

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2020

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Doug Ashworth, Janet Duncan, Chloe French, Sophie Swift, Police Scotland
In attendance	Cllr Alistair Berrill, Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary), 37 members of the public
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

CC906 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2019

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

CC907 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the police report.

- One male found in possession of cannabis.
- Ongoing enquiries regarding the registered keeper of the abandoned black Vauxhall Astra in the field off Station Road.
- Road traffic accident near Finnich Toll with driver suffering minor injuries.
- Serious road traffic accident on A81 near Duntreath Estate causing serious injury to two drivers. One male reported to Procurator Fiscal for careless driving.
- Vehicle stolen from Birch Road. Keys for car were stolen through the letter box. On the same night, persons were attempting doors in Blanefield area. Residents are reminded to keep all doors locked and not to leave keys in open view.
- Calls received regarding persons selling household items at the door in Killlearn and Balfron. Persons were checked and found to have a pedlar's certificate.

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

CC908 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC900 – Question Time – Blairessan**
Jim informed the meeting that the road at the entrance to the Blairessan development has been completed. The temporary patches and the chicane on Station Road have also been finished.

CC909 - BROADBAND

Jim presented the Broadband Report as Doug was unable to attend the meeting.

There have been no changes apart from properties at the foot of Lampson Road now being able to apply for an FTTP connection. Thanks are due to Martin Comisky for his assistance in this matter. The Broadband Delivery Forum will meet next week when it is hoped plans for the R100 programme will be established.

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

CC910 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00056/CON Demolition of Hotel at The Killlearn Hotel, 2 The Square, Killlearn G63 9NG
No comment.

20/00066/FUL Extension to Rear of House at The Grange, Boquhan G63 0RW
KCC to comment that the extension is to the rear **and** to the side and that it is out of keeping with the rest of the house.

20/00094/FUL Erection of wooden slatted fence to rear of dwelling house at 71 Main Street, Killlearn, G63 9LF
No comment.

20/00098/FUL Erection of 86 dwelling houses with (in principle) erection of 5 Class 4/Class 1 buildings and care home facility, demolition of remaining buildings and remediation of the site, with associated infrastructure, open space, landscaping drainage and tree works at Land And Buildings At Former Killlearn Hospital, Killlearn

It was agreed to form a Community Group to liaise with Cala Homes on this project. Chaired by Jim, other members are Gordon Bauwens, Heidi Bryce, Matt Gingles, Hilary McGregor and Fiona Rennie. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 February at the Three Sisters Bake coffee shop in Killlearn.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

19/00901/LBC Extension to Rear, Infill of Side Door, Installation of Conservation Rooflights and Alterations to Existing Chimney at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfron Road, Killlearn G63 9NJ
Approve with conditions.

- **Issues of Council Interest**

20/00057/FUL Change of Use from Class 7 (Hotel) to Class 9 (Housing) Comprising Demolition of Existing Building and Construction of 16 Apartments with External Amenity Space and Parking at The Killlearn hotel, 2 The Square, Killlearn G63 9NG

- **Other Planning Issues**

Consultation is now ongoing for The National Planning Framework which is now being reviewed.

Although the planning application for the Lampson Road development has not yet been submitted, local residents were informed of investigative work to be carried out on 29 January. Subsequently, complaints were received regarding the construction traffic and it was agreed Jim contact the company requesting there be the least disruption possible. (*Action JP*)

CC911 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

The survey of roads and pavements in Killearn has now been completed and can be seen on KCC website. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments to KCC.

The following were noted at the meeting:

- Pothole at Killearn Kirk opposite the Old Mill.
- Excess rain water and poor drainage on Station Road.
- Request for SC to review chicane on Station Road due to problems for both cyclists and drivers.
- Note of discrepancy between Council Tax paid by residents of Killearn and SC spending in Killearn compared with other local villages.

CC912 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his report, Cllr Berrill spoke of the SC Budget for the year which will be set next week, the pilot scheme for the X10 Sunday bus service to Stirling which will last until Spring 2021 and a case brought by Blairlogie to the SC Environment & Housing Committee which succeeded in extending the 30 mph limit in their area.

CC913 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£40.00
Current bank balance	£1434.57

CC914 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public suggested an orchard might be planted on Well Green. As this area is owned by Killearn Trust, it was agreed Jim forward the suggestion to the Trust. Next year, Colourful Killearn plan to position planters on top of the wall at Well Green.

Further to questions regarding flooding at the Playpark, the meeting was informed that the work needed to drill through the rock base is in hand. There are also drainage problems in the football field and it was agreed Jim look into this matter. (*Action JP*)

CC915 – YOUTH MATTERS

As it is half-term school holiday, there was no youth report.

CC916 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports of meetings attended.

CC917 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Complaints of speeding at Napier Road/Lampson Road.
- Changes in the 'cow field'. (See also AOB)
- Bicycle rack enquiry at the Co-op.
- Petition to save Bank of Scotland, Balfron.
- Offer to assist with internet banking skills from local resident, Craig McKellar.

CC918 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Further to local concerns about recent changes in the 'cow field', the meeting was informed that this is agricultural land owned by the Gordon Trust and currently rented out to a farmer. As the farmer wishes to put sheep in the field, fencing has been replaced and a padlock put on the kissing gate at the top of the Glen. Barbed wire has also been placed where there was a stile beside Abbeyfield. While the farmer does not want dogs being walked in the field where there are pregnant ewes and must protect his animals, KCC will investigate legality of using barbed wire. KCC have also contacted SC regarding the right of way across the field from a stile beside Abbeyfield.

Following discussion re the closure of the Bank of Scotland at Balfron, members of the public were encouraged to sign the petition organised by Balfron Community Council to keep the bank open. This can be done online or at the Co-op. It was agreed KCC also write a letter of support and liaise with other affected local villages. A two day opening and sharing of bank premises were discussed as possible options. *(Action JP)*
It was noted that residents could conduct some banking operations at the local post offices in Balfron or Oakwood and that plans were being discussed for a cash machine on the outside wall of the Co-op in Balfron.

Hilary spoke to the meeting regarding Strathendrick Care Home in Balfron. Currently there is one room occupied by a resident with the remaining rooms used for respite care. Assurance had been given to Hilary that preference will be given to local residents who need Strathendrick's services. As Abbeyfield in Killearn currently have three rooms unoccupied, negotiations are underway between Abbeyfield and Health & Social Care Partnership regarding the use of such rooms for respite care. However, no decision has yet been made. It was agreed Cllr Berrill find out more information about the situation.

A number of flags from the Rotary Club have been found in the former Killearn Hotel. It was agreed to ask Peter Smith if the Archives Group would be interested in these.

The 1 mile Fun Run and 10k Run will take place on Saturday 6 June.

KCFC are working with Killearn Heritage Trail to establish plans for a trail route in Killearn. This will comprise eight information boards sited around the village each of which will require planning permission costing £210 each. If the planning application is done in the name of KCC rather than KCFC, there will be a 50% reduction in costs. As this does not raise any issues for KCC, it was agreed KCC submit the application, thus saving KCFC over £800.

It was announced that the Three Sisters Bake coffee shop will re-open after its refurbishment on Thursday 22 February.

CC919 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will take place on 18 March 2020 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.