

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2017**

Members present	Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Robert Dunn, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Heather Wright
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Tom Morley, Police Scotland
In attendance	Cllr Alistair Berrill, Ian Denvir SC, Euan Shaw, Steven Macdonald (SC Economic Development Unit), Leigh Biagi and Duncan Clark ('On the Verge'), 14 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to <a href="http://www.killlearncc.org.uk">www.killlearncc.org.uk</a> and click on contact button

The motion was proposed by Robert and seconded by Margery to co-opt Heidi Bryce to KCC membership with full voting rights. Heidi will attend the next KCC meeting in May.

### **CC491 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017**

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

### **CC492 – PRESENTATION**

Margaret welcomed Leigh Biagi and Duncan Clark to the meeting. 'On the Verge' is a Stirling based, voluntary, community project establishing areas of native wildflowers for the benefit of bees and other pollinators. 'On the Verge' is willing to undertake wildflower projects in Killlearn, working with the local community and providing advice and seed mix. Local residents welcomed the idea and it was agreed representatives from Colourful Killlearn, Horticultural Society and the Growers Group liaise with Leigh and Duncan to identify suitable areas for wildflower planting. Further information about 'On the Verge' can be found at [www.facebook.com/OnTheVergeStirling](http://www.facebook.com/OnTheVergeStirling)

### **CC493 – PRESENTATION**

Margaret welcomed Steven MacDonald of Stirling Council Economic Development Unit to the meeting. Having recently joined SC in January 2017, Steven explained to the meeting that half of his role is to support the rural economy and that SC is fully committed to rural development. He outlined the following strategies:

- Rural economic action plan to be completed by June.
- Rural economic development forum. Quarterly meeting to be launched in June.
- Tourism and Events Plan ensuring rural areas represented.

Finance for capital projects such as rural broadband, rural business hubs, rural digital hubs and food production facilities is available and Steven is keen to hear from any local businesses that SC can assist.

Rural smart screens will be sited in Callander and Aberfoyle and mobile market pods will be available for use at local events. Crowdfunder Stirling, together with SC training programme, will be available and an external funding database focussing on economic development is underway.

It is hoped a community event will be organised in Killearn in late summer 2017 to promote the work of the Economic Development Unit. In the meantime, further information is available by telephoning Steven on 01786 233154 or emailing [macdonaldst@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:macdonaldst@stirling.gov.uk)

#### **CC494 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC480 – Matters Arising, Blane Bridge**

Temporary containment barriers will be erected over the damaged section of the Blane Bridge, to remain in place until the bridge is repaired. This will narrow the road but permit it to remain open. While repair work is undertaken, the bridge will also be strengthened. Work to be carried out between May and September.

- **CC480 – Matters Arising, Flying Fox**

Margaret informed the meeting that the Flying Fox has now been reinstated.

#### **CC495 – POLICE MATTERS**

Margery presented the following police report:

- Police continue to patrol in the area around Killearn Primary School following complaints of youths gathering and drinking in the playground.
- On 30 March, motorist in Main Street found to be driving without a licence and insurance. He was reported to Procurator Fiscal.
- Driver parking on the A809 near the Devil's Pulpit reported to Procurator Fiscal for causing an obstruction.
- Further speed checks carried out in Beech Drive.
- Continued patrols at Killearn Primary School in response to complaints about illegal and inconsiderate parking.
- Between 20 and 21 March, batteries stolen from set of temporary traffic lights on A81 near Dumgoyne.
- On 14 April, police investigated a group of deer stalkers who were found to be operating legally with the permission of the local landowner.

A member of the public raised concern about the number of people visiting the Devil's Pulpit and subsequent parking problems caused. It was agreed KCC contact SC regarding same and request the police also report their concerns to SC.

Thanks were expressed to the police for their work at Dumgoyne regarding car parking and it was agreed Margery note this on the police report feedback form. (*Action MB*)

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

#### **CC496 – POLICE 2026 CONSULTATION**

Due to lack of expertise and knowledge, it was agreed KCC should not respond to the Police 2026 Consultation document.

#### **CC497 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

Euan informed the meeting that the new fibre cabinet at the Killearn exchange is now live and accepting orders. About half of Killearn postcodes are now connected to a cabinet. The full report can be seen on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

## **CC498 – PLANNING**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

17/00186/FUL Erection of 5 Houses at land NW of Red Cottage, Blane Smiddy Road, Killearn G63  
KCC to object on grounds of application being premature as SC requires to define a boundary. Also no mention of affordable housing in application.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00847/FUL Amendment to House Design approved per 11/00270/FUL at land adjacent and SW of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn  
Approve with conditions

17/00092/FUL 6 new Velux Windows and 1 new Sash and Case Window on gable at 11 The Square, Killearn G63 9NF  
Approve

17/00108/FUL First floor Extension over garage at 21 Birch Road, Killearn G63 9SG  
Approve

17/00087/FUL New ground floor Extension to rear, new Porch and Enlargement of Roof Dormer at 92 Main St, Killearn G63 9LF  
Approve

17/00177/FUL Erection of 2 single storey Extensions at lower ground floor 8 Chestnut Avenue, Killearn G63 9SJ.  
Approve

17/00152/FUL Alterations and extension including formation of hairdressing salon ancillary to dwelling at 8 Branziert Road, Killearn, G63 9RG  
Approve with conditions

### **Blairessan**

Jim informed the meeting that the Community Panel met to discuss M&M's additional design statement and sent their comments to SC regarding same. No further information has been received from SC.

### **Killearn Hotel**

A decision on the application for change of use from hotel to residential accommodation is expected by the end of May.

### **Killearn Hospital Site**

Following a meeting with the owner of the site, SC reached agreement on felling of certain trees. Concern was expressed regarding the collapse of more buildings but the meeting was informed that SC is monitoring the situation.

## **CC499 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

It was announced that Robert would take on responsibility as KCC Roads and Maintenance Correspondent. The ongoing problem of drainage on the new section of Birch Road was again raised. Agreement between Scottish Water and SC has not been reached in trying to find a solution and it was requested that KCC remind SC that the

main problem is the smooth surface of the pavements/road and that this needs to be addressed. (*Action MB*)

Full report available on KCC website [www.killlearncc.org.uk](http://www.killlearncc.org.uk)

### **CC500 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Alistair Berrill spoke to the following points:

- Local Council Election in May. Cllr Berrill encouraged residents to vote.
- Parking decriminalisation comes into force on 3 May.
- £140K allocated in SC budget for rural transport. No further information available regarding B12 bus service.

### **CC502 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

David spoke to the draft annual accounts to 31 March 2017.

Income	£1288.67
Expenditure	£1292.65
Deficit	£ 3.98
Current bank balance	£1142.27

Accounts are currently with the Independent Examiner, to be brought to KCC meeting in May for formal approval. They will then be adopted at the KCC AGM in June.

### **CC503 – QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **CC504 – YOUTH MATTERS**

Tom was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed his report outlining that students are currently preparing for exams with study leave starting next week and that the bus situation has improved, although after school buses still charge students.

### **CC505 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Margery spoke to the correspondence as follows:

- Complaints about vehicles in park driving over oak tree roots.
- Complaints about waste collection. It was agreed KCC write to SC expressing residents’ comments and frustrations. (*Action MB*)

### **CC506 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Child Protection workshop to be held on 28 April 2017 in the Garden Room of Killlearn Village Hall at 1.30 pm.

### **CC507 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will take place on 17 May 2017 at 8.00 pm in Killlearn Primary School. The meeting ended at 10.08 pm.