

Welcome to Update 131

02/03/2024

Next meeting : Wednesday 20 Mar. @ 8 pm – This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting – in person, in the Garden Room at Killearn Village Hall and online on zoom. pls. email contactus@Killearncc.org.uk for a link to the meeting and any further information required.

Pls. see update below, based on discussions from the KCC meeting held on Wednesday 21 Feb. '23 and subsequent happenings.

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

- Report of a vehicle skidding on ice at the Blane Smiddy Roundabout and coming off the road. No one was injured and no other vehicles were involved. SC provided extra grit to the area
- Report by local resident of vehicle with a loud exhaust sounding its horn outside the caller's address. Police were advised that this has happened on another occasion
- Police have received several reports of wildlife on the roadway. Drivers are advised to take special care on country roads, especially in the hours of darkness.

Planning: please see KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk for the full planning schedule

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.

- Further to the objections raised to planning application, this will go before the Planning Panel – details of planning panel tbc. Additional objections have been raised by local residents regarding the changes made to the current property at 41 Station Road, seemingly without the necessary planning permissions. SC is investigating the situation and its reply is awaited.

Killearn Hospital site - CALA Homes are to plan a celebration/formal launch to recognise and honour those linked to the street names at the new housing development at the former Killearn Hospital site (names have now been confirmed by Stirling Council as Bruce Court, Fraser Place, Galbraith Court, Grant Road, Kennedy Street, Teasdale Street and Templeton Avenue.)

Local Place Plans

- As previously noted - there has been a good response to the Local Place Plan survey so far and work continues to raise awareness - residents living in or near Killearn are encouraged to participate anonymously in the local place plan survey which can be accessed online here <https://www.ourplace.scot/tool/start/killearn-adult-pop> or by requesting a paper copy from KCC c/o contactus@killearncc.org.uk

Roads:

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With reference to the path from the CALA site to the village via Station Road,

- it has been confirmed that the roadside verges between Station Road and the bridge are owned / adopted by SC.
- two uncontrolled pedestrian crossings will be provided on Station Road and on A81 near the CALA Homes development.
- the pathway from bridge on Station Road up to Lampson Road will be tarred.
- A request has been made for the give-way road markings at the Co-op car park to be reinstated
- KCC plan to prepare another roads and paths report for Killearn to be submitted to SC.
- The dangerous condition of the Stockiemuir Road and the very real possibility of an accident occurring because of deep pot holes and large stretches of uneven surfaces has been highlighted. Cllr Fraser agreed to raise the issue with SC and it was also agreed KCC request someone from SC Roads Dept visit the site.

Any other business:

- Cllr Fraser took time to give some background to current SC budget cuts. SC is facing an £18m gap between income and expenditure. Due to the 2023/2024 Council Tax freeze, SC will receive additional funding of about £3m from the Scottish Government, thus reducing the SC deficit to £15m. Councillors from all political parties are currently preparing proposals to save money and decisions will be taken at the Council meeting on 29 February as to proposed budgets / cuts to services – details for the meeting can be found online - <https://minutes.stirling.gov.uk/current-committees-and-panels/agendas/stirling-council-meeting-agenda/>
- Councillor Fraser noted the high level of public involvement in the Big Conversation consultation and recognised that the local rural communities had provided excellent feedback through their combined efforts.
- A new booking service is to be introduced at the Lower Polmaise Waste Management Centre in May. Bookings can be made online or by telephone.
- A survey of the West Stirling Repair Café scheme is being carried out by Strathclyde University students. A pilot repair café is currently taking place in Drymen on the 3rd Monday of each month - and is available for residents of Balfron, Drymen and Killearn to bring along items for repair. More information about the survey is on Facebook, on the Notice Board and on flyers in the Village Hall.
- At the recent bike event held at the Village Hall, 15 bikes were donated to Recyke-a-bike by local residents and the workshops for bike maintenance were well attended
- It was noted that repairs to the damaged wall at the entrance to the Buchanan Views estate will be started in the spring. Costs for same will be met by the insurance company.
- Following the recent success of the Happiness Project involving KCC and local children's nurseries, KCC is to organise another project with cards and chocolates to be delivered to local elderly residents ahead of Easter.

- Having served KCC over the past ten years as Minutes Secretary, Christine Bauwens will retire from the post as from the end of March 2024. If anyone is interested in applying for this position, please contact KCC for further information. We are all very grateful to Christine for all of her help and support over the past ten years.

Some dates for diaries

- Following the recent storms and bad weather, a Community Tree planting day will take place at the Buchanan Views estate on 9 March.
- A short presentation on Cyber Safety will be given by Fiona Rennie at the next KCC meeting on 20 March. This will provide valuable information on creating secure passwords, on how to be aware of scams and avoiding online fraud
- Wrestling returns to Killearn Village Hall on Friday 29 March
- The Warm Space Initiative continues every Sunday afternoon 2pm – 4pm in the Garden Room at the Village Hall and local residents are welcome to come along and meet friends, support our older population
- The Killearn War Memorial is 100 years old this year. As some names are missing from the Memorial, Killearn Trust is arranging for these names to be added to a plaque to be erected on 24 April
- The 2024 Killearn 10k and Mile will be held on Saturday 1 June, starting and finishing in Killearn Park.