**Kirkliston Community Council**

**25 – 02 - 2025**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, G. Crow, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, A. Hancock, J. Richardson, S. Wilson, P. Vaughan, Cllr. L. Young, A. McKeen (Edinburgh Airport) and 3 members of the public
2. **Apologies –** S. Lee
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Proposed by A. Rothney and seconded by P. Vaughan
4. **Matters Arising –**

* Almond Practice increase in size – a meeting to be held (no date) with Lothian Health Board, K.C.C. and Almond Practice to discuss the issue; a question will be raised about Section 75 money (£785000) and why that is not being used to increase the Queensferry Practice
* Stirling Road – a site meeting to be held with D. Sinclair; **Cllr. L. Young** will, also, attend

1. **Police Report –** No Report available

* **D. Buchanan** to write to the local Superintendent to complain about a lack of representation and report from the Police
* Complaint raised about young teenage girls sniffing aerosol cans in the horses’ field at Hallyards
* Complaint raised about youths vandalising vehicles and property, drinking beer and smoking drugs at Hallyards Units; a suggestion made to have a Police Watch

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* Fly-tipping a major problem – notices have been distributed around the area detailing the number to contact to uplift rubbish
* Hub still closed but being maintained – looking for funding
* Empty houses are now being filled
* Meeting attended with C.E.C. regarding the 7% increase in rent, which cannot be afforded by many people the tenants’ group suggested 4% would be more manageable; however, after discussion the decision was reached that the 7% would remain; P. Vaughan concerned that this could put people out of their homes
* P. Vaughan meeting with G. Norval to discuss the Improvement Plan which is now behind schedule; **D. Buchanan** has offered to accompany P. Vaughan

1. **Scouts –**

* AGM occurred on 23 February; new Trustee Board elected
* Trustee Board to look at funding for new septic tank
* Beaver camp booked for 30 May at Bonaly.
* Adult volunteer numbers are picking up but still have some gaps to fill

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* Community Fridge - No data for this month - still working on ways to collect accurate data since moving to the Shed.
* A new volunteer has started who is able to do collections during the day, so now secured collections from Aldi in Broxburn and Dalgety Bay each week; food is now going into the Shed four days per week.
* Community Garden - still waiting to hear about getting a water tap in the garden. **Cllr. L. Young** to help with this.
* Planters/Barrels - no update; Railing Planters - no update; Pikes Pool - no update
* General - scheduled litter-pick went ahead on Sunday - 18 bags of rubbish collected.
* Still waiting for a date re the delivery of the bench from C.EC. which should be received this week and then the Installation Team will be contacted.
* Some planting done on the flower bed on Queensferry Road to add a bit of colour; more planting will get done in the Manse Road gardens next week; three nurseries have signed up to be involved with the sunflower growing competition
* Application for funding to be made to Rotary Club of South Queensferry

1. **Edinburgh Airport –** see Report re Noise Levels

* Noise Action Plan to be approved
* **R. Bentley** to accompany A. Rothney to the next Airport meeting
* International Arrival Area in in the Airport Plan to be revamped

1. **Gala –**

* Date - 14th June 2025
* Parade confirmed including Rotary
* Entertainment underway – new DJ / Taylor’s Funfair / other entertainment in hand
* Liaising with stall holders and F&B trucks / Looking to get a local company to sponsor lunch bags – Ficos or Conifox
* Compliance – CEC has now said we can have cones and barriers as before with no charge; Park fee (£165) and bond (£1K) as well as PEL (£300)
* Stage – booking a better stage / sound system (cost has tripled)
* Fundraising – School Disco (April) and Fundraiser event planning underway – May (pub or bowling club)
* Grants – will be applying in March – Edinburgh Airport / Almond Partnership

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* K.C.C. Account - £802.68
* Developers’ Fund - £10185

1. **Councillor’s Report –**

* Council Tax rise agreed – 8%
* Continued large scale investment in roads and pavements; school budgets secured; holiday hubs protected
* £3.6 million to improve special schools
* Active Schools - £1.6 million to improve Safe Routes to School
* Stirling Road signage to be put in place before the end of the financial year

1. **Proposed Secondary School –**

* Report coming to the next meeting of the Education Committee
* Queensferry High School extension is to proceed, although there will still be continued land discussions

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* Various events planned for the summer term
* K.C.C. would welcome a visit to the new Early Years Centre

1. **Kirkliston Heritage –**

* Kirkliston Woman’s Guild Recipe Book - decided to go with a hardback rather that a ring binder due to it probably being used as more of a coffee table/keepsake book and having supplementary Kirkliston History in it and not just recipes. The book will retail for £15/£16 approx.
* The Cheesetown Piece Newsletter - It has been approved by Kirkliston Heritage Society and the idea welcomed during verbal discussion amongst the wider community. The domain name cheesetown-piece.com has been secured, along with a dedicated mail client and a holding page has been created featuring an image of Kirkliston High Street and a simple e-mail ‘click to contact us’ info@cheestown-piece.com Discussion took place as to which method would be best for people to get in touch or supply news/events to be included in the Cheesetown Piece. A DM through the Kirkliston Heritage facebook page or an email was preferred as the method of contact. A social media advert with a ‘Coming Soon’ Launch was created primarily for the Kirkliston Heritage Facebook group - but this has been shared to wider community Facebook and Social Media locations generating a high level of engagement. Within a few minutes of the ad appearing the Heritage Facebook group gained an additional twenty members.
* Home of First Scottish Parliament Sculpture - on-going; two quotes to be used when applying for / or seeking funding. A communication has been sent to the Presiding Officer Alison Johnstone MSP, and a further letter will be drafted for the local MSP.
* The Falkland Society contacted and a visit to Falkland as a Heritage outing will be arranged to discover how its community successfully and regularly wins awards and funding.
* Community Council Listed Building - Although the former Kirkliston Primary School building was refused Listed Building the decision is being appealed on several grounds. A letter has been drafted and will be supplied to Historic Scotland for reconsideration.

1. **Community Council Elections –**

* So far there are 6 elected members’ applications approved and 4 interest groups
* Cllr. L. Young will chair next month’s meeting until Office-Bearers are appointe

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* Resident in Wellflats Road complained about traffic going and back and forwards into the Dandara Estate, through the road in order to avoid the main crossroads; Dandara has promised a bollard be put there, but not until its work is complete – **D. Buchanan** to contact Dandara to have this done more quickly and will, also, meet with R. Bentley.
* **D. Buchanan** to contact C.E.C. Dog Wardens re dogs running in loose in fields with winter crops
* Kirkliston Community Centre – The Committee is having the roof repaired on the 1988 extension; three windows need to be replaced.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th March; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**