**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**25 - 01 – 22**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, D. Hull, P. Hull, B. Walker, G. Walker, G. Crow, A. Hancock, H. McPhee (deputising for J. Richardson), Cllrs. N. Work and L. Young and 2 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – S. Wilson, Cllrs. G. Hutcheson and K. Lang, L. Mitchell, S-A Hunter, J. Richardson, C. Waddell, H. Turnbull
3. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all to the first meeting of the New Year
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved with the correction that the drainage re the Hub at Gateside has not been attended to
5. **Matters Arising –** None
6. **Police Report – which see**

* Youths are congregating in Allison Park
* Sam’s Shop now has a 14-day Licence which can be renewed as long as nothing is reported; KCC were not made aware of the renewal of this licence; **N. Davidson** will contact the Police and CEC concerning this; young people seem to be purchasing liquor from there; P.Vaughan is also trying to get the licence revoked

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* **Locogen and Changeworks Solar Panels** – delay in fitting in them due to workers losing their jobs; a new team is now in place and the work should be complete in two weeks; Changeworks is also installing fire alarms for those houses with solar panels; P. Vaughan is assisting residents to reclaim money already spent on them
* Walkabout with reps. from **CEC** still to take place
* **Car park area** which had been looked at is unsuitable and one at the Cotlaws area is being considered instead
* **Some potholes** have been repaired but not the ones in the carparking areas as these were not adopted by CEC
* **House in the Glebe** referred to in the previous Minutes – work has started on a new roof; the family’s belongings were damaged due to the rainwater coming in and it is hoped they can make a claim on **CEC insurance a**nd their own **Household Insurance**

1. **Scouts –**

* A new leader will be starting
* Covid has hit numbers quite badly in terms of children and leaders
* N**umbers are healthy with 36 Beavers, 36 Cubs and more than 30 Scouts**
* **£10000 Grant** was received for maintaining the hall

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* Now responsible for running the **Community Garden** in **Toddshill Road** and applying for funding to complete it
* Looking to have more planters in **Station Road** following through to **Auldgate**
* Litter Picks are continuing – recently completed one on the road to Winchburgh and hoping to look at Burnshot Road

1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**

* Bus Camera – 23rd Sep.2013 to 9th Jan. 2022, 19166 vehicles at a cost of £574984 and from 22nd Nov. 2021 to 9th Jan. 2022, 298 vehicles at a cost of £8940; all costs approx.
* Burnshot Road – closing for sewer work re the new development – date to be confirmed
* Cinnamon Sledge Royal Elizabeth Yard – **see Report –** Bonded warehouse to replace current units with the full knowledge of the occupants already on the site; a PAN has been approved by CEC but a Planning Application has not been produced; there will not be many jobs in the plant except for the building work; the road entrance being straightened is under review; rail transport has not been considered due to costs; **KCC** has expressed concern re the volume of traffic and the size of vehicles; however, this area is not under the remit of KCC but QDCC
* Burnshot Road Care Home Entrance – a request has been sent to CEC in order to construct a new access junction; **D. Buchanan** will request a plan at the meeting of the Almond Network tomorrow (27th Jan.); it was pointed out that parking at the new housing development taking place is an additional problem at present; a sign needs to be replaced at Almondhill Road to prevent lorries turning in there as drivers think it is a way through to the development – **Cllr. L. Young** will follow this up and will, also, request plans for the **Care Home entrance**
* **Stewart Place** – road surface has been left in a bad state; **S. Lee** to give **D. Buchanan** a contact e-mail address and **Cllr. L. Young** will follow this up too
* **KCC** has no objections to the use of Allison Park for the Gala Day this year
* The abandoned car at **Almondside** has been removed
* Pavement cleaning – no update

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £870.68
* Developers’ Account - £13397

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* More airlines are now using the Airport
* Employment opportunities are not increasing at present
* The spoil heap mentioned at the previous meeting is not to do with the Airport as it is

not on its land

* The next meeting of the **Consultative Committee** is in February

1. **Transport –**

* **H. Turnbull** is still working with First Bus to ty to get the frequency of the service

back to normal, the **Larbert Depot** having been badly hit with Covid and has lost

drivers to the **Haulage Industry**; at present it is felt that reliability rather than

frequency is the real issue.

1. **Chair –**

* **Almond Funding** – at the start of the **Fiscal Year** there was **£34000** to distribute to

Local groups; there is £10000 left and it must be used before the end of the Fiscal

Year or it is lost; **D. Buchanan** encouraged properly constituted groups to apply.

* **Stirling Road Crossing** work will commence at the start of the **Spring** break
* **Crawford McGhie of the Education Dept.** will open an informal Consultation at the

**Start of March** concerning education infrastructure in **North-West Edinburgh;**

Kirkliston Community Council will be duly represented at the **Consultation**

with the **KPSA**

1. **Santa Sleigh –**

* Grateful thanks were expressed to **B. Walker** and **G. Crow** for the excellent work done on **Christmas Eve** in making so many children happy to see Santa
* Generator needs to be fixed/serviced with the sleigh getting a bit of a face-lift
* New housing developments need to be taken into consideration next **Christmas**
* **Dandara** to be approached re help with funding to fully upgrade the sleigh and sound system – **D.Buchanan and N. Davidson** will make the approach once costs have been established

1. **Planning – which see**
2. **A.O.C.B. –**

* It was agreed that **KCC** would meet via Zoom next month until we see what progress is being made re in-person meetings and the use of the Library

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 22nd February; 7.00pm; via Zoom**