

## KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2017

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

Apologies Doug Ashworth, Tom Morley, Police Scotland

In attendance Cllr Alistair Berrill, Ian Denvir SC, Euan Shaw, 24 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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The motion was proposed by David and seconded by Hilary to co-opt Elizabeth Jones to KCC membership with full voting rights. Elizabeth was welcomed to the meeting.

### **CC448 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016**

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

### **CC449 – POLICE MATTERS**

As the police were unable to attend the meeting Margery presented the police report:

- On 13 January, motorist on A875 Killearn found in possession of cannabis.
- In recent weeks, there have been large numbers of youths loitering around the Primary School in the evenings and throwing eggs at windows of neighbouring residential properties. To assist in their enquiries, the police request such incidents be reported to them by calling 101.
- On 14 December, two men on a motorcycle charged with road traffic offences on A875 and reported to Procurator Fiscal.
- Driver found to be with no motor insurance on Balfron Road on 19 December and reported to Procurator Fiscal.
- Two vehicle collision on Balfron Road on 23 December. No-one was injured.
- In early hours of 29 December, a commercial premises was broken into on Balfron Road. A quantity of alcohol was stolen. A man has been arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

It was agreed Margery inform the police of the parking and safety issues caused by people wishing to climb Dumgoyne and leaving their cars on the road near Glengoyne Distillery. (*Action MB*)

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

### **CC450 – MATTERS ARISING**

- **CC434 – Matters Arising, Roads and General Maintenance Report**

A meeting will take place on 19 January to discuss the A81 closure and bridge repair. It is anticipated that the repair work will be carried out between February and May when the road will again be closed.

Scottish Water have informed KCC that SC requested they partially repaint the mini roundabouts at Branziert Road. This has been done and SC has now been asked to complete the repainting.

- **CC434 – Matters Arising, Co-op Post Office Counter and Killearn Hotel**

As no reply has been received to KCC's second letter to the Co-op HQ regarding the proposed Post Office, it was agreed Margaret write a third letter. (*Action MH*)

Representatives from KCC and KCFC met with the agent for Punch Taverns on 21 December to discuss Killearn Hotel. Punch Taverns have been taken over by Heineken and a property consultant appointed to conduct a feasibility study to re-develop the hotel as a going concern or consider change of use. KCC expressed strongly the need for hotel accommodation in the village and emphasised that the community would like to see the hotel re-open. A further meeting will take place at the end of January.

- **CC439 – Priority Based Budgeting (PBB)**

No further information on PBB has been received.

#### **CC451 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

There have been no significant changes over the last month. The full report is available on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

#### **CC452 – PLANNING**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

16/00804/FUL New Extension to Dumgoyne Cottage, Killearn G63 9LD  
No comment.

16/00784/FUL Construction of Residential development, Landscaping and Access at Blairessan House, Station Road, Killearn.  
KCC object. See CC453 Blairessan Development.

16/00795/PPP Proposed Erection of New House 60m north of Endrick Cottage, Ballochruin Road, Killearn  
KCC object on grounds of conflict with Housing in Countryside policy.

16/00832/FUL Erection of Summerhouse and Decking to rear of 9 Lampson Road, Killearn  
As no planning permission was originally applied for, SC has now imposed this requirement.  
KCC object on grounds of noise, nuisance, appearance and environmental impact

16/00796/FUL Change of use of Land from brownfield site to extend existing garden at Endrick Cottage, Ballochruin Road, Killearn  
KCC object.

16/00847/FUL Amendment to approved plans for house at land SW of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Load, Killearn  
No comment.

17/00007/FUL Extension and new roof with side dormers at 8 Branziert Road North, Killearn.  
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

16/00733/FUL Replace side Extension with single storey Extension to south, new 1.5 storey Extension to north connecting to rear link at Mill House, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LQ.  
Approve.

16/00673/FUL New House at Land 55m east of Ballochruin Farm, Balfron Station.  
Approve with conditions.

16/00726/FUL Amendment to house type and roof of previous application at Home Farm, Killearn G63 9QH  
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Enforcement**

Investigation into siting of Advertisement at Beech Drive Killearn.  
Advert removed.

