

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WELCOME TO UPDATE 146 - July 2025



Please find below – an update on news from KCC - some highlights from the AGM and meeting on Wednesday 18 June '25 and correspondence received in the meantime. Pls. see link for minutes of meetings <https://killearncc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Pls. note that there are no KCC meetings in July and August – but we're always here and happy to be contacted ... the next KCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 Sept. at 8pm - pls. email contactus@Killearncc.org.uk with any queries etc. at any time.

KCC AGM – thanks to all who supported the AGM and thanks and best wishes to Elizabeth Jones (Chair), Andrew Donaldson (Treasurer) and Fiona Rennie (Secretary / Vice Chair) who remain in post for the coming year.

POLICE MATTERS - the full police report is available on KCC website www.killearncc.org.uk – extract / summary below

Theft - Enquiries are ongoing after an expensive bottle of whisky was stolen from the gift shop at Glengoyne Distillery.

Fraud - two fraud crimes have been recorded and enquiries are still ongoing. One related to direct debits that had been set up without the knowledge of the account holder to transfer monies to another account and the other was in relation to an unknown suspect pretending to be calling from the complainer's bank and convincing the complainer to authorise transactions. .

Finnich Glen - There have been several calls to Finnich Glen throughout the period ranging from issues due to cars parking along the road to safety fears for members of the public and this area remains a concern. Members of the public at the recent KCC meeting noted the overgrown state of the grounds at Finnich Glen and the hidden dangers.

PLANNING AND LOCAL PLACE PLAN

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

TREENQ-2025-044 - 2 Balforn Road, Killearn G63 9NJ - felling of 2 holly trees (originally part of hedge, now hugely overgrown. Pruning of 2 Birch and Ash (in dieback)
<https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

25/00250/FUL Land at Blaressan, Station Road, Killearn - Renewal of planning permission 22/00148/FUL for erection of new dwelling house – renewal request for application 19/00121/FUL. [renewed previously 05 May 2022]
<https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

25/00125/FUL Replacement of front windows, rooflight and doors and rainwater goods and repainting of exterior of dwellinghouse at Ash Cottage 24 Balforn Road Killearn G63 9NJ <https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

25/00305/FUL Formation of garden building to form garage and additional living space at Little Carbeth, Drumtitan Road, Killearn G63 9QB <https://pabs.stirling.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

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Shelloch Wind Farm <https://www.force9energy.com/projects/current/shelloch> noted that KCC is working with Balfron Community Council to engage with the developer for the new Shelloch Wind Farm near Fintry in relation to potential community benefit funds. The farm received consent in 2024 and has recently been sold to the developer Vantage RE.

Local Place Plan - A draft version of the Local Place Plan is being pulled together and will be shared over the summer to give community members the opportunity to review it and provide feedback.

ROADS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- Ballochruin Road, closed Mon 2nd June for approx. 4 weeks, for laying of new mains water pipes - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/In-Your-Area/Investments-in-Your-Area/260525-Carbeth>
- Buchanan Street, Balfron, closed 07/07/25 – 13/07/25 from 9am-6pm for resurfacing work
- A811, Buchlyvie Main Street, closed 30/06/25 – 06/07/25 for re-surfacing work
- A811 (Stirling road) will be closed from its junction with the B8075 to its junction with the A81 from 0800 hours until 1600 hours from 21-7-25 until 1-8-25 to facilitate surface dressing works.
- B818 (road to Fintry from Boquhan) will be closed from its junction with the B822 to its junction with the A875 (Balfron to Killearn Rd.) from 0800 hours until 1600 hours from 21-7-25 until 1-8-25 to facilitate surface dressing works.
- A875 (road from Stirling Rd. through Balfron to Killearn) will be closed from its junction with the A811 (Stirling Rd.) to its junction with the A81 from 0800 hours until 1600 hours from 21-7-25 until 25-7-25 to facilitate the removal of granite detailing from the road.
- Repairs to Lunchikin Bridge - on the A81 between Killearn & Strathblane. The Contractor (Covanburn) has started on site. Works are anticipated to complete by 14th September 2025. A single lane closure will be in place for the duration of the works. It is currently located on the north bound side of the carriageway and will at some point move to the south bound side.
- There are continued comments and concerns over ongoing safety issues at Blane Bridge and how difficult it is to navigate without the traffic lights. KCC has queried with the Council the outcome of the safety review that has been discussed.
- It was noted that the road on one side of the Blane Bridge is flooding during periods of heavy rain. Hollow bricks have been installed recently when works were being done at Drymen bridge and residents wondered whether it might be possible to fit these at Blane Bridge to prevent the flooding becoming more of an issue. KCC will ask for feedback from the council.
- Following the council works on the footpath up Station Rd. – it was noted that the weeds are already intruding through the tarmac surface and this has been fed back to the Council who will be sending an officer out to assess.

AOB

- Look out for runners along the West Highland Way between 05:00 hrs and 21:00 hrs on 20th Sept. – there are likely to be approx.. 600 runners taking part in this annual race from Milngavie - Tyndrum – see details c/o Highland Fling <https://highlandflingrace.org>
- A new Flying Fox unit and a new slide for the playpark have now been ordered and the fencing around the play park area for smaller children has now been replaced.

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- The Council has confirmed that they will organise for the woodchip in the swing unit by the Primary School, to be topped up and will change the shackles on the swing chains.
- Gaelic for adults - new online classes are starting again in Sept. Monday Beginners (A1): 6:30pm - 8pm - 15/9/25 - 6/10 or 27/10/25 - 1/12/25 and Tuesday Post Beginners (A2/B1): - 6:30pm - 8pm 16/9/25 - 2/12/25
- Stirling's Sustainable Mobility Strategy – pls. provide your views via the online survey: <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/sustainable-mobility-strategy-and-travel-demand-survey>
- A survey has been launched on Stirling's new Local Housing Strategy which sets out the council's vision for tackling housing need and demand in communities as well as its plans for achieving them. The online survey will run until Monday 28 July – <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/news/survey-launched-on-stirling-s-new-local-housing-strategy/> and there are drop-in sessions being held locally: Strathblane Library – Tues. 8 July – 2pm – 4pm, Aberfoyle Memorial Village Hall – Thurs 10 July – 10am – 1pm.
- Feedback is also sought on the £11m Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling project - the survey is open to all residents, to take part, visit <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/walk-cycle-live-stirling> - the survey will run until end Aug.
- The C60 bus service between Killin and Callendar [started operating last July](#) as a two-year pilot project that replaced the previous service provided by local operator, Kingshouse Travel. Initial feedback from residents and regular users of the new service have indicated a need for additional journeys to address a gap in service during the day. Changes to the C60 timetable can be viewed here [Engage Stirling platform](#) and the survey is open until Sunday 6 July. Alternatively, paper copies of the survey are available via tcc@stirling.gov.uk.
- Councillor Paul Henke has arranged for our local policeman, PC Matt McCammon to give a presentation about door-step scammers, following a program on BBC Radio4 on the subject. **The event will be on Wednesday 23rd July** at Balfron Bowling Club, the bar opens 19.00, Matt commences 19.30 .. The bar stays open while we mingle and chat!

Local Councillors will be in attendance at KCC meetings as below

- Wed 17 Sept Councillor McGarvey
- Wed 15 Oct Councillor Fraser
- Wed 19 Nov Councillor Henke
- Wed 17 Dec Councillor McGarvey

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