

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

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

Apologies Janet Duncan

In attendance Cllr Graham Lambie, PC Derek Byrne
16 members of the public,
Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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CC173 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2015

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

CC174 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Derek Byrne informed the meeting of the following:

- One driver caught speeding on Station Road and another charged with careless driving at Blane Smithy roundabout.
- Collision at Harpers Road resulting in minor injury.
- Following a number of shoplifting offences, 4 persons have been charged.
- 122 households in Killearn have accepted the Smartwater product.
- Local police have been involved in Operation Quarterlight, a national initiative to address vehicle crime, and have carried out static vehicle stops to deter and identify travelling criminals.
- Ongoing police checks re parking are taking place around the Primary School.
- On 5 March, 2 males entered a house on Graham Road by an unlocked door. They woke the occupant who was asleep in the lounge and drove off in a silver car. The police are conducting enquiries.

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

CC175 – CO-OPTION TO KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Margaret proposed the co-option of Jim Ptolomey as Planning Correspondent for KCC. This was seconded by Margery and all KCC members agreed. A vote of thanks was given by David to Margaret for holding this office as well as being chair until now.

CC176 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC161 – Matters Arising – Killearn Co-op**

The manager of Killearn Co-op has agreed to arrange painting another yellow strip on the new step at the front entrance. It was felt that a handrail was probably not necessary as the ramp is low but he agreed to put in a request.

- **CC163 – Turnip Field**

Further to communication with SC regarding the proposed wildflower meadow, Margaret informed the meeting that SC requires to reduce grass cutting and they will come back with a proposal for a smaller area of wildflowers on the Turnip Field. In the meantime, it was agreed KCC suggest other areas eg Station Road roundabout and triangle on Beech Drive. Unfortunately SC has deemed the grassy slope beside the new bungalows unsuitable for wildflowers. *(Action MH)*

- **CC170 – Correspondence – Salt bin on Birch Road**

The meeting was informed that the new salt bin has been relocated.

CC177 – KILLEARN COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN RESIDENT SURVEY

Brenda Pell, Peter Wilks and Alan Cairns spoke to the meeting about the Killearn Community Action Plan Survey, the results of which will be used to identify what residents want for the village in the future. It will form the basis for the new Killearn Community Action Plan due to be prepared later this year. Every household in Killearn will receive a copy of the Resident Survey Report. It is also available online at http://www.kcfc.co.uk/courier/cap_report.pdf

Following an explanation of the results and a time for questions, members of the public were encouraged to provide feedback using the tear-off slip on the back of the Resident Survey Report, using the online form at <http://www.kcfc.co.uk/form.html> or emailing cap@kcfc.co.uk

CC178 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC179 – YOUTH MATTERS

Kirstie reported on the following:

- Balforn High School has been awarded a Gold Award from Sports Scotland.
- Junior and senior groups entered the Forth Valley Dance Competition in March with the Seniors taking third place.
- Former Balforn High School pupil, Commonwealth Games medallist Ross Murdoch, has donated his gold bike rack to the school.
- Fundraising for Comic Relief by the students raised £1388.

CC180 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses £64.00

Current bank balance £997.85

KCC has received a grant from SC for secretarial services for £270.00.

CC181 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

15/00059/FUL Renewal of planning permission (ref 11/00842/FUL) for extensions to dwelling house under regulation 11 of the Development Management Regulation 2008 at 8 Branziert Road, Killearn G63 9RG
No comment.

15/00067/FUL Erection of garage/gym to front of property at 26 Lampson Road, Killearn G63 9PD
No comment.

15/00069/FUL Building a residential development of 11 dwellings comprising 7 for re-development, 3 new build and 1 new build replacing existing farm house at Home Farm, Killearn G63 9QH
No comment.

15/00072/FUL Erection of dwelling house at garden ground of 25 Station Road, Killearn [revision of previous plans]
No comment.

15/00105/FUL Amendment to planning permission 14/00568/FUL to include a porch at Uplands, 13 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
No comment.

15/00106/FUL New proposed 3 storey extension to rear of property replacing existing 2 storey extension at 6 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QE
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

15/00016/FUL 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
Decision: approve

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

14/00628/FUL Replacement of 4 no windows at 62 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH

CC182 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Highlights from Cllr Lambie’s report include the following:

SC rejected stop/reduce options on winter gritting, removal of special uplift concessions, review of specialist PE/Music, increase nursery fee charges. SC approved road end bin collections on private roads and cut in roads, paths and pavements capital budget.

Warning of sunken drain at Blackhill causing hazard for those driving from Killearn to Balfron. This has been reported to Jamie Wright, SC Roads and Transport Manager.

On Saturday 28 February, Cllr Lambie attended a 9-hour evening/night police patrol covering every village in Forth and Endrick Ward and east Loch Lomond to Rowardennan. The patrol also included a visit to Randolphfield Police HQ in Stirling. Cllr Lambie expressed confidence in the local police officers in keeping our area safe.

Ongoing road safety issues re 30 mph sign on Station Road and 20 mph speed limit on Birch Road have been passed to the Road Policing Team. Cllr Lambie has also been in contact with Robert Steenson, SC Director of Housing and Environment regarding same.

Cllr Lambie expressed support for the proposed Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Killearn. To date no interest has been shown in becoming a Volunteer Co-ordinator. Any persons interested should contact Margaret.

CC183 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Following a meeting with Robert Steenson to discuss local issues which have previously been raised unsuccessfully with SC, Jim and Margaret reported on the following:

Jim McGregor from SC Roads Department has agreed to visit Killearn and see the areas around Station Road and Birch Road where 30 mph and 20 mph signs are requested. 40 mph limit between Napier and Lampson Roads has been agreed meantime.

With regard to the icy pavements on the new section of Birch Road, SC will investigate extra drainage in the area.

There will be no change to priorities at Blane Bridge, but signs will be erected to warn traffic of cars in the middle of the road. This is due to be completed by the end of March.

CC184 – CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Adopt a Kiosk proposal from BT for £1.00. Anyone interested should contact us via our website.
- Digital Workshop Report at Napier University showed areas where KCC could improve their communication strategies but also confirmed that a useful service is being provided.
- SC has confirmed that there is no Japanese knotweed in Kirkhouse Wood.
- Volunteers are urgently needed to help Killearn Scouts and Cubs. Without additional help these organisations will close down. Further details are on our website.

CC185 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was stated that the Village Hall will become a SC Comfort Partner during opening hours (10.00 am – 4.00 pm). It is thought that the public toilets outside the Health Centre may be closed. The meeting expressed concern at this and it was pointed out that SC ought to consult with the local community before closing a community amenity. More information will be sought to inform further discussion at next KCC meeting.

The Butcher's shop in Main Street is closing down. Deliveries to Killearn will be available from the Drymen shop.

Drains in Main Street near the Spar are blocked and this will be reported to SC.

CC186 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 April 2015 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Village Hall, small committee room.

Owing to lack of space in the small committee room, presentation by Green Aspirations on Killearn Glen project will be postponed until May meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.