#### **CC453 – BLAIRESSAN DEVELOPMENT**

Jim presented the draft proposed response by KCC to planning application 16/00784/FUL, erection of residential development, access and landscaping at land between Gartness Road and Blaressan House, Station Road, Killearn. Following discussion at the meeting and taking cognisance of concerns expressed by some members of the public, KCC agreed to formally object to the planning application on the following four grounds:

- Structure Plan
- Design of houses and relationship to surrounding area
- Environmental impact
- Access

It was agreed Jim word the objection which will be submitted by Monday 23 January.

#### **CC454 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Margery presented the report and outlined the following:

- Meeting with KCC and SC to be held on 30 January to discuss pavement prioritisation, traffic calming, speeding and communication with SC.
- Pavement work currently being carried out from Graham Road to rear of school.
- Despite two further emails to SC, no response has been received regarding double yellow lines at top of Station Road.
- Ian Denvir SC has raised the issue of drainage problems on the new section of Birch Road with Cllr Graham Lambie.
- New pavement completed at Balfron Road. It was suggested that for comparatively little expense, the pavement should have been extended beyond the bus stop. It was also noted that money has been wasted in painting double yellow lines along the length of Balfron Road just before it was dug up to install the new pavement.

- Although the broken gate had been replaced at the play park, the nails used were not long enough to keep the gate secure. Also no latch had been fitted to keep dogs out of the play park. Margaret has reported this to SC.
- KCC have reported blocked drains to SC but no response received.
- It was agreed Margery contact BT Customer Services re attention required at access point for telecoms opposite 49 Station Road. (Action MB)

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

#### **CC455 – PARKING CONSULTANT’S REPORT**

Following a meeting in October attended by representatives of community groups and businesses who own parking or whose activities generate a demand for parking, a parking consultant’s report has been received. Margaret presented its findings. It was felt that parking in Killlearn was adequate outside peak times, using the public car parks at the Health Centre and on Main Street, opposite the Co-op and also using on-street parking. Occasional large events such as weddings, funerals and the firework event do present problems for a limited period of time. Members of the public, where possible, were encouraged to walk or cycle around the village and asked to avoid parking all day in private car parks at the Pharmacy, shops, Church and Village Hall as this can affect the viability of local businesses. The Church and Village Hall will liaise when planning large events.

Margaret informed the meeting that SC will be introducing Community Wardens to oversee parking and issuing of tickets. There are no plans to charge for parking in the village.

#### **CC456 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Alistair Berrill spoke to the following points:

- SC budget will be decided on 23 February 2017.
- It is hoped that there will be no contentious issues with PBB this year.
- Scottish Government is introducing an increase in council taxes for homes in bands E, F, G and H which will be implemented by SC from April 2017. The following increases will apply:

Band E 7%  
Band F 13%  
Band G 18%  
Band H 22%

- Council elections will be held in May 2017.
- Care Village in centre of Stirling is due to open autumn 2018.
- Decriminalised parking to be introduced by SC from March 2017.

Ian Denvir of SC informed the meeting of Community Engagement Team Strathendrick Care Hub meeting on 31 January and Rural SW meeting on 20 February.

#### **CC457 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Current bank balance	£1872.99
Expenses from last month	£76.50

KCC has received grant for parking consultant's report of £560 and minute secretarial grant of £360.

**CC458 – QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public asked when the new football changing rooms will be open. A request has been made to connect the new drains to those of neighbouring properties. As soon as an agreement has been legally drawn up, appropriate permission will be given and the final work completed.

**CC459 – YOUTH MATTERS**

As Tom was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Youth Report.

**CC460 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

There were no reports of meetings attended.

**CC461 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Margery spoke to the following correspondence:

- Changes to local bus timetables, including introduction of a new B9 circular service between Balfron-Killlearn-Croftamie-Drymen-Balfron.
- It was agreed to support Buchlyvie Community Council in their request to have the 10.10 am Balfron – Stirling and 4.05 pm Stirling – Balfron bus services reinstated.

**CC462 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Further to a complaint about the unsightly state of the Woodland Cemetery, it was agreed KCC contact SC requesting the area be tidied up. (*Action MB*)

Carole Young informed the meeting of a new initiative involving Killlearn Kirk and KCFC working with Town Break, Stirling, for patients with dementia and their carers.

**CC463 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will take place on 15 February 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Garden Room, Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm.