

# KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## WELCOME TO UPDATE 144 - Apr. 2025



Please find below – an update on news from KCC - some highlights from the meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. '25 and correspondence received in the meantime. Pls. see link for minutes of meetings <https://killearncc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Pls. note that the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. @ 8 pm - pls. email [contactus@Killearncc.org.uk](mailto:contactus@Killearncc.org.uk) for information.

**POLICE MATTERS** - the full police report is available on KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk)

### Fraud

- A fraud has been recorded after the reporter received a phone call from a person purporting to be from the reporter's bank. During the call, the reporter was advised, in order to prevent 2 x 5 figure transactions being imminently debited from her account she would have to reverse the transactions. The reporter was provided with the bank account details in order to do so. On sending the first 5 figure payment the reporter immediately became suspicious and terminated the call. The reporter contacted her bank, who are investigating the matter. Police enquiries are ongoing to identify a suspect.

### **PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

Please see [website](#) for full planning report and summary below of headlines for Killearn

New planning applications received:

- 25/00145/FUL - Broadfields 19A, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn G63 9LG - Erection of garage
- 25/00155/FUL - Fairwinds, Endrick Road, Killearn G63 9QD - Roof alterations including the formation of 4no. dormers
- 25/00165/PPP - Land at former Stockiemuir Gun Site Killearn - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two dwellings
- 25/00125/FUL - Replacement of front windows, rooflight and doors and rainwater goods and repainting of exterior of dwellinghouse at Ash Cottage, 24 Balfron Road, Killearn G63 9NL
- 25/00056/LWP - Erection of side extension at 16 Buchanan Road, Killearn G63 9RP

application has been approved:

- 25/00050/FUL - Land And Buildings At Former Hall, Main Street, Killearn - Renewal of planning permission 21/01049/FUL for 2no. dwellinghouses

other applications:

- 24/00787/LAW (certificate of lawfulness) 6 Station Road Killearn G63 9NS - No decision has been made as of yet.

Local Place Plan – work continues on the first draft of the Local Place Plan and this is likely to be circulated late spring/early summer. The final date for submission is 1st October 2025. There will be a period of engagement and consultation over the summer and there was a stand at the recent Wild About Killearn event to collect views on protecting green spaces

### **ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPORT**

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### Road Closures:

- B858 – road into Drymen from Aberfoyle end, closed 5/5/25-18/5/25
- B834 – Blanewater bridge, closed 8am-5pm 7/5/25 ( following a query from a local resident the closure will now take place after 9:15am, with reopening of the route taking place no later than 3pm to facilitate school drop off and pick up.

### Other roads / paths information:

- Continued rollout of 20mph limit. Stirling Council are awaiting further funding from the Scottish Government before further signage etc can be installed – should be this financial year.
- Stockiemuir Road - sections at Carbeth and between Finnoch Toll and Stockiemuir Farm have been resurfaced and works continue w/c 28th April at the Balloch junction.
- White lining at Balfron/Buchlyvie junction - SC have confirmed this is a work in progress and will be completed on Monday 5/5/25 weather permitting
- Forthcoming road closure on the A811 between the A81 and the Balfron turn off onto the A875 - from 0930 hours until 1530 hours from 12-5-25 until 18-5-25 to facilitate resurfacing works.
- Repainting of yellow lines at top of Station Road – SC have assessed the area, and have confirmed they will re-paint the existing lines but not extend them. The sunken kerb and resulting puddle on the Doctors Surgery side of the road have been repaired.
- No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions to be imposed at the Station Road/Balfron Road junction, to prevent parking near the traffic island - *KCC to confirm boundaries and further detail.*
- Station Rd. has had a small section of new tarmac laid and white lines repainted, however the lines have only been painted on the new section. A request has been made to paint lines on the rest of the road, where the lines have worn away
- Ibert Rd. gate - KCC are seeking advice as to whether the iron gate latch at the end of Ibert Road can be made more easily accessible for pedestrians.
- KCC has asked SC whether there will some timer switches on the new streetlights at the path towards foot of Station Rd. so that lights are not on all night.
- Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling has created two new cycling, walking and wheeling corridors of more than 6.5 km. Route one links Stirling Train Station and the University of Stirling, taking in iconic landmarks like Old Stirling Bridge and the National Wallace Monument along the way. Route two has bridged the gaps between Forth Valley College and Stirling's historic city centre under the shadow of Stirling Castle.
- Access / Right of Way from Drumtarn Rd. to Buchanan Views – the Access Officer has visited the site and noted that although not a right of way it is clearly a well-used informal route. The officer has written to the new landowner to request that a crossing point or gate be considered.
- Notice of Public Procession received to cover the Killearn 10k and the Killearn 1 mile fun run on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### AOB

- Wild About Killearn Weekend - Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April  
Thanks noted to the Natural Heritage Group within KCFC for a fun weekend with a lot of it geared towards the younger generation. The showing on Sunday evening of the UK premier of Wildheart - by local producers Maramedia. was very well attended and showcased some spectacular wildlife photography.

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- Recycle-a-bike - Thanks again to Cycling Killearn who held a donation day on 18th April and receive 23 bikes – this takes the total of bikes donated by our local community to 130.
- The Oak Tree in Play Park - Fencing has now be removed and Stirling Council will appoint arboricultural contractors to undertake the work advised by the consultant, this will be completed in Autumn (after bird nesting season). The Council has noted compaction within the root zone of the tree, and this is likely to have contributed to the branch loss, it was noted that vehicles are accessing this area and plans to prevent this are being discussed.
- Stirling's Economy is forecast to be the fastest-growing in Scotland over the next three years – and be among the top four for growth in the UK. Stirling also features in the UK's top ten performing major cities and local authorities for projected employment growth over the same 3 year period.
- Cala Community Pledge – following consultation with the community late last year – thanks noted to CALA who have confirmed that they will be working with and making donations to local organisations as noted below:
- Designing an entrance wall sculpture with local artist Rob Mullholland with an education piece with Balfron High School and donations to Strathendrick Rugby Club for new women's team strips, Killearn Village Hall to help with local activities, Killearn Christmas lights, Colourful Killearn, Killearn Tennis Club to help purchase new equipment and Killearn Primary School to support ongoing projects
- Cala Street Naming Event - A few years ago Cala asked for street name suggestions, it was approved to use names of those associated with the hospital. A street naming event will be taking place once more residents move into the estate.
- The council has passed a motion that for the next 2 years - funding for music tuition, libraries and nursery hours would be retained and not subject to proposed cuts.
- Great news for Balfron High School – who have secured a brand new minibus for use in the school community thanks to the support of a local charity. The purchase of the 17-seater vehicle has been funded by the Paul Charitable Trust and features ramps and lifts for wheelchair users. It will be used for a wide range of events and activities in the school community.
- An unmissable 27-foot long sign that spells out the Stirling name has been unveiled as a busy area of the city centre continues to be transformed. The new artwork is located in the public space directly across from Stirling train station and is close to the bus station and new active travel networks, meaning it will be one of the first sights visitors see when they arrive in the city.



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Local Councillors will be in attendance at KCC meetings as below

- Wed 21 May Councillor McGarvey
- Wed 18 Jun Councillor McGarvey
- Wed 17 Sept Councillor McGarvey
- Wed 15 Oct Councillor Fraser
- Wed 19 Nov Councillor Henke
- Wed 17 Dec Councillor McGarvey

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