



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you / hearing from you in 2026 – and thanks for all of the support throughout 2025.

Please find below – an update on news from KCC. 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> Jan. at 8pm - pls. email [contactus@killearncc.org.uk](mailto:contactus@killearncc.org.uk) for details.

#### **Community Council Membership -**

**POLICE MATTERS** - the full police report from Nov. '25 is available on the KCC website [www.killearncc.org.uk](http://www.killearncc.org.uk) – there were no reported crimes / incidents of note in Killearn during the period.

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

Please see the Stirling Council [website](#) for the latest planning report. Extracts of applications and activities within Killearn are noted below:

##### **Planning applications submitted / processed**

There are currently 9x applications live in the Killearn area with recent applications noted below:

- 25/00559/FUL - 5 Main Street, Killearn G63 9RJ - Proposed roof works including maintenance reslating, replacement of zinc ridges, replacement of existing covering to stone copes, and replacement of existing 3 front rooflights and 2 rear rooflights
- 25/00646/FUL - Machar 2 Ibert Road Killearn G63 9PY - Replacement of roof slates and guttering. This application was discussed by the owner, Peter Wilks who shared his surprise at needing planning permission for this sort of work. Due to the conservation area Mr Wilks has to ensure the Spanish slate being used is the same size as the Scottish slate that is being replaced. However, further concerns over consistency with the Stirling Council planning was raised due to other roofing works in the area that have not followed the same protocol.
- 25/00683/FUL 74 Main Street Killearn G63 9ND - Demolition of sunroom and erection of single storey extension

**41 Station Rd.** – at the KCC meeting, Graeme Knox talked through a presentation based on recent planning challenges at 41 Station Rd., he highlighted how native trees had been cut down and that there were no provisions for any recompense. The discussions continue and KCC will be meeting with Sharon Marklow – head of planning for Stirling Council – in the New Year to discuss further.

**Tree Protection:** KCC are still to have a meeting with Ingrid the Stirling Council Tree Officer in regards to various Tree Preservation Orders around the village.

**Blackwood's Beech House** - both Cllrs Gerry McGarvey and Rosemary Fraser have been approached for an update and discussions are ongoing.

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**ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

**EV charging units in the Health Centre Car Park** - These have now been installed but aren't yet working due to damage to the electrical feed. SEE are due to come out and complete the fix.

**The obscured light on the footpath from Graham Road to the garages** – this has been raised with Stirling Council - they have 4 working weeks to process so KCC will follow up in January

**AOB**

**Community Council Membership** – we'd like to welcome Tasha Houchin, who has been our planning associate for two years and Emily Semple who has previously been our minutes secretary as the two new KCC co-opted members. The two positions had recently become available and were advertised locally. Tasha and Emily were the only two applicants and were approved as eligible by Stirling Council, and both then received votes from all KCC members present at the recent meeting, officially confirming them as new co-opted members.

**Killearn Nursery** - It was brought to KC's attention at the November meeting that places have been cut causing issues with fully funded places, pushing families to use private childcare providers who are not allowing parents to split time. The reply from Stirling Council can be found on the KCC website for information <https://www.killearncc.org.uk> In summary, the reply outlines that for the number of children on the roll, there is ample space available. Stirling Council are happy to facilitate a meeting with providers in the area as applicable.

**Christmas Tree** – Thanks again to Edenmil for the donation of the Christmas tree and thanks to the volunteers from Colourful Killearn who put up the tree and lights and then had to put it up again when it fell down in the recent storm / winds.

**Christmas Lights** - Thanks are noted to Killearn Community Council, CALA homes, Killearn Community Futures Company, the Beer Festival and Killearn Trust who are funding the Killearn Christmas lights.

**Trim Trail** - Balfon Primary School pupils are enjoying their playground even more than usual due to the recent installation of a fantastic new Trim Trail. The upgrade to the school's playground will help to ensure that opportunities for outdoor exploration and play are available, not only to pupils during the school week, but also to the wider community who visit the campus during weekends and holidays.

**Stirling is proud to be named happiest place to live in Scotland again.** A study conducted by Rightmove ranked Stirling as the eighth happiest place to live overall in the UK, climbing up from 12th place last year. A recent report from Ernst and Young suggested Stirling will have the fastest-growing economy in Scotland over the next three years and be among the top four for growth in the UK.

**Stirling Visitor Levy Scheme** - Stirling Council has approved a visitor levy scheme that will enable major new investment in the area's tourism offering. At a meeting of council, a year round 3% levy was agreed for all overnight paid visitor accommodation stays in the Stirling Council area. It will come into effect for stays on or after 14 June 2027 and apply to bookings made from 1 January 2027.

**Festive waste details** - There will be no waste and recycling collections on: Thursday 25 December, Christmas Day / Friday 26 December, Boxing Day and Thursday 1 January, New Year's Day / Friday 2 January, Bank Holiday. Brown bin collections will resume from the week commencing Monday 6 January.