

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2019

Members present	Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Doug Ashworth
In attendance	Cllr Alistair Berrill, PC Gary Martin (Police Scotland), Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 28 members of the public
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CC746 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2018

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

CC747 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Gary Martin presented the police report, outlining the following:

- Report of youths allegedly damaging a bus shelter. No damage confirmed but youths were warned and dispersed.
- Youth issues within the grounds of the Primary School causing noise disturbance at the weekends.
- Enquiries continuing re report of offensive remarks made via Facebook.
- Three warnings issued to drivers caught with the Speed Radar Gun.
- Two reports of dogs having been struck by passing vehicles.
- Vehicle in ditch on the outskirts of the village.
- Sheep straying onto roads in local area. Drivers advised to take extra care.
- Report of cold callers collecting for charities in December.
- Residential alarm calls investigated by police but all in order.
- Report of possible housebreak-in but on investigation found to be a drunk male who was lost.
- Police welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons.

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

CC748 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC739 – Treasurer's Report**
Notification received confirming the SC grant has been issued.
- **CC740 – Question Time**
A six week upgrade programme began on 14 January for pavements on Branziert Road North.

CC749 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

As Doug was unable to attend the meeting, Andrew reported that there have been no changes to the connectivity of premises in Killearn this month. However, some additional ducting work has taken place in the lower end of Drumbeg Loan and at the top of Lampson Road. Residents of premises in Gartness have formed the Gartness Community Group and have gained a grant from SC to explore how broadband can be improved in their area.

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

CC750 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

18/00846/FUL Single Storey Front Extension, 2 Storey Rear Extension and Side Extensions, New Roof Construction with 3 Dormers at 42 Branziert Road North, Killearn G63 9RF
No comment.

18/00851/FUL Single Storey Rear Extension to House at 29 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ
No comment.

18/00836/FUL Relocation of Access at Land North West of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

18/00773/LBC Alteration to Grade 3 Listed Building comprising New Patio Doors, New Dormer Window and Internal Alterations at The Moss, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LY
Approve.

18/00774/FUL Formation of New Dormer to Lower Wing at The Moss, Drumbeg Road, Killearn G63 9LJ
Approve.

18/00778/FUL Renewal of Permission 15/00567/FUL for Erection of 2 Dwellings at Land and Buildings at Former hall, Main Street, Killearn
Approve with conditions.

18/00807/FUL Extension to rear of dwelling house at Jura Cottage, Boquhan, Balfron G63 0RW
Approve.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

18/00761/FUL Relocation of Access at Land North West of Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn

CC751 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Following discussion with SC re the traffic island at the top of Station Road and the yellow lines on Balfron Road, Jim informed the meeting of the latest situation. In light of the strength of feeling against their implementation, SC Roads Department has decided to delay installing the double yellow lines. However this situation will be monitored and if any report is received which indicates that vehicle(s) have encountered difficulties negotiating the junction, the yellow lines will be laid with immediate effect. The double yellow lines to be laid on Station Road will be marked out as soon as possible and arrangements are being made for the traffic cones on Balfron Road to be removed.

Local businesses affected by these yellow lines have written to SC requesting clarification on how the situation will be monitored and asked for consultation on any further action taken. KCC requested a copy of this email and SC's answer.

There ensued discussion from the floor on the traffic management plan for Station Road, including a traffic island, which began at least seven years ago. The community is finding the recently installed island of great assistance.

The problem of parking within the village was also further discussed. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the car park at the Pharmacy is not a public car park but for the use of Pharmacy customers only. Local residents are asked to respect this and not abuse this facility. It was agreed KCC inform SC of local concerns with reference to parking and convey the desire to work together to provide solutions. It was noted that a survey of parking provision was carried out some years ago. SC intends to meet with community representatives regarding this in April. (*Action JP*)

Jim informed the meeting that KCC plan to walk round the village, list the roads and pavements that require attention and forward same to SC. (*Action JP*)

CC752 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Alistair Berrill highlighted the following points in his report:

- SC looking at the possibility of parking charges in rural area.
- It is hoped there will be funding in the 2019/20 budget for work to be carried out on the Branziert roads (and other roads deemed a high priority).
- Recent changes to booking system for DRT (Demand Responsive Transport).
- SC to set budget for 2019/20 on 21 February 2019.
- At the SC meeting in December, a decision was taken to introduce / support cheaper funeral services. Further details to be made available.
- Improvements to white lining and cats' eyes have been made on A811.

A request was made from a local resident to provide an area in the woodland cemetery for ashes as they felt the SC charge to scatter ashes being the same as for a lair appeared most unreasonable.

C753 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in bank £750.95

Elizabeth reported that a letter confirming the payment of the grant from SC has been received and funds are expected to be lodged in the account shortly.

CC754 – QUESTION TIME

A bin/dog waste bin was requested for Station Road. It was agreed KCC contact SC re same. (*Action FR*)

The management and poor condition of the woodland cemetery was identified by a local resident with a request for SC to replace the stolen gates, renew posts identifying graves, provide an information board to show where people are buried and treat the place of burial with respect, rather than a place for SC workers to dump mud, branches and piles of chipping. KCC agreed to visit the cemetery and write to SC accordingly. (*Action JP*)

CC755 – YOUTH MATTERS

The following youth matters were reported:

- Years 4, 5 and 6 at Balfron High School are currently on study leave for prelims.
- Two pupils spoke to the Scottish Parliament about their recent trip to Auschwitz.
- Sanitary products are now available in the girls' bathrooms at the High School.
- Discussed need for education on how problems associated with drug abuse affect local residents and for more effectual deterrents for offenders.

CC756 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

CC757 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on correspondence received on disposal of Christmas trees and notification of Keep Out signs on the pipe track walk when shooting was taking place.

CC758– ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Graeme Fraser spoke to the meeting regarding the future of the Killearn Fireworks Display. Whilst the Display itself is very successful and well supported, there are growing concerns about the anti-social behaviour of large numbers of young people, in other areas of the village, *after* the event. Comments from the floor included a request for more police presence, dispersal points to assist people to leave and additional bus services towards Stirling to take people home. Further discussion will take place at the next KCFC board meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed KCC write a letter of support to Graeme Fraser in favour of continuing this event. (*Action JP*)

Jim informed the meeting that KCC are looking to co-opt more councillors from April. Interested parties should contact KCC direct.

CC759 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 20 February 2019 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.29 pm.