

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2015

Members present Jim Allan, Margery Burdon, Andrew Donaldson, Janet Duncan, Margaret Harrison (Chair), Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey, David Scott, Heather Wright

Apologies Kirstie Robertson

In attendance Doug Ashworth, Cllr Alistair Berrill, PC Steven Graham, PC Ray Murphy, Euan Shaw, 14 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary)

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CC292 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2015

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

CC293 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC279 – Matters Arising – Path from car park to Health Centre**

The path to the Health Centre which requires lighting and upgrading has been reported to the Health Board.

CC286 – Question Time – Post Office and Notice Board

Margaret informed the meeting that Killearn Co-op is in discussion with the Post Office regarding taking over post office services.

As Spar has now closed, there is no car parking available behind the shop.

Any notices for the notice board outside Spar can now be left at one of the following three addresses:

- Machar House, Ibert Road,
- 40 Graham Road
- 5 Birch Road

Alternatively they can be emailed to contactus@killlearncc.org.uk

CC294 – REPORT FROM KILLEARN BROADBAND GROUP

Doug Ashworth presented the report highlighting the following:

- Some further properties have now been connected to the ADSL2+ service, resulting in doubling previous speed. This is because ISP has taken up improved service from BT Openreach.
- SC appointed Douglas Baillie to improve liaison with Digital Scotland programme.
- Broadband Advisory Group (BAG) to be re-launched but no date yet available.
- Problem in taking orders with Cabinet E3 on Station Road is being investigated by Stephen Chambers of Digital Scotland.
- No detailed information available re the new “onesy” cabinet proposed opposite 1 Crosshead Road.
- A further cabinet is also proposed but as yet no further details available.

- The Broadband Group will argue for re-routing, to connect some properties to the nearest cabinet and not to the exchange.
- Mobile (3G/4G) Broadband is not considered part of the NGB programme. Mobile coverage, however, is expected to improve over the next 6 months.
- Pending work on the Balfron exchange may include an FTTC cabinet possibly sited near Parkhall in Boquhan and could be live by June 2016. A second FTTC cabinet, undergoing a Field Survey, is to be located near Ballochruin and is anticipated to be live by October 2016.

The full NGB Report is available on KCC website.

CC295 – POLICE MATTERS

PC Ray Murphy informed the meeting of the following:

- Static speed checks carried out resulting in one driver charged with speeding on Station Road.
- Non injury road traffic collision on A809 near Finnich Toll involving one vehicle.
- Two vehicle accident on A875 near Heron's Court. No injuries but one male reported to Procurator Fiscal for dangerous driving.
- Shoplifting incident at Killearn Co-op on 17 December.
- Report of missing person from Balfron – John William Miller, known as Billy – last seen in Alexandria area on 7 January. Anyone with any information of his whereabouts should contact police on 101.

Local resident expressed concern about safety when large vehicles mount the pavement on Main Street near Beech Drive. Police agreed to monitor the situation.

It was noted that the police still have responsibility for parking offences eg parking on double yellow lines.

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

CC296 – PLANNING

- **Valid Planning Applications Received**

15/00793/FUL Creation of Office, Workshop and Septic Tank 95m North of Ballochruin Farmhouse, Killearn.
No comment.

15/00846/FUL Creation of new Car Park at Beech Tree Inn Killearn G63 9LA west of property using secondary access and replacing existing access to A81.
Further to concerns expressed by neighbours of Beech Tree Inn, KCC to request a site visit from SC Planners and ask for time to discuss matter at next KCC meeting. Neighbours to be present at site meeting and Killearn Paths group to be kept informed of outcome. Cllr Berrill to investigate situation further with SC.

16/00007/PPP Erection of new House NW of The Garth, Gartness Road, Killearn G63 9NT.
No comment.

- **Decisions of Appointed Officers**

15/00742/FUL Broadband Cabinet opposite 1 Crosshead Road, Killearn.
Approve.

15/00764/FUL Sheep Shelter 268m west of Millhouse, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn.
Approve

- **Other Planning Issues**

11/00670/FUL Erection of 5 houses north west of Red Cottage, Blane Smiddy, Killearn.
KCC comment supporting views of existing owners.

