**Kirkliston Community Council**

**31 - 10 – 23**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, A. Rothney, A. Hancock, A. McKay, J. Richardson, S.-A. Hunter, R. Bentley, Cllrs. L. Younie and N. Work and one member of the public
2. **Apologies** – Police Rep., G. Crow, S. Wilson, P. Vaughan, Cllr. L. Young

1. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all and intimated that P. Hull had resigned from K.C.C. He had thanked her for the work she had done in supporting the Community Council**,** over a good number of years
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed: A. Rothney; Seconded: S. Lee
3. **Matters Arising –**

* The Hub at Gateside is still not complete
* D. Buchanan congratulated A. Hancock on becoming a District Commissioner for the Scouts
* As P. Hull has resigned, a Representative will be required for the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee
* Nothing heard about the repair of the wall at the Community Centre – **Cllr. L. Younie** to take this forward

1. **Police Report –**

* Dangerous/Careless and Anti-social driving remains a priority with regular speed checks taking place on roads most susceptible to driving offences or at most risk of accidents; speed gun to be used in the coming weeks in the **Kirkliston** area including **Newliston Road** and **Stirling Road** outside the school
* Anti-social driving and Off-road bikes – still a priority but no reported incidents
* Anit-social behaviour/Youth disorder - one reported incident with bikes in the High Street area
* Vandalism – one reported incident of damage to a window in Toddshill Road – enquiries ongoing
* Bogus Caller – no reported incidents
* Inputs to schools have taken place re the use of bonfires and fireworks and shops which sell fireworks have been contacted; visits have been conducted to known offenders; there will be additional presence in **north-west Edinburgh** over the season; call Police immediately if there are concerns over the use of fireworks and bonfires

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**

* The **rubbing plates** have still not been replaced by CEC; **Cllr. L. Younie** will take this forward
* Trees which have been planted are doing well and there has been no further vandalism; there is funding in the account to plant more next season
* **Wall - Miller Homes** have offered to pay some of costs and **Spiers Gumley** is still trying to pin them down. **Miller Homes** have said they will come back mid - November with a response – another delay; **KCC** was thanked for all it’s support of this issue

1. **G.T.R.A. -**

* A lot of rubbish lying around in the estate; **P. Vaughan** to ask about having it cleared
* Kirkliston Community Centre thanked for its gift of £1000 which is much appreciated
* Hub has been connected to the water mains –
* More new families moving into the estate – **P. Vaughan** to inform them of **G.T.R.A., K.C.C.** and the **Church**
* **D. Buchanan and K. Giblett of S.Q.C.C.** are to meet with **P. Lawrence** of CEC and will discuss the issues affecting **Kirkliston** and **South Queensferry**

1. **Scouts –**

* No change from last month, Cubs and Scouts are requiring additional volunteers, as only 1 leader per evening and relying on parent helpers to run.
* Kirkliston Market presence went well but as yet no volunteers have come forward, but £22 was raised selling Halloween items.
* Sponsored walk by Beavers and Cubs have raised just over £2000 - has allowed for some equipment to be bought to replace what was lost in the flood.
* Current young people involved within the group is: 84.
* As an ongoing process the group continue to apply to and investigate all funding opportunities to help with the flood damage recovery.
* **Scouting UK** is changing in the coming months. Leaders will no longer exist but will be **Lead Volunteers** and **Team Members.** There is change within the training required also, and our **District**, **Craigalmond**, is an early adopter and will be involved in the implementation of the changes. There is also a new computer system to help all involved make running this easier.

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* **The Community Fridge group** is applying for funding to get a new space outside the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre, so that it can be used outwith Centre opening
* Now receiving deliveries from **Fair Share**
* Planning going on for the first anniversary of the Fridge
* **Community Garden** is being cleared for winter; the Gardening Club at the primary school will assist
* The planters are also being cleared, although there will be some winter plants in them; the sponsor for the tiered planter is being changed; there is to be a new railing planter opposite the Community Centre
* A Litter Pick took place at the Leisure Centre on Sunday
* Crocuses have provided by the Rotary Club and have been planted on Path Brae
* A ton of soil has been received through the Edinburgh Festival
* **Manse Road Gardens** have been tidied up
* Thanks to **D. Buchanan** with his assistance in getting two benches refurbished; two new barrel planters will be placed either side of the bench on **Path Brae**

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* **A. Rothney** has agreed to be the new KCC Rep. on the **Edinburgh Airport** **Consultative Committee**; thanks were expressed to her for taking on the role.

