

## **KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Members present	Janet Duncan, Susie Henderson, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, Gillian Lynas (Rural Stirling Housing Association), Euan McDonald (Rural Stirling Housing Association), Matt Gingles Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 34 members of the public

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### **CC834 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2019**

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

### **CC835 – POLICE MATTERS**

As the Police were unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the following report outlining incidents over the summer months:

- Searches carried out during static road check and in car parks on the outskirts of Killearn, resulted in persons found in possession of cannabis.
- Damage caused to parked motor vehicle but no trace of persons responsible.
- Road accidents at Finnich Toll.
- Ongoing parking issues at Finnich Toll.
- Reports of sheep, cows and fallen trees on roads surrounding Killearn.
- Vehicle crashed into hedge on Station Road. No injuries sustained.
- Thefts of jewellery, cash and mountain bikes from residential properties. Male reported to The Procurator Fiscal in relation to a number of these incidents.
- Local police officers have provided extra attention in the village through the evenings and nights.
- Continued static road checks to disrupt travelling criminals and detect drink drivers.
- Alarm activations attended to immediately with all being verified in order.
- Three incidents reported of suspicious vehicles in Killearn. All such calls are welcomed by the police.

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

### **CC836 – MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 26 June 2019.

### **CC837 – CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

It was voted unanimously that Heidi Bryce and Caroline Carrick be co-opted as members of Killearn Community Council.

### **CC838 – FORMER KILLEARN HOTEL**

Matt Gingles informed the meeting of his team's proposals for the former Killearn Hotel. It is hoped a pre-planning application will be submitted in the next week for 16 freehold flats. There will be a mix of two and three bed flats and three lifts within the development. Due to deterioration and interior damage, it is proposed that the existing building be demolished and rebuilt to look very similar to the original. It will be set back 2 metres to allow widening of the road and creation of a pavement, as well as a green space at the front of the property. It is hoped the flats will be completed by the end of 2022 and preference will be given to local people to buy initially.

In general, there was support for these proposals at the meeting and KCC will be kept up to date of progress.

### **CC839 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP**

Doug informed the meeting that about a third of Killearn postcodes do not yet have access to a fibre connection. Over the summer, work has been carried out in Main Street and it is hoped that the Drumbeg Loan cabinet will soon be live.

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

### **CC840 - PLANNING**

#### **Planning Schedule**

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

19/00450/FUL Replacement of Single Glazed Windows with UPVC Double Glazed Units at Kilwhang, 79 Main Street, Killearn G63 9NE  
No comment.

19/00483/FUL Replacement of 2 Metal Framed Windows with 2 Like for Like Timber Windows at Kirkland, 69C Main Street, Killearn G63 9NE  
No comment.

19/00411/FUL Change of Roof Materials to Existing Dwelling and Extension at 29 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ  
No comment.

19/00581/FUL Replacement of 4 Timber Sash and Case Windows with Identical Double Glazed Units at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9ND  
No comment.

19/00613/FUL Erection of Pre-Fabricated Building to Provide Ancillary Accommodation to Dwelling at Kincapple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan G63 0RW  
The Community Council Objected to this Application on the Grounds of Environmental Impact, Design and Relationship to Surrounding Buildings and Access.

19/00612/FUL Erection of 2 Dwelling Houses at Land Adjacent and SW of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn  
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

19/00309/FUL Proposed Dwelling House and Detached garage at Land Adjacent to and SW of Blacklaw, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn  
Approve with Conditions.

17/00529/FUL Proposed Change of Use from Class 7 to Class 9 and Conversion of Existing Building to Form 14 Apartments at The Killearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killearn G63 9NG  
Approve subject to Section 75.

19/00464/FUL Extension to Dwelling House at 7 Lampson Lane, Killearn G63 9PF  
Approve with Conditions.

19/00230/FUL Conversion of Barn to Public Art Studio with Porch and Side Extension (retrospective) at Oakwood Garden Centre, Killearn G63 9PT  
Approve with Conditions.

19/00411/FUL Change of Roof Materials to Existing Dwelling and New Extension at 29 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ.  
Approve.

