Killearn Community Council, at its meeting held on 20 March 2013, discussed the current Scottish Government consultation on community transport. The following summarises the discussion.

KCC welcomed the opportunity to comment on community transport which is an important element in the lives of many local residents. We were pleased to learn of the Committee’s expressed desire to identify the main priorities and to move the debate on. The key issues which we identified related to

- The need to improve the current stock of buses which were judged to be mainly cold and uncomfortable. It may be that smaller, more economic, buses could meet the needs of users.

- The need for a more integrated approach, based on an analysis of user needs. Although we realise that specific examples are not necessarily being sought at this stage, the following may shed some light on the perceived needs of our community: Buses passing through Killearn should link with Milngavie trains and with service 119 going to central Glasgow. Consideration should be given to timing evening services to enhance access to events such as concerts in Glasgow.

We are aware that there may not be additional resources available to enhance public transport, but believe that improved planning could well lead to better use of existing resources.

We trust that these comments will be helpful and look forward to the outcomes of the consultation in due course.

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