**Kirkliston Community Council**

 **28 – 01 - 2025**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, S. Lee, G. Crow, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, A. Hancock, S. Wilson, D. Young, P. Vaughan, Cllr. K. Lang, and 4 members of the public
2. **Apologies –** J. Richardson, Police
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Proposed by S. Lee and seconded by A. Rothney
4. **Matters Arising –**
* Santa Sleigh - £645.44 plus £500 courtesy of S. Lee’s work – Queensferry Care which was the recipient was absolutely delighted to receive this gift
* Right of Way cleared
1. **Police Report –**
* Road safety checks continuing; Speed Gun being utilised
* ASB/Youth Disorder – youth kicking at a front door in Clerics Hill – no trace of youth
* Vandalism – large group of youths damaging vehicles in Kirklands Park Street – enquiries ongoing
* Unsocial behaviour reported at the War Memorial
1. **G.T.R.A. –**
* P. Vaughan was welcomed back following illness
* P. Vaughan to meet with P. Lawrence C.E.C. re rent increases
* Rubbish tipping is still a major problem
* Food Bank is still operating
* Problem with empty houses on the estate due to repair issues
* P. Vaughan was asked to keep in close contact with Cllr. K. Lang and K.C.C.
1. **Scout Group –**
* AGM date is set for 23 February 7pm at the Scout Hut.
* Bag pack at Tesco on Saturday a huge success. Exact amount to be confirmed but approx. close to £900. Also, can be matched with a further £500 from one of the leaders’ place of work; Money to be used to replace tents and 50 % towards replacement septic tank.
* Beavers hope to camp in May.
* Cubs plan a camp before summer too.
* Always looking for further volunteers.
1. **K.C.C.V. –** H. McPhee spoke to the Report in the absence of J. Richardson
* Community Fridge - The totals for December were 367kg and 85 visits recorded however the amount of food actually recycled and the amount of visitors was much higher - still training people to fill in the log sheet; deduced the amount of food recycled from incoming food logs looks more likely to be around 900kg with very minimal wastage.
* The formal shed opening and 2nd anniversary celebration on 11th January had been successful, with a steady stream of visitors, some of whom had not seen the shed or fridge before. The Chair of KCCV cut the ribbon and approx. £300 has been raised from the various activities and stalls. There was no response from local businesses or Councillors to their invitations.
* Helen McPhee will be stepping down as volunteer co-ordinator, with Jan Bains stepping in and Matty Limberger will be taking over Pemma’s role of Project Coordinator whilst she goes on sabbatical.
* Community Garden - The shed is now up and water butts connected. A wormery is coming. The three gardeners are going to continue looking after the raised beds for another year. Cllr. Young is looking into finding the person that could help get a water tap in the garden.
* Planters/Barrels - Conifer missing from one of the planters at the Memorial; Railing Planters - no update
* Pikes Pool – Reaching out to the Park Ranger and Mr Davidson to get advice on the care of the orchard; hoping to get more rubbing posts for the Park
* General - An extra litter pick was completed on Sunday 12th January at the south side of the village - 23 bags of rubbish were collected. The scheduled one on the 26th January was at the West side of the village when 10 bags and a bike were collected. A few of the regular litter-pickers have also been going out midweek.
* Path Brae Bench – S. Fraser from CEC has confirmed the bench will be getting delivered in February
* The Group was thanked for all they do
1. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* Edinburgh Airport will soon launch a 16-acre self-generation solar farm to enhance the available power intake to reduce pressure on the grid
* Drop-off fee to be raised to £6.00 for 10 minutes to reduce emissions
* 2400 job seekers attended Glasgow Airport’s Job Fair
* Calls for Aberdeen Airport to be renamed in memory of Denis Law
* Friday 31st January is the deadline for comments on the Noise Action Plan
* **D. Buchanan** to contact A. McKeen re noise between midnight and 6.00 a.m. and to enquire about sound monitors
1. **Kirkliston Heritage Society –**
* Kirkliston Woman’s Guild Recipe Book - Front cover designs were passed round the group; different styles for printing were shown; hardback style is the favourite so far; cost received and submitted to Heritage Society.