19/00325/MSC Erection of Dwelling House and Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions to Application 16/00064/PPP re Building Height, Access, Visibility, Parking and Waste Collection at Land 580m SE of Little Carbeth, Drumtian Road, Killearn.  
Approve.

19/00450/FUL Replacement of Single Glazed W with Double Glazed UPVC Units at Kilwhang, 79 Main Street, Killearn G63 9LF  
Approve.

19/00244/FUL Installation of Barrier at Car Park Entrance and Exit at Headrigg Square, Killearn G63 9BQ  
Refuse.

19/00613/FUL Erection of Pre-Fabricated Building to Provide Ancillary Accommodation to Dwelling at Kincaple, Jenny Gunn's Loan, Boquhan G63 0RW  
Approve with conditions.

- **Planning Panel Recommendations**

19/00244/FUL Approve the Installation of the Barrier. KCC wrote for clarification and has been informed the installation has been refused.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

19/00209/PPP Erection of Building for Holiday Let at Carbeth Lodge, Drumtian Road, Killearn G63 9QB

- **Planning Enforcement**

EN/19/131/UNAUTH Erection of gate Main Street, Killearn G63 9RQ

### **Other Planning Issues**

Ewan McDonald representing RSHA gave an update on the proposed development of twelve affordable houses in Lampson Road. Following the appointment of the architect, engineer and quantity surveyor, a feasibility study will be carried out. It is then hoped that design proposals will be brought to the November KCC meeting for consideration. Three local residents expressed interest in joining the Community Panel to work with RSHA on this project.

### **CC841 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

There was no roads and general maintenance report.

### **CC842 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Berrill highlighted the following local issues:

- Proposed changes to the timetable for First local buses will come into effect on 21 October.
- SC Children and Young People's Committee meeting to decide on closure of Croftamie Nursery.
- New SC manager appointed for Department of Environment and Waste.
- Your Stirling, You Decide results awarded two successful projects in Buchlyvie and Arnprior.

### **CC843 – TREASURER'S REPORT**

As Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting, there was no treasurer's report.

### **CC844 – QUESTION TIME**

The following questions were raised from members of the public:

- Request from member of the public to restrict working hours for agricultural vehicles using Station Road. It was agreed KCC write to SC on this matter. (*Action JP*)
- Concern was expressed by a local resident about how the former Killearn Hospital site is to be remediated. KCC agreed to write to the developers requesting clarification of their proposal. (*Action JP*)

A number of comments were made from the floor about the development and it was agreed these be passed to Barton Willmore for their consideration. These covered the following:

- A pathway from Abbeyfield to the housing development.
- Formation of a community workshop.

- Overloading of sewerage system.
- Impact of extra children attending local schools.
- Request for play areas within the development.
- Lack of public transport in the area.
- Impact of additional traffic on A81. It was suggested that KCC liaise with Strathblane CC on this matter.
- Request for an allotment area on site.

#### **CC845 – YOUTH MATTERS**

There was no youth report.

#### **CC846 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

There were no reports of meetings attended.

#### **CC847 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- New benches at Beech Drive and The Kingdom.
- Dog waste bins on Station Road.
- Dropped pavement on Birch Road for wheelchair/pushchair access to park.
- Electric car charging points in car park at Killearn Health Centre.
- Community Council Conversation on Monday 23 September in Balfron.
- Treatment of giant hogweed.
- Surplus annual summer bedding plants.

#### **CC848 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The idea of a pedestrian road crossing somewhere on the main road through Killearn was discussed. It was agreed KCC write to SC in support of such a proposal. (*Action JP*)

Fiona informed the meeting that she is still working with Royal Mail regarding the replacement post box on Lampson Road.

The meeting supported the adoption of the BT phone box in Main Street. Further correspondence is awaited from BT and future use of the phone box will be discussed and confirmed in due course.

It was agreed that a local resident investigate funding for Christmas lights in Main Street/Balfron Road.

#### **CC849 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC meeting will take place on 16 October at 8.00 pm in Killearn Church Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.