

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2015

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| Members present | Margery Burdon, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, Heather Wright |
| Apologies | Jim Allan, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, David Morley, David Scott, Kirstie Robertson |
| In attendance | Cllr Alister Berrill, 16 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary) |
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CC201 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2015

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

CC202 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Spencer Trueman informed the meeting of the following:

- Complaint of Breach of the Peace was investigated but there was insufficient evidence to charge.
- Window damaged on Main Street around midnight on 24 April. Enquiries are ongoing.
- Driver caught speeding on A81 at Dumgoyne.
- Another driver charged with driving without a current MOT.
- Theft by shoplifting at two separate locations within Killearn believed to be the same male responsible. Enquiries are continuing.
- 2 deceased deer removed from the road.
- Attended three burglar alarm activations.

Following the death of three people while motorcycling in rural areas last month, the police have initiated Operation Zenith, a summer long campaign to address irresponsible use of motorcycles, educate riders and hopefully reduce casualties.

Our local community team have been contributing to Operation Quarterlight, a national initiative to address vehicle crime. Static vehicle stops have been carried out to deter and identify travelling criminals.

Further to livestock being out on the roadway, PC Trueman urged local land owners to check their fences and gates regularly.

The problem of parking around the primary school was again voiced by a local resident. PC Trueman is working with Killearn Primary Headteacher to help raise awareness of this and it is hoped all parents will receive a letter from the police regarding this issue in the near future.

The full police report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC203 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC188 – Matters Arising – Turnip Field**

SC has welcomed suggestions from KCC regarding wildflower meadows but there is no progress to date.

- **CC190 – Councillor’s Report – Road End Bin Collections**

Margaret informed the meeting that the new head of SC Waste Management will walk the roads affected by the proposed new policy and will consult before any change is made.

- **CC195 – Proposed Comfort Partnership**

The views of the community that this is not suitable for Killearn have been conveyed to SC.

- **CC196 – Broadband in Killearn**

Stephen Chambers, Community Project Officer for Digital Scotland, will attend KCC meeting on 17 June. Local businesses outwith the village have been contacted by Margaret inviting them to attend or give KCC questions to ask on their behalf.

CC204 – KILLEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Natasha Houchin, chair of Killearn Primary School Parent Council, spoke to the meeting regarding a proposal for a footpath on the land adjoining the school and Beech Drive, next to the sub station. The land is owned by SC who, although unable to provide finance for the work, is prepared to assist in obtaining quotes for the project and help in applying for funding. Once built, SC would maintain the footpath. KCC, Norman McNab of Paths Group and Brenda Pell of KCFC all expressed their support of this project. It was agreed Margery would write to Natasha expressing KCC’s support for the project. (*Action MB*)

CC205 – GREEN ASPIRATIONS – KILLEARN GLEN PROJECT

Margaret welcomed Louise McAllister and Paul Cookson of Green Aspirations to the meeting. Based at Tir na nog, near Balfron Station, Green Aspirations are a community interest company. They have expressed interest in working with KCFC, SC Archaeologist Murray Cook and SC Tree Officer Fiona Melville to explore and research the origins and history of past activities in the Glen, to coppice parts of the Glen, to offer educational and training opportunities in woodlands skills to interested learners and help build up a group of volunteers with a particular interest in the much-loved Glen. An application for funding of up to £10,000 will be made to the Heritage Lottery and if successful, it is hoped that work will start in the autumn.

KCC expressed their support for this project. Green Aspirations can be contacted on 01360 4492220 or louise@greenaspirationsscotland.co.uk

CC206 – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PILOT PROJECT

Margery informed the meeting of new legislation which enables more engagement and liaison with communities. SC has agreed four pilot projects (Community Test Sites) including Strathblane, Killearn and Balfron as one pilot which will last for 12 months. It was noted that Killearn has not been consulted on this, nor had we received any

information about the pilots. Having attending the South West Area Forum on 18 May to discuss the project further, Margery expressed the need for further clear information on how it will actually work.

CC207 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Berrill reported on the following:

- Closure of A811 at Ballat next week which will result in extra traffic being diverted through Killearn.
- Change of ward boundaries to include Carron Valley and half of Cambusbarron in Forth and Endrick Ward. It was noted that KCC has not been consulted on this. (Subsequent to the meeting it was established that CCs will be consulted in December).
- Wind Energy Planning Guidance consultation is open until 6 July 2015.
- www.usp.scot website providing information on Scottish places
- Community Policing Sergeant is Donald Konkol who is based at Balfron and covers Forth and Endrick.

CC208 – QUESTION TIME

Following recent storms and foul water drainage, a member of the public expressed concern about the condition of the burn in Killearn Glen. Margaret requested these concerns be put in writing so that the matter can be taken up with SEPA.

CC209 – YOUTH MATTERS

There was no youth report.

CC210 – TREASURER’S REPORT

KCC approved the examined Income and Expenditure Account for 2014/2015. It was proposed by Heather and seconded by Jim P. The account will be brought to the June KCC AGM for adoption.

CC211 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

15/00195/FUL Erection of double garage at 7 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
No comment.

15/00217/PPP-JJ Erection of new house west of Cambar, Killearn
KCC to request settlement of houses be restricted to ten.

15/00231/ADV Erection of new Fascia at 65 Main St, Killearn
No comment.

15/00236/FUL Conversion of garage to 1.5 storey house at Am Fasgadh
Drumtian Rd, Killearn
No comment.

15/00274/PPP-ML Erection of new private dwelling house garage driveway and entrance gate at land adjacent and north-east 20 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn
KCC to comment this is opposite to existing driveways and express concern re infill development at Drumbeg Loan.

▪ **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

14/00568/FUL Amendment to include new porch at 13 New Endrick Rd, Killearn
Approve.

15/00106/FUL Proposal to erect new three storey extension to rear of 6 Allan Rd,
Killearn.
Approve

15/00136/FUL Erection of new house at Pendle Cottage, Killearn.
Approve with conditions

Broadband Cabinet at 22 Station Road, Killearn.
Approve with conditions.

• **Other Planning Issues**

Draft guidance SG33 issued for Wind Energy Developments. Comments by
6 July 2015.

A small group comprising Jim P, Jim A and Heather will be set up to consider and
advise on this.

Forestry Planting and Felling Proposals.
Request to determine whether Afforestation project at Duntreath, Killearn will
require Environmental Impact Consent.

CC212 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Margery reported on the South West Area Forum meeting held on 18 May in Balfron:

Police Inspectorate at Callander are considering how to share information in the local
area. The Smartwater project seems to have been effective with the number of break-ins
apparently decreasing. Firm statistics are awaited.

Phone calls to the police on 101 for non emergencies are handled by a call centre in
Edinburgh. Training is being done to help improve how these calls are handled.

SC outlined possible changes for future consultation on Priority Based Budgeting. These
are to make the process more straightforward and manageable. Margery has agreed to
help with this.

Prioritisation system for road repairs explained, with maps indicating roads in urgent need
of attention to be made available. It was noted that Stirling has a higher percentage of
roads requiring urgent attention than the national average. Cuts to the capital budget will
inevitably mean that it will be difficult to maintain our roads in their current state.

CC213 – CORRESPONDENCE

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

- SC to replace all panels in bus shelter at Spar because of current poor state.

CC214 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Memorial plaque for Derek Stuart's bench will be ready in the next month.
- Repairs to footpath at Blackhill Crossroads now underway.

CC215 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held on 17 June 2015 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School with AGM beforehand at 7.45 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.