* “The Cheesetown Piece” Newsletter - The Heritage Society is interested in resurrecting the old “Kirky News” and rebranding it. This could be done solely by the Heritage Society or as a partnership with the Community Council. A. Rothney has all the previous paper and digital copies of the “Kirky News.” R. Bentley has designed a mock up newsletter. This would be shared on social media and paper copies would be available in local places e.g. Community Centre and Library. Proposed timeframe would be quarterly with advertisers potentially buying advert space to help self-fund. Advertising still needs to be discussed in a bit more detail. This will mainly include info about Kirkliston with the exception of something happening nearby that affects people from the village. The printing for this will not be any more expensive to do in colour vs black and white. Questions about getting a grant to produce it in the early stages then, it is hoped in the future, it will become commercially viable. Funding application submitted to Almond Network. There has been no response from a funding application sent in December. It was decided to go ahead and do a mock-up of the first “Cheesetown Piece” to suss out local interest. A. Rothney to ask members of Cheesetown Group for info on any upcoming events, what is happening with any of the local groups and introduce the Heritage Group to Kirkliston Villagers
* Home of 1st Scottish Parliament Sculpture – Hoping to get funding for a sculpture similar to the Norman arch. Some of the Group went to see the Art Fe workshop and were very impressed. There is a year’s waiting list for Art productions and £25000 needed for this; discussions are ongoing; research taking place of Lottery Funding, Rotary Club, Almond Network, Airport and the Scottish Parliament are all funding ideas. Two separate quotes received from Artfe. The Group is reaching out to the Scottish Parliament’s Presiding Officer for further assistance re the Sculpture.
* Community Centre - received a negative response from Historic Scotland
* Interviews – ongoing re life in Kirkliston
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* Developers’ Account - £10185
* KCC Fund - £1473.12 – this includes £645.44 which has been sent to Queensferry Care, but the cheque has not been cashed as yet
1. **KCC Elections –**
* D. Buchanan had sent out the Promotional Strategy to members
* Cllr. L. Young will be the Returning Officer
* Nomination Forms will come from CEC Officers; should there be more than 10 nominations there will be an election; less than 5 nominations will result in no Community Council
* Cllr. L. Young will chair the meeting in March until Office-Bearers are in place; the new Chair will then take over
* A new role for Community Councils will be the appointment of one of the Office-Bearers as an Inclusion Officer
1. **Councillors Report –**
* CEC Annual Budget process takes place next month – major cuts have already been averted
* Visitor Levy – Tourist Tax – to start next year; all parts of Edinburgh will benefit from this income, not just the city centre
1. **Proposed High School –**
* No update available
* A Report is not ready for the Education Committee which meets on January 29th
1. **K.P.S.A. –**
* School suffered no storm damage
* Pupils will receive a memento in respect to the school’s 50th anniversary
* Roll – 600 approx.; 88 P1 children coming in
1. **Kirkliston Gala -**
* The Court has been chosen
* Entertainment is in hand
* Committee has been told that CEC will charge for a TTRO for road closures; KCC intimated it would support the Gala Committee in making a protest if this should happen
1. **Almond Group Practice –**
* There is a proposed boundary change to take in part of Queensferry; the Queensferry Practice is no longer open to new patients
* Almond Group Practice wishes to support the new boundary arrangements
* The main concern expressed by KCC is whether or not the boundary change will make our access to a doctor worse than it is
* **D. Buchanan** will contact Lothian Health Board and will also arrange to speak with Almond Group Practice Partners, along with the other Office-Bearers of KCC
1. **Planning – see Report**
2. **New Members for KCC –**
* Still an ongoing drive
1. **A.O.C.B. –**
* Stirling Road **– D. Buchanan** to contact D. Sinclair, CEC, to get an update as to what is happening re proposed signage; families are treating it as a crossing which it is not and can be dangerous
* Queensferry High School P.S.A. would like to have representation from KCC – S. Wilson and D. Young have indicated they would be happy to do this
1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th February; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**