea; P. Wilks; H. Wright.

Apologies: Nigel Kelly; Cairi Macintosh; Aileen May; Jenni May; Betty Smith; Derek Stuart.

In Attendance: Councillor G Lambie; Councillor Colin O'Brien; Pam Campbell and an invited audience representing Killearn organisations. (*See Appendix I*).

Invited Speaker: Brian Simmers *KCFC Village Hall Development Group*

Brenda Pell welcomed all present and explained that KCC were pleased to host the meeting to enable Brian Simmers to present the plans for the renovation of the Village Hall. This first public presentation was to an invited audience of the major organisations in Killearn, together with representatives of users of the hall. She introduced Brian Simmers chair of the KCFC Village Hall Development Group.

SM1 Brian addressed the meeting and introduced the members of the working group. He explained that the request to renovate the hall had been brought to KCFC two years ago by several residents who believed this valuable amenity could better serve the needs of the village if improvements were made to bring it up to present day standards. A comprehensive survey of residents which included the views of school children showed that there was great support for the project which he emphasised was indeed a Killearn Community Project and reflected the aspirations of the community.

The survey revealed five key areas which have been addressed by selected architects McEachern MacDuff in the plans. Using these plans and a 3D model Brian demonstrated how the proposed renovations would raise the present floor level enabling the main hall and an additional space to benefit from the magnificent views to the rear of the building whilst providing considerably improved facilities. On a lower level additional space will be created as a designated area for young people.

Costs incurred to date have been met by grants from Stirling Council and Awards for All. A budget of £1 million was originally set for the project. VAT and fitting-out costs are estimated to bring the total cost to £1.2 million.

Funding will be sought from several sources but it is hoped that the Scottish Rural Development Programme might provide a major part of the funding. First steps have been taken in making this application.

The project has been approved by the Board of KCFC.

The next steps will be to submit an application to the Planning Department.

Details of the project will appear in the March issue of the Courier and two public presentations are planned: Sunday 28 March at 3pm. and Thursday 1 April at 8pm. to which all residents, including children and young people, are warmly invited.

SM2 Questions from the floor were invited and were responded to by Brian and members of the group. Subjects addressed: storage space; lift; disabled access and toilets; heating systems; evidence of village support and fund-raising.

SM3 Daye Tucker, convenor of KCFC was invited to speak. She paid tribute to the work of Brian Simmers and the VHDG group and what had been achieved in the past two years. Peter Wilks also paid tribute to David Clark, former member of the board of KCFC for his vision which helped to start the project.

SM4 The Chair signalled the end of the formal part of the meeting, announced that refreshments would be served and invited the audience to have a closer view of the plans and the model whilst continuing discussions informally.

APPENDIX I

Present:

VHDG

Brian Simmers
Bruce Montgomery Smith
Dudley Gee
David Clark

KCC

Brenda Pell
Peter Rea
Janet Duncan
Heather Wright
Peter Wilks
Iain Beaton

KCFC

Daye Tucker

KPHMC

Bill Richardson
Michael Pell
Jane Hunter
Iain Moreland

Killearn Trust

Jamie Parker
Gill Smith
Jim Fallas

Killearn Kirk Session

Rev. David Munro
Scott Macintosh

KVHUsers

Heather Farren (Rainbows)
Hugh MacArthur (Masons)
Jenny Malyon (Scouts/PTA)
Donnie Beaton (Football Club)
Stephanie Stevenson (PTA)
Peter Smith (All Killearn Archive)

Stirling Councillors

Graham Lambie
Colin O'Brien

Stirling Council

Pam Campbell

Apologies:

Rt. Hon. Anne McGuire M.P.
Bruce Crawford MSP
Councillor Alistair Berrill
Nigel Kelly (*KCC*)
Jenni May (*KCC*)
Aileen May (*KCC*)
Cairi Macintosh (*KCC*)
Betty Smith (*KCC*)
Derek Stuart *KCC*
Sue Beck (*KVHUsers Badminton*)

Ian Dickie (*KCFC*)
Joanna Donaldson (*KCFC*)
Richard Hunter (*KCFC*)
Jacqui McAlpine (*KCFC*)
David McNally (*Police*)
Kay Pollock (*Killearn Trust*)
Caroline Critchley (*KPHMC*)
Jim Wright (*KPHMC*)
Chris Williams (*Killearn Kirk Session*)