**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**28 - 09 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, G. Walker, B. Walker, S. Lee, C. Waddell, Cllr. K. Lang and 5 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – S-A Hunter, P. Vaughan, H. Turnbull, D. Hull, L. Mitchell, Cllrs. G. Hutcheson and N. Work
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all, especially the members of the public who had joined and G. Walker from Kirkliston Community Environmental Group
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by S. Lee and Seconded by N. Davidson
5. **Matters Arising –**
* Crown Garage – the sign has now been removed
1. **Police Report – which see**
* No mention of the recent fire on Main Street – N. Davidson is waiting to hear about that
* A Community Police Officer is now in place based at S. Queensferry – **David Campbell;** he is happy to attend future meetings of KCC when we meet face-to-face
1. **K.P.S.A.-**
* Main focus is keeping everyone safe from Covid
* A.G.M. – date to be decided but will be at the end of October/beginning of November
* New building at the Leisure Centre is on hold due to the number of objections which have been raised
* Still awaiting any news of a new high school
1. **Friends Of Pikes Pool – no report**
2. **G.T.R.A. – see report**
* Further delay regarding the **Hub** due to error in measurement of pipework
* No update on the Community Garden
* Site visit to be arranged re parking
* Solar panels – slow uptake on this scheme and now delays due to material shortages
* The general state of Gateside will be raised by **D. Buchanan** at the **Almond** **Neighbourhood Network** once he has discussed this with **P. Vaughan**
* Any fly-tipping must be reported through CEC Portal
1. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* D. Hull was thanked for issuing a video regarding B.A.
* There are now more planes daily, with an obvious increase in people
* D. Hull to be asked if more employees are now returning to the Airport
1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**
* Bus Lane from 23rd Sep. 2013 to 12th Sep. 2021 – 18515 vehicles - £555,450
* Nothing from Environmental Dept.
* Thanks were extended by residents of Newmains Road to KCC for being instrumental in getting the grass cut
* **Dundas Estates** will cut the hedge on Burnshot Road which is part of their property, but have not given a timescale; **D. Buchanan** will contact **Carlowrie Estates** re their share of the hedging
* **CEC** has not responded re safety measures on the roads. **N. Davidson** to contact again
* **Road Safety** at the school gate – **N. Davidson and D Buchanan** met with an officer from the Road Safety team and it was agreed that something would be done but it could take 18 months to implement; it was further noted that some school staff are causing some of the parking issues; **C. Waddell** will raise this at K.P.S.A. and will discuss the possibility of using more of the ground in the parking area of the school
* **D. Buchanan and N. Davidson** will report a Jeep which is parked at a difficult angle on Almondside Road and creating traffic problems.
* Cycling issues - **Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of CEC,** responded to N. Davidson about the lack of correspondence before cycling events taking place through the village – he has stated that **CEC** will endeavour to inform **KCC** in the future
* The **Roads Dept.** has still not responded about the clearance of pavements according to our Action Plan - still ongoing
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* KCC Account - £978.08
* Developers’ Fund - £13397
1. **Transport – no update**
* A road sign is obscured by trees just before the junction at Gateside Road coming from Newbridge; **N. Davidson** to contact the Roads Engineer
1. **Councillors’ Reports – which see**
* The draft of the L.D.P. goes to the Planning Committee tomorrow; the decision at present is that the Green Belt land east of Kirkliston will remain so, but there is still a long way to go and the decision could be ultimately overruled by Government in the future; clarity is now needed, however, from Education Officers about a site for a new high school; it is hoped a paper will be produced showing different options and to have clarity on that by the end of the year
* There is now a push to resume the Lothian 38 bus – a point was raised that if it does not return, why have the bus lane on the A89
1. **Chair’s Report –**
* Attended two meetings of the Almond Neighbourhood Network – **Keith Giblet,** Chair of Queensferry Community Council, is the Chair of the Network
* The third week of October should see the work begin on the traffic island on **Stirling** **Road**
* **Bowling Green Lane** will be resurfaced and lit – cost of £20000; within the next two years
* Attended three meetings of **Almond Neighbourhood Funding Panel** – some money has been distributed and **Local Interest Groups** of **KCC** were encouraged to put in applications for **Grants** – the next meeting will be near the end of October
1. **Planning – which see**
* **D. Buchanan** to ask Dandara about the removal of trees at the Factory Field site, which was not within their plan
1. **Santa’s Sleigh**
* **B. Walker** to speak with G. Crowe about arrangements for Santa’s Sleigh allowing for Covid; G. Crowe stated that with recent changes to Covid regulations it should be possible to have the sleigh as usual this year
* **B. Walker** to speak with “Santa” about coming to Kirkliston!
* **D. Buchanan** to share the guidelines drawn up by **Rotary South Queensferry** re their sleigh
1. **Christmas in Kirkliston**
* KCC would support the above Committee in asking for closure of the Main Street west of the junction for 2 hours and the opening of the bus gate for that time to allow traffic to move through
* **D. Buchanan** to speak with the **Chair** re getting the permission required for the above when switching on the lights
* KCC agree with having the Christmas tree at the Memorial
1. **Kirkliston Community Environment Group –**
* Application papers have been sent to CEC to become a registered Local Interest Group of KCC
* **G. Walker** reported on monthly litter picking taking place and the planters which have been installed thanks to some residents and local businesses
* T**he Community Garden on Toddshill Road** will be managed by the group from next year
* Plans include – a wildlife garden, wilding hedgerows, tidying the Memorial Gardens at Manse Road; would be happy to be involved in working with G.T.R.A.
* **J. Richardson** will become the new Chair of the Group
* **KCC** congratulated the Group on all it has done and is continuing to do
1. **Rev. E. du Toit –**
* Rev. du Toit explained that the Church is looking to employ a Community Development Worker and would like to partner alongside the various groups in Kirkliston
* **Rev. du Toit** stated that he was impressed with all **KCC** does for the **Community**
1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th October 2021 via Zoom**