

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Members present	Michael Bowdidge, Heidi Bryce, Andrew Donaldson, Hilary McGregor, Fiona Rennie (Chair)
Apologies	Caroline Carrick, Elizabeth Jones, Jessie-Anne Malcolm (NHS Forth Valley), Euan Shaw
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Cllr P Henke, Lachlann Mackenzie, PC Graeme McNulty and PC Matt McCammon (Police Scotland), Jim Ptolomey, Scott Kennedy (SC Active Travel Officer) 17 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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As Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting, Fiona took the chair.

CC1325 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023

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

CC1326 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC1315 – Police Matters**

Further to recent damage to the stone wall near the entrance of the Buchanan View housing development, PC McNulty informed the meeting that the matter was being progressed with the insurance company concerned. A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with careless driving, failing to stop after a road traffic collision and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

CC1327 – POLICE MATTERS

PC McNulty introduced PC Matt McCammon who joined the Community Policing Team at Balfron on 14 August. PC McNulty then presented the following report:

- Enquiries are ongoing into a theft by housebreaking from a property under construction.
- Theft of a child's bicycle from a domestic garden.
- Number of chickens stolen from a residential garden. As this is not an isolated incident, members of the public are requested to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
- Number of motorcycles stolen from nearby village. Motorcycle owners are urged to secure their bikes and consider any home security deterrents.

- Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance Service and Lomond Mountain Rescue Team called out on two separate occasions to rescue persons from the Devil's Pulpit at Finnich Glen. Police continue to liaise with SC Enforcement Officers regarding indiscriminate parking around this area.
- Damage to wall at Well Green. No suspects have been identified in relation to this offence.
- 2 fixed penalty notices issued and a number of drivers cautioned after recent speed checks undertaken by police using hand-held radar.

Following a discussion about the local community becoming involved with a Community Speed Watch Campaign, PC McNulty informed the meeting of the following qualifications:

- Necessary equipment to be purchased by local community.
- Location to be risk assessed and approved by police.
- Team of three volunteers to work together, having undergone police training.
- Can only be done in daylight hours and not when raining.
- Police to be notified when speed watching is to be done.
- Speed watching to be undertaken for 1 hour at a time.
- Data collected to be given to police, who will then decide on appropriate action.

It was agreed PC McNulty obtain further information from his Inspector and bring this to a future meeting. It was also suggested it might be worth talking to other local Community Councils to discuss the possibility of sharing the cost of the equipment.

The upcoming Fireworks Night was discussed. PC McNulty informed the meeting that while those attending the actual event were well behaved, some post event activities such as drinking, throwing fireworks at police and generally making trouble were a cause for concern. He urged parents to make sure they know where their young people are and what they are doing after the event.

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

CC1328 – KCFC UPDATE

It was with much sadness that Graeme informed the meeting of the death of Jim Henderson, former Colourful Killlearn chairman, and expressed condolences to his family.

Recent events included the very successful Open Gardens Scheme and the Active Killlearn Event organised by Caroline Carrick and her colleagues.

Sarah Deas spoke to the meeting about Cycling Killlearn, details of which will be available on KCFC website. The aim of the Action Plan is to establish and encourage a cycling community, promote and manage community e-bikes, foster road safety through cycle training, organise bike maintenance workshops with bike checks, and contribute to the creation of active travel paths in the area. A £5000 grant has been secured to assist with costs.

Thanks were noted to SC who is providing ten bike racks with seven to be positioned outside the Village Hall and three outside the Tennis Courts.

CC1329 – BROADBAND

Doug informed the meeting of the latest progress with broadband. Over the summer, work has been done by Morrison Telecoms and Openreach and now upgraded connectivity is available to most of the remaining parts of the village. Upgrades can now be ordered but it is not known how soon a connection can be made.

Local residents can check the availability of their premises by using the BP Openreach Fibre Checker <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-checker>

Grateful thanks were expressed to Doug for his ongoing work and also to Euan Shaw for providing interim connectivity over recent weeks and months.

CC1330 – PLANNING

As local planning consultant to KCC, Jim spoke to SC Planning Schedule from 21 June – 13 September 2023. It should be noted that Application 23/00445/FUL for garden leisure studio room at Limetree Cottage, 8 Main Street, Killearn has now been withdrawn.

Please see KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk for the full planning schedule.

Work at the former Killearn Hospital site is in its final stage of demolition. An advanced construction team is on site carrying out tree root protection works and site compound formation.

Further to CALA's invitation for suggested street names, these will be named Bruce Court, Fraser Place, Galbraith Court, Grant Road, Kennedy Street, Teasdale Street and Templeton Avenue.

The meeting was informed about the four-property development near Killearn on the site of the World War 2 gun emplacement and that its postal address will be known as Queens View Crescent.

CC1331 – LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Michael informed the meeting of the draft timeline for Killearn's Local Place Plan, outlining details from September 2023 – January 2025. It was announced that Michael, Caroline, Elizabeth and Fiona will form a Working Group for the Place Plan together with representatives from KCFC and Killearn Trust.

Local residents were encouraged to participate in the Place Standard Tool Survey which can be carried out online or by requesting a paper copy from KCC. More information will be available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

CC1332 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Fiona presented the following report:

- The very poor condition of the footpath on Station Road, below Lampson Road towards the A81, has again been reported to SC. KCC awaits their response.

- B834 from junction with A809 to junction with A81 will be closed from 2000 hours on 2 October until 0600 hours on 3 October for ground investigation works at Blane Bridge.
- Kerbside weed spraying work carried out by SC in early September. Due to cutbacks, this will only be done once a year, instead of twice. A local resident requested that residents be told in advance when the spraying work is scheduled so that parked cars can be moved.

CC1333 – CORRESPONDENCE

From the correspondence received over the summer period, Fiona highlighted the following:

- Medicine blister packs can now be recycled at Killearn Pharmacy.
- Bench installed half-way down Drumtian Road. Grateful thanks were expressed to Doreen Snadden, Mr and Mrs Boyle and local volunteers for their assistance with this project.
- Following recent elections, KCC has two further vacancies. Local residents are encouraged to consider joining KCC to help with roads and planning and also to be part of the local place plan development. Interested parties need to be at least 16 years old, live within the KCC area, be registered to vote in that area and are not members of SC nor the Scottish, U.K. nor European Parliaments. For further information and an application form, please email contactus@killearncc.or.uk before Monday 23 October.

CC1334 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC1335 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Henke informed the meeting that SC is facing an unprecedented financial challenge and requires to make an estimated £12,000,000 of savings for 2024/2025. Members of the public are asked to join in "The Big Conversation" to help with ideas of how to tackle some of the key issues involved.

It was noted that SC has still not consulted regarding the 20 mph speed limits in Killearn. An update was requested in June 2023 but KCC has not received a reply. It was agreed Cllr Henke follow this up on behalf of KCC.

CC1136 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew reported expenses of £79 (admin and hire of hall) and £20 to Scotways. Income of £1.82 (interest) was received. Current balance of funds stands at £490.54.

CC1337 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

CC1338 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on 18 October 2023 in the **Garden Room at the Village Hall**. The meeting will be streamed to enable residents to join online if they prefer not to attend the physical meeting. The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.