

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2020

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Susie Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Cllr Graham Lambie, Euan Shaw 17 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)
How to contact us	Go to www.killlearncc.org.uk and click on contact button.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the KCC meeting on 18 November 2020 was held via Zoom.

CC979 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2020

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

CC980 – MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CC981 – POLICE MATTERS

As Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting, due to it being held via Zoom, Fiona presented the following Police Report:

- Report of number of youths setting off fireworks.
- Minor vandalism to a motor vehicle parked outside the Co-op.
- Female charged with minor assault.
- Further reports of inconsiderate parking at Finnich Glen although due to the time of year and inclement weather, the area has not been as busy as in previous months.
- Police attended to calls relating to sheep on roadways.
- Dog struck by vehicle in Killearn.
- Continued issue of vehicles speeding in the village.
- Police investigated report of possible abandoned vehicles in Killearn. Enquiries ascertained the owners were away walking.
- Ongoing enquiries into attempted theft of tools from a parked motor vehicle on outskirts of the village.
- Police attended immediately to report of allegedly suspicious male walking in Killearn. Investigations confirmed all was in order.
- Ongoing enquiries into numerous reports of a fraud involving tickets being sold via a website for “Winter Wonderland”.

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

CC982 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme Fraser was welcomed to the meeting as the new Convenor of KCFC. Because of COVID restrictions, Graeme reported that the Kitchen Window café will not now open at the end of November as had been hoped. The annual fireworks display also had to be cancelled and plans for a Christmas Market, due to be held at the end of November/early December in conjunction with The Old Mill, have been postponed. Plans for the “switch on” of the Christmas tree lights outside the Village Hall have still to be confirmed.

CC983- BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting that there has been no significant news to report this month. It was agreed that information be posted on KCC Facebook page regarding interested parties for the potential wireless service to the Branziert.

A local resident enquired about broadband fibre work being done in the Gartness Road area. Doug agreed to contact the resident direct with more information.

Another resident wished to record thanks to Doug for his help in getting broadband to his property in Lampson Road.

CC984 – PLANNING

Planning Schedule

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

20/00641/LWP Extension to Dwelling House at Kilchoan, 2 Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG. (Replacement of Existing Sun Room to Rear)
No comment.

20/00687/PPP Erection of Dwelling House within the Walled Garden at Garden Ground at Stockinghill, Station Road, Killearn
KCC has commented on this application.

20/00726/FUL Construction of New and Extended Paths, Re Alignment of Access Road, Railings, Signage, Street Lights, Bus Shelters and Associated Minor Works at Glengoyne Distillery, Strathblane G63 9LB
No comment.

20/00731/FUL Erection of Single Storey Garage at 21 New Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QT
KCC has commented on this application.

20/00694/FUL 1 replacement house (Plot 1) and 1 house in adjacent site (Plot 2) at Red Cottage, Blane Smithy Road, Killearn G63 9QQ
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

20/00560/FUL Erection of Conservatory to Rear of House at 42 Allan Road, Killearn G63 9QF
Approve.

- **Other Planning Issues**

Request for Opinion on Scope of Environmental Impact Study for 6 Wind Turbines 150m High at Drummarnock, Carron Valley.

Other Planning Matters

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

The application is being processed and awaits passing. Demolition work, which will take 3 – 4 weeks, may possibly begin in January or February.

- Finnich Glen

There is no further news on this development as conditions are awaited from SC Planning Department. It was noted that details of planning conditions have been promised by Friday 20 November. If not forthcoming, Councillors Davies and Lambie have offered to chase this up.

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

The sub-group met with Cala via Zoom to look at the possibility for a multi-use path from the site to the village. Caroline explained that Cala propose only a footpath 1.2 – 1.5m wide running beside the A81 and up Station Road. It is the responsibility of SC to make good the path at the bottom end of Station Road. The sub-group plan to continue working for a safe multi-use path with the support of SC. It was agreed copies of letters from the sub-group be posted on KCC website to keep residents informed of progress.

With regard to the removal of contaminated material from the site, the meeting was informed that proper licences have been obtained and that strict procedures will be followed.

The treatment plant at the back of the site will be removed and made good by a barn type conversion.

- Rural Stirling Housing Association – Lampson Road site

Planning permission in principle has been granted to build eleven houses. As the present proposal can be seen as a new application, KCC submitted an objection on the grounds of trees being demolished, increased parking, over-development of the site and the finish of the properties. No reply has yet been received from SC.

CC985 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Work has recently been carried out on Gartness Road and on Station Road. Patching has been done on Lampson Road and Napier Road. It was noted that the junction at Lampson and Napier Roads is itemised in the SC schedule of works planned for the next three years.

CC986 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Lambie reported on the following:

- COVID cases spreading in both urban and rural parts of SC, resulting in Level 4 measures being implemented on 20 November 2020. Residents are asked to support local businesses during this difficult time.
- The recent death of local resident and Trossachs Search & Rescue leader, Stuart Ballantyne from COVID.
- Grey and brown bins to be replaced 4 – 17 January. Residents will receive letter from SC with further information.

Cllr Davies reported on:

- Pressure on local businesses due to Level 4 restrictions.
- High levels of sickness in teaching staff in SC.
- Local car parks to remain open in Level 4 lockdown.

CC987 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Elizabeth gave the following report:

Expenses	£163.82 (pots and bulbs for Sharing Happiness project)
Current Bank Balance	£2314.00

CC988 – QUESTION TIME

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- Bad drainage at the Playpark.
SC is aware of this problem and work is awaited.
- Temporary road signs on Station Road and A809 near Finnich Glen.
It was agreed KCC write to SC Roads Department for clarification as to why these signs are still on the roads now that double yellow lines have been painted.
(Action JP)

CC989 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Scottish Water combined sewer in Cow Field. As a surveyor has been seen looking to replace the pipe bridge, it was agreed KCC request sight of proposals with a view to commenting on same. Concern was also expressed about contamination of land used by farm animals. (Action JP)
- Unsuitability of Category F3 display of fireworks from a property in Birch Road.
- Reminder for SC park and bin maintenance vehicles to avoid damaging roots of trees when accessing the park.

CC990 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KCC wish to send deepest condolences to the family of Stuart Ballantyne, a Trossachs Search & Rescue leader, who died of COVID.

It was announced that Janet Duncan is retiring from KCC. After more than 30 years' service to the village as Post Mistress and KCC councillor, Janet and her husband, Donald, are moving to England to be nearer their family. KCC wish to send their best wishes and grateful thanks for her contribution to the village.

KCC now have a vacancy for a councillor and also for a youth member. Please contact KCC for more information if you are interested in either of these positions.

The Advent Window Scheme will begin in December to brighten up the village during the winter ahead. It is also proposed to put lights on lamp posts, in addition to the lights on the tree at the Village Hall.

Thanks were expressed to the local nurseries helping with the Sharing Happiness Project. Pots, compost, bulbs and cards are being prepared by the children to be distributed soon to nominated local residents.

CC991 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 16 December 2020. This will be held again via Zoom and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.