**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**26 – 01 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, D. Hull, I. Whyte, H. Turnbull, G. Walker, B. Walker, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, L. Mitchell, C. Waddell, Cllr. K. Lang and 3 members of the public
2. **Apologies –** S.A. Hunter, Cllrs. G. Hutchison, N. Work and L. Young
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all to the first meeting of the new year and, especially asked us to keep J. Henderson in our thoughts as he is seriously ill. J. Henderson was the first Chair of K.C.C.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved
5. **Matters Arising** – None
6. **Police Report –** No actual report received

* N. Davidson had received a report but it was for November in which there was nothing pertaining to Kirkliston; no monthly update is being received; **N. Davidson and D. Buchanan** to contact Corstorphine Police Station about this

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* Lockdown learningis taking place along with the use of Microsoft Teams; things are going much better than the previous lockdown and parents feeling much happier with the progress being made
* Ongoing refurbishment work is taking place at the school, taking advantage of having fewer pupils in the building
* Rotary Club of South Queensferryhas provided funding to the school for the purchase of computer equipment and this was well received
* No indication of when pupils will return to school
* A question was raised about the possible removal of huts near the basketball court, but there is no sign of this happening. They affect areas where children can play and many are getting muddy as a result.
* There is a planned additional entrance for the school on Stirling Road; no knowledge of an entrance in the Allison Park area

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**

* **S.A. Hunter** had sent an email giving an update as follows:
* The issue of flooding had been raised with CEC and the owners of the Pool and waterways; this is an on-going situation but the Park Ranger met with P1 Solutions and discussed installing drainage to direct the water under the path and for the surface to be repaired. A quote was received in December for work to commence in January but the lockdown has prevented this happening. S.A. Hunter has requested an update

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* No news regarding the HUB; **P. Vaughan and D. Buchanan** will discuss a plan of action to try to get things moving
* Path to Allison Park has been improved, but a mess had been left in Gateside
* Due to vandalism a new life-belt and rope have been installed at Pikes Pool
* Sewage leak in King Edwards Way – repair underway
* Only 3 out of 9 grit bins had been filled on the estate; streets and paths not cleared

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Gate– from 2nd Nov. 2020 to 4th Jan. 2021 – 170 vehicles at a cost of £5100; from 23rd Sep. 201 to 4th Jan. 2021 – 17638 vehicles at a cost of £529,140
* No breakdown sent of Environmental issues in the area
* Taylor Wimpeyhas outlined the area it is interested in developing which lies to the north of the Burnshot Road; see outline sent
* Speeding vehicles– no account is being taken of the need to reduce speeding in the village. **N. Davidson** will continue to pursue this; the Head of Transport Safety has been contacted but no reply ; Cllr. K. Lang asked that he be contacted if no replies are forthcoming
* Meeting with Millers– very little to update as the company is waiting on new plans for the area – possibly being published next month; should the plans for housing go ahead the two builders concerned will decide on how the land is divided
* **N. Davidson** submitted KCC’s thoughts on the school extension; there have only been 8 submissions

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Acc.- £863.46
* Developers’ Acc. - £15897

1. **Councillors’ Reports – which see; Cllr. K. Lang mentioned the following -**

* Gritting has not worked as it should have – the bins must be filled; it is accepted that not every street can be gritted; query raised about the main street through Gateside as it is a bus route for the Queensferry High pupils
* Vaccines – some volunteers have been recruited to help drive people to receive their vaccines especially as many have to get to the Edinburgh International Conference Centre
* Newliston Road flooding– it is hoped to get that road included in future planning concerning flood management

1. **Planning – which see –**

* Crown Garage– Planning permission was refused for the new sign so it will have to be removed
* Re the parking on East Main Streetin connection with the Garage– if a car is booked in for an M.O.T. or service, the Police do not get involved; vehicles must be taxed and insured, however.

1. **Stirling Road Traffic Island –**

* Discussions have been held with P. Lawrence; no start date has been confirmed but, it is hoped, to do the work between April and June
* **Cllr. K. Lang** will send a list of CEC contacts to D. Buchanan

1. **Edinburgh Airport Authority – nothing to report**
2. **A.O.C.B. –**

* Gateside Crossing– still nothing being done; **D. Buchanan/Neil Davidson** to contact the Road Safety Team; it is hoped that the 20mph signcould be moved back to the entrance of the village; it was requested that the Burnshot Road is also looked at due to speeding, overloaded privately contracted lorries using that route.
* Thanks were extended to **G. Crow** for his excellent contribution to the village regarding a visit from Santa; G. Crowhas intimated he would be happy to become involved in more village initiatives and help KCC in any way; this was gratefully accepted
* N. Davidsonput forward a suggestion that KCC meets every two months; Cllr. K. Langstated that the minimum number of meetings in a year has to be six; it was agreed that members would discuss this and make a decision at the February meeting
* Thanks were expressed to S. Leefor hosting the Zoom meeting.

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 23rd February; 7.00pm via Zoom**