

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2024

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| Members present | Heidi Bryce, Caroline Carrick, Andrew Donaldson, Elizabeth Jones (chair), Hilary McGregor, Calum McLean, Fiona Rennie |
| Apologies | Michael Bowdidge, Susie Henderson, Cllr Paul Henke, Lachlann Mackenzie, Brenda Pell, Theresa Prescott, Police Scotland |
| In attendance | Graeme Fraser (KCFC), Jim Ptolomey (KCC Planning Consultant) 20 members of the public, Christine Bauwens (Minute Secretary) |
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Elizabeth introduced Emily Semple who will be the new Minute Secretary as from April 2024 and welcomed her to the meeting.

CC1403 – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2023

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

CC1404 – MATTERS ARISING

- **CC1392 – Matters Arising – SC Budget Cuts**

Elizabeth updated the meeting on the SC budget cuts which will impact local residents. These include an increased cost of the Garden Waste Permit, an increase in some car parking charges, reduction in funding for the Citizen's Advice service and reduction in funding for libraries. The bus service has not been affected for the time being.

- **CC1389 – Any Other Business – War Memorial Missing Names**

The meeting was informed that nine names with regiment and rank will be inscribed on a plaque to be placed at the base of the war memorial. A planning application will be made for same and although the plaque will not be ready in time for the ceremony marking the War Memorial's centenary in April 2024, it will be unveiled as soon as possible thereafter.

CC1405 – POLICE MATTERS

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

- No crimes were reported to the Police during February 2024.
- Reports of vehicles speeding on Station Road but on arrival of Police, there was no trace of the vehicles.

- Concerning reports of dangerous driving and speeding near the Killearn Kids Hub on Main Street have been received. Members of the public witnessing same are asked to contact the Police and, if possible, give the offending vehicle's registration number as this will give the Police a line of enquiry with the registered keeper.

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

CC1406 – KCFC UPDATE

Graeme thanked all those involved in the production and distribution of the latest Killearn Courier. Thanks were also expressed to the advertisers and encouragement given to support these local businesses. A request had been received asking how to donate to the Killearn Courier and it was suggested an article appear in the next edition explaining how to do this.

CC1407 – PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

Planning Schedule

Further to the objections raised to Planning Application 23/00719/FUL - Erection of multi-storey dwelling house and double garage, landscaping and formation of new paved driveway at garden ground of 41 Station Road, Killearn, Jim explained to the meeting that the SC Enforcement Officer has instructed a Retrospective Planning Application for work on the existing house. Adjoining neighbours will be notified of this and should submit any objections to SC. When the planning application is received, Jim will advise KCC as to how to proceed and report back at a future KCC meeting.

The full Planning Schedule is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk

Local Place Plan

As Michael was unable to attend the meeting, Elizabeth gave a progress report regarding the Local Place Plan:

Distribution of leaflets to local residents
Article in Killearn Courier
Information given to local businesses
Involvement of P7 at Killearn Primary School
Banner to be placed outside the Village Hall

The closing date to respond to the survey has been extended to the end of April and when data has been compiled, a community event will take place informing local residents of details.

The survey can be accessed online at www.bit.ly/kcplace. Paper copies are also available by contacting KCC at contactus@killearncc.org.uk

CC1408 – ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT

Calum reported further on the dangerous driving incident as outlined in the Police Report above. A vehicle driving at speed on Main Street did not stop at the zebra crossing near Well Green. SC has been informed and has agreed to install warning signs of a zebra crossing on both sides of the road.

A member of the public raised the issue of more 20 mph signs within the zone and it was agreed KCC ask SC to install these as soon as possible. (Action CMcL)

In addition, it was agreed KCC ask SC for clarification on the 20 mph limit request for Station Road. (Action CMcL)

It was noted potholes have been filled in the area and thanks expressed to SC for undertaking this work.

The meeting was informed of a cyclist who came off his bike and was knocked unconscious after hitting an unmarked raised ramp on Drumtian Road. It was agreed Calum take up this issue further with SC. (Action CMcL)

The continued inconsiderate parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the Co-op was discussed. Members of the public are reminded that parking on pavements is illegal and damage done to this section of pavement is causing particular difficulty to pedestrians.

Following discussion on local problems with roads etc, a member of the public suggested preparing a report for SC outlining the issues, flagging up risks and making reasonable suggestions as to dealing with same. It was felt that SC may be more willing to take action if this were undertaken.

CC1409 – CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona reported on correspondence relating to the following issues:

- Suggestions for a new street name for the Rural Stirling Housing Association development off Lampson Road.
- New rail service by Grand Union Trains to open between Stirling and London.
- *Spring Clean Scotland* in association with *Keep Scotland Beautiful* can provide litter-picking callipers and litter bags to help tidy up Scotland. Bags will be collected at the end of the litter pick and disposed of safely.

CC1410 – QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

CC1411 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As Cllr Henke was unable to attend the meeting, there was no Councillor's Report.

CC1412 – TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew presented the following Treasurer's Report:

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| Expenses: | |
| Admin and Hall hire | £66.00 |
| Happiness Project chocolate and cards | £88.98 |
| Current balance of funds | £388.66 |

CC1413 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Fiona gave a presentation on Cyber Safety, outlining the importance of creating good passwords to combat scamming. It is advised to use three random words to create a password that is easy to remember but hard to guess. The mixing of lower-case and upper-case letters with numbers and symbols also adds to password security.

It was noted that phishing is becoming more sophisticated and that people should be wary of texts, adverts, emails or social media posts which appear authoritative, urgent and emotional. Email addresses should be examined carefully before replying to and scammers should always be reported to the Police by calling 101.

The following reputable websites provide invaluable helpful information:

<https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/>

<https://haveibeenpwned.com>

<https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/how-to-spot-fraud>

- Local resident, Natasha Houchin spoke to the meeting raising awareness of retro-fitting properties. This involves assessment of buildings, reducing energy consumption, reducing emissions, improving the fabric of buildings and improving living standards.

Funding is available from the Energy Saving Trust and Eco4 Funding which is linked to Energy Performance Certificates.

It is hoped to hold retro-fit events to provide information for the local community in the future.

- Frank Deas reported on the recent success of the Community Tree Planting day at Buchanan Views estate and thanked everyone involved in making it a success.
- It was announced that the next Killearn Country Market will take place on 13 April 2024 at the Village Hall. In addition, a workshop on preparing gardens for spring will also be held at the same time. Local residents are encouraged to engage with Killearn Country Market Feedback Form which can be found at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerB3GGLWsRmzhZF8ZqlpC5EyR2mPFtI5nPf-AaZaPsPvWtNw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- To mark Christine Bauwens' retirement as KCC Minutes Secretary, Elizabeth expressed grateful thanks to Christine for her work over the past ten years and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Those attending the meeting were invited to stay on for tea and cake to wish Christine well in her retirement.

CC1414 – DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCC meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on 17 April 2024 in the Garden Room at the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.