

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2015

Members present	Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), David Scott, Heather Wright,
Apologies	David Morley, Kirstie Robertson, Brenda Pell
In attendance	Cllr Ian Muirhead, , Lisa Toon, 9 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
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CC147 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

CC148 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Manon Van Nimwegen informed the meeting of the following:

- Driver charged with drunk driving and appeared in court on 21 January.
- Continued monitoring of speeding vehicles on Station Road and Beech Drive. No offenders identified.
- One shoplifting charge in Killlearn.
- Spar and Co-op stores all over the local area are being targeted by an organised team stealing alcohol.
- Following the theft of a high value car in Callander, PC Van Nimwegen emphasised the need to keep car keys well hidden and out of view at home as property is being broken into, in order to access car keys and steal such vehicles.

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

CC149 – NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PRESENTATION

Margaret welcomed Lisa Toon of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland to the meeting. Neighbourhood Watch is a way for people to work together to help make communities safer. Lisa outlined ways to become involved and how to start a scheme in this area. Following her presentation, it was agreed that KCC gather information, appoint a co-ordinator and look into starting a scheme for the village possibly in June. In the meantime, it was agreed to sign up for alerts and safety information from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland which would be passed on to local residents. Further information is available from www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk or by contacting Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, Office 23, Enterprise House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling FK7 7UF. Telephone 01786 463735. Email info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

CC150 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC135 – Matters Arising – Councillor’s Report – Restoration of Turnip Field**

Margaret informed the meeting that the Turnip Field has been improved but is still not satisfactory. It was agreed to take the matter further with SC in the Spring.

- **CC135 – Matters Arising – Killearn Pavements**

The pavement repairs list has been submitted to SC. KCC alerted SC in December to the ice problem on the new pavements in Birch Road.

- **CC138 – Question Time – Killearn Co-op**

The Manager of Killearn Co-op spoke to the meeting regarding the problem of light nuisance. There have been a number of issues following the shop’s recent refit, but once some electrical problems have been resolved, the shop lights will be dimmed overnight by 80%. The hedge has been trimmed in the car park and work will be done as soon as possible to re-build the front ramp, build a speed bump and erect signage at the entrance to the car park.

- **CC142 – Priority Based Budgeting (PBB)**

PBB response has been sent to SC.

- **CC145 – Any Other Business – KCC Elections**

Notice of Election will be posted on Monday 26 January 2015 with applications to be submitted by Friday 13 February 2015.

CC151 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Muirhead spoke to the meeting and outlined the following in his report:

- Killearn Community Futures Company has provisionally been awarded £1000 towards the cost of the new Sports Pavillion.
- The contract for superfast broadband between BT and the Government has been extended to 2017 with Killearn due to be upgraded within the next 18 months. Further information available from www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen
- With regard to the new 20 mph signs at Graham Road and the Bank corner, Angela McGibbon of SC informed Cllr Muirhead that these are replacement signs, rather than new ones. There is no funding for 20 mph signs on Birch Road despite this being a route to school.
- As all schools must submit a travel plan by June 2015, Cllr Muirhead suggested KCC liaise with Killearn Primary School Head Teacher regarding the need for a 20 mph zone on Birch Road. (*Action JA*)
- As no date had been forthcoming from SC, Cllr Muirhead agreed to try again to meet the Council Leader to discuss the matter further.
- KCC again expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of progress with this issue and the seeming inconsistencies in SC’s approach to the matter.

CC152 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC153 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Kirstie was taking prelim exams, there was no youth report.

CC154 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£379.00 (including Derek Stuart bench)
Current bank balance	£1101.85

It was agreed that any additional expense due for the plaque for Derek's bench be met from KCC funds.

Any outstanding expenses from KCC members should be submitted to David Scott before 31 March.

CC155 – PLANNING

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

- 14/00659/FUL Erection of new dwelling house at garden ground of 25 Station Road, Killearn
Decision: Approve with conditions

- **Other Planning Issues**

- Tree felling at Carbeth Home Farm, February-December 2015. Harvesting of mature and windblown timber, and thinning of hardwoods. Public consultation ends 17 January 2015.

- **Local Development Plan**

- Further to last month's discussion on the call for sites for development, Margaret submitted a response to SC requesting that a limit of 30 houses be imposed at Blairessan and that the former Killearn Hospital site be developed before any more green field sites are allocated for housing.

- With regard to Blairessan, Margaret informed the meeting that the developer's agent has appointed a local architect and that a public meeting regarding site plans may be organised in March.

CC156 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Heather reported on the recent Health Meeting attended regarding the former Stirling Royal Hospital site being developed into a community health hub and village with a 50 bed rehabilitation facility.

Margery informed the meeting of the new Citizen Assemblies which were discussed at the recent SW Area Forum. It was envisaged that Citizen Assemblies could discuss such issues as social care, the new police system, schools, roads etc and provide an opportunity to discuss points with experts in these fields. Local residents were encouraged to attend future Citizen Assemblies and bring suggestions for discussion. The next South West Area Forum will be held on 16 February at Balfron High School. It was hoped that senior police officers would be present. Organisations attending were asked to provide an update on their activities for the next meeting.

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 nor tracked.

CC157 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

Intimation of new CC Connect Fund to help community councils to communicate better with local residents. KCC could bid for £373. This will be discussed further at the next KCC meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch alert on telephone scams regarding Sky Television and IER insurance policy.

Digital Engagement workshop on Friday 30 January, Edinburgh. KCC has asked if a similar workshop could be organised locally.

CC158 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Footpath repair between Killearn and Boquhan will be carried out in March when work by Scottish Water will be finished in this area.

Local resident and Co-op employee, Lyndsay Hall, is the Community Pioneer of Killearn Co-op. KCC was asked to bring any ideas for donations, fundraising etc to Co-op who would be most willing to consider helping.

CC159 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.