

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2020

Members present	Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Heidi Bryce, Janet Duncan, Susie Henderson Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw, Christine Bauwens (Minutes Secretary) 15 members of the public
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 17 June 2020 was held via Zoom.

CC939 – KCC STATUTORY BUSINESS

As the KCC AGM will not be held until it is possible to hold face-to-face public meetings, the following items of statutory business were voted:

- Elizabeth Jones (Treasurer), Jim Ptolomey (Chair) and Fiona Rennie (Secretary) to continue in post until the AGM is held.
- Subject to an amendment to the 2020 amount for Minute Secretary, to sign off the KCC Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2020.

CC940 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2020

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

CC941 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC942 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona presented the following Police Report:

- Extra resources have been employed in recent weeks to address the ongoing problems at Finnich Glen. Tickets have been issued and one vehicle uplifted.
- Theft of bike from riverside near Blane Smiddy roundabout.
- Head on collision on A809 near Queen's View. One driver suffered serious injury and the other driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for dangerous driving.
- Male found in possession of cannabis on A809 near Finnich Glen.
- 2 vehicles were damaged while parked at a private driveway near Finnich Glen.

Following further discussion regarding Finnich Glen, KCC agreed to support Cllr Lambie's suggestion to SC requesting double yellow lines on the B834 and to make the A809 a clearway.

David Young informed the meeting that his agents, Bell Ingram, are in communication with SC planning department but as yet SC have made no decision on the proposed development at Finnich Glen.

CC943 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00305/FUL Alteration to Roof and Additional Balcony to Rear of House at 52 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RH
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00175/FUL Installation of Barrier (retrospective) at Car Park at Headrick Square, Killearn
Approve.

A local resident pointed out that approval was subject to the barrier being changed from red and white to white only and that this has not been done. The Enforcement Officer has been informed of the situation.

20/00179/FUL Replacement of Four Windows at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfroon Road, Killearn G63 9NJ
Approve.

20/00180/LBC Replacement of Four windows at The Tollhouse, 18 Balfroon Road, Killearn G63 9NJ Listed Building
Approve.

- **Planning Applications Withdrawn**

19/00986/FUL Construction of New Extended Footpaths, Alteration to Walls, Re-alignment of Access and Landscaping at Dumgoyne Distillery, Strathblane G63 9LB

Other Planning Matters

- **Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site**

RSHA are still awaiting section 75 being approved by SC before submitting detailed planning. Following discussion, it was agreed JP seek clarification from SC on when the three year date begins for work to start. It was also agreed that Cllr Lambie request RSHA consider alternative sites to Lampson Road for housing eg the former Killearn Hospital site. (*Action JP*)

- **Former Killearn Hospital Site**

The meeting was informed that the Cala house types have been changed to smaller homes. KCC still have concerns regarding the footpath link to the village, lighting and the three pedestrian crossing points and require clarification on these matters. The matter of decontamination of the site was discussed. As no

information had been received from SC, it was agreed Jim write to them again seeking assurances that proper measures will be taken and confirmation that the site will pose no further danger. *(Action JP)*

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Progress is being made with the developer currently in communication with SC roads department. Historic Scotland has given their approval for the building to be rebuilt in a similar style. Following concerns expressed about the current state of the building, it was agreed Jim write to the developer and SC requesting the premises and surrounding area be tidied up as much as possible.

CC944 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Emergency repairs to drain covers in Station Road and on Main Street near the Co-op have been undertaken.

CC945 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies reported on:

- The 1140 hour nursery provision for parents.
- Requests received from parents of P7 pupils to find a way, in the current Coronavirus pandemic, for their children to say goodbye to classmates and teachers before going on to Balfron High School.

Cllr Lambie reported on the following:

- Request for government to assist the self-employed who are paid by dividends.
- Ongoing problems in managing numbers of visitors to the National Park.
- It is hoped Balfron Recycling Centre will open next week initially for cars and light vans via a booking system. Full details on SC website.
- Bank of Scotland in Balfron not to close during lockdown.
- New bus shelters have been erected in Killearn.

CC946 – TREASURER'S REPORT

£500 grant has been received from SC to help with expenses during COVID-19 crisis.

CC947 – QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked for clarification about KCC's role in the recent public petition regarding Finnich Glen. It was explained that KCC merely acted as a vehicle and point of contact between petitioners and SC but remained neutral and expressed no view on the matter itself.

As a result of the feeling expressed at the meeting about the problems at Finnich Glen, it was agreed Jim write to SC in support of the planning application for the development at Finnich Glen and again highlight the problems of parking, erosion and damage to banks, danger in using the steps etc. Jim also encouraged local residents to make comments on the planning application. *(Action JP)*

A local resident wished to express grateful thanks to the teachers at Killearn Primary School for their help for pupils during the Coronavirus lockdown.

CC948 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Issue of speeding on Balfron Road. It was noted that because of lockdown, there are no cars parking along this road and cars are tending to drive faster than they normally would.
- Alyn Smith MP is keen to hear views of community councils regarding the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Instead of person to person surgeries, Zoom calls can be arranged.

CC949 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

CC950 – KCFC UPDATE

Mike Gray spoke to the meeting outlining the following activities, albeit curtailed due to the current medical and social crisis:

- Work of Colourful Killearn
- Production of The Courier for August
- Uncertainty about the Fireworks Display due to current circumstances
- Launch of Heritage Trail postponed until Spring 2021
- Work of Paths Group
- Sustainability Group had to cancel Eco Fayre in May
- Economic impact of Coronavirus lockdown on Village Hall

Please see KCC website www.killlearncc.org.uk for full report. Comments are welcome and will be passed to Mike.

Mike informed the meeting that a grant from Energy Saving Trust had been received to purchase four electric bikes for a “Try Before You Buy” loan scheme. It is hoped the bikes will be available on a one month trial basis in a few week’s time.

CC951- BROADBAND

Doug responded to questions from local residents from the Branziert area with advice and help regarding problems with broadband.

CC952 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 16 September 2020 at 8.00 pm. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.