

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 June 2016**

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

Apologies Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Kirstie Robertson,

In attendance Ian Denvir (SC), Cllr Ian Muirhead, Euan Shaw,  
Tom Reilly (Punch Taverns), 13 members of the public,  
Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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Margaret welcomed Ian Denvir, the new Community Link Officer from Stirling Council and Tom Reilly of Punch Taverns to the meeting.

### **CC367 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2016**

Subject to amending CC355 to read “Extra cabinets may be provided ...”, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **CC368 – POLICE MATTERS**

Margery presented the Police Report as neither PC Graham nor PC Murphy was able to attend the meeting:

- Male arrested on 28 May following a disturbance at Branziert Road North.
- Male causing disturbance in the Co-op on 9 June issued with anti-social behaviour fixed penalty.
- Regular speed checks carried out in Killearn, including Gartness Road.
- Rider of motor cycle travelling at speed around the village reported. Police are seeking further information.
- Another house broken into during the day on 1 June and jewellery stolen.
- Three crates of flowers stolen from Endrick Blooms on 1 June.
- On 5 June, bike stolen from roof rack of vehicle parked at rear of Co-op. (Photo on KCC website).
- Theft of alcohol from Co-op on 8 June.
- Three males caught poaching on River Blane near Blane Smithy roundabout.
- Notification of Air Weapons Surrender Scheme.
- Summer Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 3 – 17 June 2016.

The full police report is available on KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk)

### **CC369 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC354 – Matters Arising - Telephone Kiosk**

The telephone kiosk has been accepted by All Killearn Archives.

- **CC356 – Planning – Former Killearn Hospital Site**

Hospital site feedback sent to site owner who acknowledged receipt of same.

▪ **CC363 – Reports of Meetings Attended – New Waste Arrangements**

Waste management road show to be held in Village Hall on Tuesday 5 July, 2.00 – 7.00 pm.

• **CC365 – Any Other Business – Empty Sites**

Letters have been sent to Bank of Scotland and C J Lang enquiring about plans for their empty sites. No reply has been received as yet from C J Lang about Spar but the bank building will be put up for sale in the near future. Access for properties at the rear of the building will continue in accordance with their title deeds.

**CC370 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

As Doug was attending a Broadband Supplier event at Kippen, Margery spoke to the meeting highlighting the following points from his report:

- There appears to be contradictory information regarding the so called “white areas/not sports” that are likely to remain without a fast connection at the end of the Digital Scotland programme.
- New cabinet in Crosshead Road not yet in place.

The full report is available on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

Margaret expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of KCC to Andrew, Doug and Euan for their continued work.

**CC371 – PLANNING**

• **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00302/FUL Change of use to 2 bedroom flat at 54 Main St, Killearn.  
KCC awaiting reply from SC Planning and roads Depts regarding parking.

• **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00183/FUL Commercial Development of 4 Office units at Killearn Mill.  
Approve with conditions.

16/00212/FUL Erection of Dwelling House 55 metre NW of Cleveden, Main St, Killearn.  
Refuse.

16/00149/FUL Single storey Extension, Patio, Roof Terrace, New Window and Dormer Windows to Gym at Lindale, Lampson Road, Killearn.  
Approve with conditions.

• **Planning Enforcement**

EN/16/057/UNAUTH. Operation of Business from dwelling at Harpers Rd, Killearn.

• **Other Planning Issues**

PAN – 2016 - 01 Proposal of Application Notice for Mixed Use Development at Killearn Hospital Site.

## **Killearn Hotel**

Tom Reilly from Punch Taverns, owners of the Killearn Hotel, informed the meeting that Punch Taverns intend to lease the hotel and are currently showing interested parties around the property. Mr Reilly emphasised the importance of finding the right person with a vision for the hotel and hoped to come to the KCC September meeting with an update on the situation. A number of points were raised at the meeting and it was agreed Margaret write to Punch Taverns summarising same.

These included:

- Killearn Hotel (previously known as the Black Bull Hotel, Killearn) occupies a key site in the centre of the Conservation Area and its closure is a loss to the village.
- There is a need for hotel accommodation in the area.
- A succession of short term licensees in recent years led to poor service and loss of reputation which will be difficult to overcome.
- The need for refurbishing the hotel to attract interest.
- Punch Taverns should look at what **they** can do to make the hotel a success, eg review terms and conditions of leases (are they unfair to lessees?) and agree to financial investment. In order that past failures are not repeated, changes need to be made in the running of the hotel in the future.
- If Punch Taverns are unable to adopt a new approach to leasing the hotel, they should consider selling it. We understand that there has been some interest in purchasing the hotel. *(Action MH)*

## **CC372 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT**

Margaret explained that SC planners will undertake a detailed assessment of Mactaggart and Mickel's site layout and design, access arrangements etc before the planning application is submitted. It was agreed that Margaret write to Richard Callender to confirm that further consultation will take place with KCC after SC assessment of the plans and also to emphasise the number of houses built should be 30 (in line with the Reporter's report) and not 33. A site meeting with SC Roads Dept has been requested to explain how access via a roundabout from Station Road will work. *(Action MH)*

## **CC373 – ROAD REPORT**

Jim Allan spoke to the meeting regarding three outstanding issues which have not received attention from SC:

- Drainage problem at Birch Road.
- Unreadable directional road sign opposite The Old Mill.
- Rumble strips at Boquhan

Cllr Muirhead agreed to follow these matters up.

As Jim A is leaving KCC, the meeting wished to record their thanks for his work.

## **CC374 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Ian Muirhead reported on the following:

- New arrangements for waste collection to be implemented in the autumn. Information will be available to the public from promotional literature, community roadshow events, newspaper and radio, updates on SC website and social media.

- Nominations for Queen's Award for voluntary groups should be given to Cllr Muirhead by 16 September 2016.
- Following the closure of Balfron High School for safety inspections, pupils have now returned and are using parts of the school. Portacabins are also in use and a marquee is accommodating pupils during lunch times. An independent enquiry will take place in the future to provide answers to questions arising from this situation.
- Local Development Plan out for consultation between July and December 2016.
- Stirling bid for City Development Framework.
- Reduction in number of directors and senior managers at SC to be finalised in the near future.

### **CC375 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

May expenses	£80.00
Current bank balance	£1066.25

### **CC376 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **CC377 – YOUTH MATTERS**

As Kirstie was unable to attend the meeting, there was no youth report. Margaret informed the meeting of a Community partnership event at Balfron High School on Tuesday 20 September from 9.00 – 11.00 am to publicise work experience and volunteering opportunities.

### **CC378 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Margaret reported on the following meetings attended:

- KCFC meeting on 26 May:  
  
Commemoration of WW1 planned by All Killearn Archives in Village Hall in September.  
KCFC Facebook page set up with groups to add pictures and short text.  
Implementation Group to focus on community use of vacant properties, activities for the young and improving village communication.
- Community Empowerment meeting on 23 May.

### **CC379 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- SC Community Engagement
- Changes to local transport
- Community Energy Forum on 20 June in Stirling

Margery introduced Ian Denvir as the new Community Link Officer from SC who replaces Pam Campbell. He explained his role in supporting and working with the community of Killearn and assisting in liaising with departments within SC.

**CC380 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting was informed that following the Boundary Commission report, Forth and Endrick ward would remain the same and that Cambusbarron would not be added.

**CC381 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will be held on 21 September 2016 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School. Anyone who wishes to contact KCC over the summer should do so via the website.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.