

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2021

Members present	Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones, Hilary McGregor, Jim Ptolomey (Chair), Fiona Rennie
Apologies	Susie Henderson, Jessie-Anne Malcolm NHS Forth Valley, Police Scotland
In attendance	Doug Ashworth, Cllr Rob Davies, Graeme Fraser KCFC, Cllr Jane Hutchison, Euan Shaw, 20 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 15 December 2021 was held via Zoom.

CC1125 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021

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

CC1126 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC1115 – KCFC Update**

Jim informed the meeting that KCC does not imagine being actively involved in the Kings Highway Project.

- **CC 1118 – Roads and General Maintenance Report**

KCC has written to Scottish Water regarding the surface water which flows near the chicane on Station Road and awaits a response.

CC1127 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- Youths were found to be interfering with traffic bollards at the Trees estate. After being challenged by a local resident, the bollards were returned.
- A vehicle was uplifted on A81 for having no insurance.
- A vehicle came off the road on A81 near Balfron Station. No injury sustained.
- Police continue to carry out speed checks at Balfron Road, Killlearn.
- Ongoing enquiries into theft of lead from the roof of Killlearn Kirk.

- Report of suspicious vehicle in the area of Oakwood Garden Centre. Police searched the area but no vehicle was seen.

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

Requests from the floor regarding re-erecting several traffic bollards near Oak Place and the adjusting of the Killearn Cemetery sign on Station Road were noted.

Jim also informed the meeting that the Heritage Trail boards and the Kirk Noticeboard, all of which were damaged during recent storms, are in the process of being repaired and replaced.

CC1128 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme informed the meeting of the Christmas Lights switch on and thanked everyone involved. Appreciation was expressed to KCFC and The Killearn Trust for their financial help for operating the lights. Grateful thanks were also given to Colourful Killearn and Eden Mill for the Christmas tree at Killearn Kirk.

Changes in COVID guidelines because of the Omicron variant, may impact upon activities at the Village Hall.

CC1129 – BROADBAND

Doug spoke on work taking place across the road from the Village Hall by BT Openreach which, when complete, will provide a FTTC (fibre to the cabinet) connection that should give the opportunity for an improved broadband service for the Kirk, Village Hall and Killearn Health Centre.

A broadband survey has been completed at Killearn Primary School and works have been agreed but no start date has yet been announced.

CC1130 – PLANNING

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

Other Planning Matters

- Development of Former Killearn Hotel

Project on programme. Preparations are being made to put in concrete floors at the beginning of 2022.

- RSHA Development at Lampson Road

No further information available.

- Former Killearn Hospital Site

Jim informed the meeting that he had met with the site owner and exchanged letters with SC Planning Department and the Developer regarding the situation at the former Killearn Hospital site. The SC Special Meeting scheduled for 15 December has been postponed until 17 January 2022.

It was noted that this situation is classed as a commercial dispute between the owner of the site and CALA, the Developer. If a solution cannot be found and the site cannot be 100% decontaminated, KCC would reluctantly support 70-80% decontamination. Following discussion from the floor and concern expressed by some local residents about deviation from the original planning application, it was agreed KCC write to SC questioning if the application should be classed as major variation and requesting clarification on the matter. (*Action JP*)

CC1131 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Fiona reported on the survey taken regarding a pedestrian crossing in the village and thanked all those who had taken part. SC had suggested three possible sites for two possible crossings. However, local feedback supported the need for only one crossing in the vicinity of the Outdoor Classroom on Main Street. There was little support for another crossing on Balfron Road, rather preferring to use any additional funds in other ways. It was agreed KCC reports feedback to SC. (*Action FR*)

SC has agreed to repaint the road markings on the bend at Balfron Road/ Main Street at the former Bank building and has added this to their Works Plan.

Following enquiries about lighting in the park on the path near Birch Road, Fiona informed the meeting that SC cannot do this as the path has not been adopted. A request has now been made by KCC that SC adopt same. It was also noted that the path in the park alongside the ruined church has sunk, leaving a potentially hazardous kerb dropping to a lower level. SC has also agreed to address this on their Works Plan.

Cllr Jane Hutchison proposed a community speedwatch group to collect data to assist the local police. There was support for this initiative and it was agreed to keep this on KCC's agenda and revisit same once SC has reported its own findings in the new year. In the meantime, any interested parties should contact Cllr Hutchison on hutchisonja@stirling.gov.uk

A SC briefing for Councillors will be held on 16 December regarding the local bridges. More information will then be available about Branshogle and Catter Burn bridges.

CC1132 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Davies and Cllr Hutchison reported on the following:

- In order to have a direct voice to SC, deputations can now be made by community groups to the Council.
- Serious reservations and concerns have been expressed about the Health & Social Care Survey questionnaire for secondary school pupils. A SC special meeting will be held on Friday 17 December regarding this issue.
- Cycling World Cup is coming to this area in 2023.
- SC hybrid meetings will take place after the election in May.
- Cross party agreement regarding the local bus service and plans to discuss solutions.
- 600 births were registered last year and over 1000 deaths in Stirling district, causing concern about the decrease in population in rural areas.

It was noted that Killearn Primary School would be very supportive of finding solutions to inconsiderate parking and speeding problems in the village.

Further to recent discussions regarding a proposed cycle path linking Balfron and Killearn, a local resident proposed the path be sited alongside the A875 opposite the houses in Boquhan, rather than behind the houses. In this way, privacy issues would be solved. It was agreed these comments be forwarded to the KCFC Paths Group.

CC1133 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses	£40.00 (admin fees)
Current Balance	£1605.93

As the invoice for operating the Christmas lights has just been received, a contribution of £267.00 will be paid from KCC funds.

CC1134 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

CC1135 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona informed the meeting about the suggestion of cycle racks at Killearn Primary School and about SC arrangements for bin collections over Christmas and New Year. The brown bin collection will be suspended for one cycle between 27 December and 2 January. There will be an extra blue bin collection to help recycle plastic waste over the festive period. Residents should all receive a letter from SC detailing the arrangements.

CC1136 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was informed that The Killearn Trust is considering plans for Well Green and will keep residents informed of progress.

CC1137 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2022 at 8.00 pm. Details of how to join the Zoom meeting will be issued nearer the time.

Jim thanked everyone for their continued support and wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.