

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2015

Members present Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson,
Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor,
Kirstie Robertson, Heather Wright

Apologies Janet Duncan, David Morley, David Scott,

In attendance Cllr Alistair Berrill, PC Ross McNaught,
16 members of the public,
Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Hilary McGregor as the new member of KCC.

CC160 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2015

Subject to the following amendment, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Last paragraph of item CC156 should read:

Margery also advised that emails addressed **solely** to info@stirling.gov.uk are logged and sent to the appropriate officer. Emails copied to info@stirling.gov.uk are not logged or tracked.

CC161 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC149 – Neighbourhood Watch**

It is hoped to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Killlearn in June for which a Volunteer Co-ordinator is needed. Any persons interested should contact Margaret.

- **CC150 – Matters Arising – Priority Based Budgeting (PBB)**

PBB collated responses are now available to view on SC website. Less than 25% of Community Councils responded and it was felt that this requires to be addressed by SC for the future.

- **CC150 – Matters Arising – Killlearn Co-op**

Following the painting of white lines at the entrance to the car park, it was agreed that Margaret contact the manager requesting another yellow strip be painted on the new step and that a handrail be provided at the step. (*Action MH*)

- **CC151 – Councillor's Report**

Further to a letter sent from KCC to Mr Stewart Carruth, SC Chief Executive, regarding local issues which have been raised unsuccessfully with SC, KCC is to meet with Robert Steenson, newly appointed Director of Housing and Environment, and senior staff to discuss these matters.

- **CC157 – Correspondence – Community Council Connect Fund**

Suggestions for bids to help community councils communicate better with local residents were requested. Residents should contact Margaret with ideas.

- **CC158 – Any Other Business – Footpath Repair**

Due to a delay by Scottish Water in completing work, the footpath repair between Killearn and Boquhan will not now be carried out by March. It will be at the top of the list for footpath work in the new financial year.

CC162 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Ross McNaught informed the meeting of the following:

- One person charged with public disorder.
- Local man caught drink driving on 20 January. He was subsequently disqualified and the court is currently considering seizing the car for destruction.
- Collision at Dumgoyne junction. No-one was injured.
- Continued monitoring of speeding vehicles within the village.
- Shoplifting incident at the Co-op under investigation.
- Vehicle break-in at farm outside Killearn and handbag stolen. PC McNaught reminded residents not to leave valuables on open display in vehicles

Problems arising from bad driving, parking on pavements, and inconsiderate parking etc near the Primary School at both ends of the school day were again voiced. PC McNaught agreed to patrol the area and investigate the situation.

The full Police Report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC163 – TURNIP FIELD

Margaret spoke to the meeting regarding SC proposed wildflower meadow on about half of the turnip field. Following discussion, it was unanimously rejected by the Community Councillors and members of the public who preferred to leave the area as a play area. However, it was agreed that wildflower planting would be welcome on the grassy slope at the foot of the bungalows on Crosshead Road, opposite the Primary School. It was agreed that Margaret inform SC of KCC wishes and request SC attend to the condition of the field which is still far from satisfactory following the building work. (*Action MH*)

CC164 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Berrill spoke to the meeting and informed residents of SC meeting due to be held on Thursday 19 February which would agree the 2016 budget, incorporating revised PBB proposals. Should the proposals be accepted, such suggestions as cutting the provision of specialist music teachers, cuts in winter gritting, 4 weekly brown bin collection and cutting of concessions for special items to be removed would all be rejected for the coming financial year. Suggestions expected to be carried forward include bin collections at the end of private roads, although this would be looked at on a case by case basis. Cllr Berrill went on to point out that the savings required for 2016-2017 would be much greater than for 2015-2016.

Full details are available on SC website. It was requested that paper copies be made available in the Mobile Library to allow those not on the internet to see the report.

CC165 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC166 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

- 5th year Balfron High School student is running for election as member of Scottish Youth Parliament.
- A series of filmed interviews with school students have been made to assist younger pupils in their subject choices.
- Ski trip to Spain for one week.
- Programme raising awareness of the Rights of the Child with posters and information available at the school.
- Forth Valley Dance Competition in March entered by pupils of Balfron High School.

Heather informed the meeting of a Parent Support Group at McLintock Hall, Balfron for family members living with autism. Child Protection Training at Killearn Village Hall would take place on 17 March. Full details from Heather.

CC167 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£40.00
Current bank balance	£1061.85

CC168 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

15/00016 Extension of bedroom at first floor level into footprint of existing balcony, internal alterations to form new en-suite and dressing room at 9 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG
No Comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/00748 Side extension to existing dwelling house at 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9 RJ [Old School House]
Decision: Approve with conditions

- **Local Development Plan**

Additional sites suitable for inclusion in the LDP will be identified in Main Issues Report to be published by SC in summer 2015.

- **Revised Planning Enforcement Charter**

Margaret informed the meeting of the Planning Enforcement Charter which details how SC can deal with situations where developments have taken place which are

not in accordance with the planning system. SC's [Planning Enforcement Charter](#) is available from their website or via the link from KCC website.

CC169 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Margery reported on the recent SW Area Forum which focused on the work of the police. It was a very positive meeting emphasising police commitment and desire to work with the local community. KCC expressed its appreciation to the local police for attending KCC meetings. Margery reminded residents of the various ways to contact the police:

Call 999 for emergencies

Call 101 for non emergencies

Email ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk with any concerns, including lack of satisfaction with a call to 101. This address is monitored by our community police team.

Facebook and Twitter are also being used to help solve crime.

- Brenda Pell reported on the Killearn Glen Project Meeting with Green Aspirations regarding archaeological and ecological investigations in the Glen. Green Aspirations and KCFC plan to prepare a Heritage Lottery Fund bid for £10K funding to explore archaeology, woodland management and vocational skills, access, educational projects and volunteering opportunities in the Glen. Green Aspirations will talk about the project at KCC April meeting.

CC170 – CORRESPONDENCE

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

Proposal from Trees and Woodland Office, SC to make a bench with carving on the theme of the Ladies Linn, from the fallen oak tree in the Glen near Beech Drive. It was agreed Margery respond positively. (*Action MB*)

Email from local resident regarding action re the salt bin at the top of Birch Road. Considerable frustration was expressed at the non-responsive attitude from some SC officials and it was agreed to raise this with Robert Steenson at the forthcoming meeting referred to above.

CC171 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that Brenda Pell will speak at the KCC meeting in March regarding analysis of responses to the Village Action Plan survey.

Andrew informed the meeting that under the Digital Scotland programme the first premises in the Killearn area are currently expected to receive fibre optic broadband in the period July to December 2015. This appears to be earlier than expected although there is no indication which premises will be first or when fibre optic broadband will be available to all premises.

CC172 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 18 March 2015 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.