CC297 – ROAD REPORT

Jim A presented the road report and spoke to the following highlighted points:

- Proposal for buffer zone of 40 mph from current 30 mph sign to beyond Lampson Road to appear in Stirling Observer on 29 January 2016. This was supported.
- Plans received from SC re 20 mph zone in “Trees” estate.
- David Maley of SC to investigate the pavement outside Killearn Kirk.
- Proposal for double yellow lines on Station Road to appear in Stirling Observer on 29 January 2016.
- Agreement reached with SC regarding resurfacing pavement and road, together with insertion of higher kerb on Main Street at entrance to Beech Drive.
- Drainage work now underway at Turnip Field to facilitate drainage and reduce surface water on new section of Birch Road. KCC to monitor situation.
- David Maley of SC to arrange re-painting of roundabout road markings on Main Street at Branziert Road and Drumbeg Loan.

A local resident voiced concern about the problem of large vehicles passing each other on Ballochruin Road, resulting in damage to verges. On-going talks with SC and residents are in progress regarding the possibility of providing laybys to ease the situation. KCC agreed to write to SC in support and also to request the various departments involved in SC consult one another. (*Action JA*)

It was requested that SC be contacted regarding activating fully the vehicle-activated signing on A81 at Dumgoyne/Beech Tree Inn. (*Action JA*)

The meeting was requested to report any potholes to SC via their website or through KCC website. Alternatively use *Fix My Street* app to report issues to SC.

The full road report is available on KCC website.

CC298 – PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN “TREES” ESTATE

KCC unanimously agreed to support this proposal.

CC299 – PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING (PBB)

Due to the recent Scottish Government Finance Budget, Margery explained that SC will have to make more cuts than expected. A public consultation meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 February from 6.00-7.30 pm in Balfron High School to discuss further cuts.

Margery spoke to the draft proposal document which is available on KCC website. Due to factors such as unhelpful PBB document format, use of wordy jargon making it difficult to understand what is actually meant and lack of specific information provided, Margery explained the difficulty experienced in contributing meaningful comments. Indeed, it was felt that specialist and technical knowledge was needed to comment effectively. SC was urged to do a cost benefit analysis for future PBB information.

CC300 – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Alistair Berrill reported on the following:

- SC to find a further £2.6m in savings over and above expected £3.5m because of Scottish Government’s Finance Budget. Residents were encouraged to attend the consultation meeting on 3 February at 6.00 pm in Balfron High School.
- Mactaggart and Mickel engaged in preliminary discussions with SC regarding the Blaressan development.

CC301 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Expenses incurred	£69.99
Income (interest)	£ 0.14
Current Balance as at 31 December 2015	£1039.21

Annual grant for 2015 secretarial expenses has been submitted to SC but not yet paid. David requested that any expenses from members be given to him by end of March.

CC302 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

CC303 – YOUTH MATTERS

As Kirstie was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Youth Report.

CC304 – REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

- At a recent meeting regarding Strathendrick Care Home, Hilary volunteered to be a member of the Steering Group set up to investigate the need for respite care and rehabilitation in the western rural areas. The decision to close Strathendrick was taken in 2009 but SC appear willing to reconsider this decision.
- Margery spoke very positively about a meeting attended with PC Ray Murphy and PC Steven Graham who are anxious to work closely with the communities they serve. They plan to regularly attend the twelve CC meetings in their area, one of which is KCC. Ray and Steven report to the community police sergeant in Dunblane. David McNally deals with response from Balfron. He has no day to day responsibility for the work of the community officers.
- Please phone 999 for any emergency. For non emergencies, phone 101 or email ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

CC305 – CORRESPONDENCE

Margery spoke to the correspondence record highlighting the following:

- Community Link Officers appointed by SC expected to take up position at end of February/beginning of March.
- Information from Pam Campbell, SC, regarding volunteering opportunities for young people.

CC306 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Anyone interested in joining KCC should apply by Friday 12 February. Details available on SC website at end of January.
- If you wish to sign up for an email copy of KCC agenda and minutes, issued two weeks before date of each KCC meeting, please contact us via KCC website.
- Due to a delay caused by access arrangements, it is now anticipated that work will begin on the Football Pavilion by A21 Construction Ltd on 7 March with completion planned by 13 June. Delivery of materials will be made at Birch Road spur but contractors' vehicles should be parked at Killearn Hotel car park.
- The following training courses are free of charge and open to all in Village Hall:
 - Heart Start Training on 17 and 26 March
 - Child Protection Training on 22 March

CC307 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held on 17 February 2016 at 8.00 pm in Killearn Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.