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* See the Report as sent by **A. McKay** outlining the rationale of K.P.S.A. explaining its points of view, the chief ones being a lack of educational vision and what type of academic achievement will be realised. The K.P.S.A. does **not** support the proposals at present
* **Queensferry High School** will require a temporary extension so there should not be a rush into making a decision for Kirkliston
* A vote will take place in January re the final decision of the Consultation; however, a deputation can and should visit the **Education Committee** before this takes place
* **D. Buchanan and K. Giblett of S.Q.C.C.** will arrange a meeting with the **Chair of the** **Education Committee** and the **Director of Education** to discuss all the concerns

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Lane – 4th Sept. 23 to 31st Oct. 2023, 89 vehicles at a cost of £2670; from 13th Sep. 2013 to 31st Oct. 2023, 21474 vehicles at a cost of £644220
* CEC Community Council page has been updated to our website
* Bus Shelter on Path Brae – will be cleared in the winter work schedule
* Secretary of KSQF will contact members and away teams re parking; Allison Park itself cannot be used due to restrictions; N. Davidson has contacted the resident concerned
* **Miners’ Bridge** has now been repaired under Health and Safety issues but CEC really does not wish to have responsibility for it
* **Parks and Open Spaces** to see about clearing the path to Hallyards from the Almond Bridge
* The Traffic Light division for the Pedestrian crossing was contacted and the problem resolved the following day
* N. Davidson pushing CEC to place double yellow lines at the rear entrance of the school, but there has been a hold on the order due to kerb height
* Grant received for Santa’s Sleigh has been completed and approved by CEC
* **CEC** contacted about a broken cover beside the cash machine at the **Co-op**
* **Paving slabs at the crossroads** – Caithness slabs have to be ordered and a return visit will be made to complete the work
* **N. Davidson** checked that members had a copy of the **Scheme for Community Councils**
* Diversion signs at the crossroads – CEC know nothing about them; **D. Buchanan** wondered if they may be connected to the forthcoming parade for **Remembrance** **Sunday**

**Treasurer’s Report –**

* Developers’ Account - £10535; KCC Account - £753.19

1. **Councillors’ Reports –**

* Planters outside the Easton’s home – Cllr. L. Younie stated that **CEC** does not own them so will do nothing about them; **R. Bentley** has offered to help get them uplifted and disposed of
* **Cllr. N. Work** attended the meeting at Kirkliston Primary School re the proposed new High School; he commented on how well attended it had been

1. **Public Transport –**

* T**he new Country Bus service has commenced**
* The new electronic signs at the **Bus stops** appear to be working

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* Almond Partnership Funding Group met; there is £10000 left in the Fund to be used by the end of the financial year; **D. Buchanan** encouraged constituted groups to apply
* D. Buchanan to meet with P. Lawrence to discuss CEC not being proactive enough with issues raised
* K**CC short of elected members – there is an allowance for ten and at the moment KCC has five**
* **Bowling Green Pathway**– the lighting situation there is back on the agenda

1. **Planning –**

* Certificate of Lawfulness for the convenience store on Liston Road granted

1. **Armistice Service –**

* Sunday 12th November – 10.45 am in the Church and then a parade to the **War** **Memorial** at approx. 12.00 noon for a short service of **Remembrance** , permission for roads to close to allow this to take place has been given by the **C.E.C.**

1. **Christmas in Kirkliston –**

* Police Scotland not willing to support the Torchlight Parade and switching on of the lights; the cost to Christmas in Kirkliston to go ahead with it would be in the region of £2000 - £3000; Cllr. L. Younie managed to get CEC to waive a fee of £800 for which the Group is very grateful. **Cllr. L. Younie** is going to follow this up and see how he can assist, so that the Parade can go ahead. **The Group** is most upset and disappointed after all the hard work which has gone into the arrangements.

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* Problems with the drain outside the Library – **Cllr. L. Younie** has flagged this up with the **Roads Team**

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th November; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**