**Kirkliston Community Council**

**30 – 01 – 24**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, A. Hancock, S. Wilson, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, A. McKay, J. Richardson, P. Vaughan, S. Lee, Cllr. K. Lang, Police and four members of the public
2. **Apologies –** G. Crow

David welcomed all present.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Proposed – N. Davidson and Seconded P. Vaughan
2. **Matters Arising –**

* Caithness slabs still to be replaced at the **Main Junction**

1. **Police –**

* Not too much to report – r**oad safety still a priority**
* **N. Davidson** to contact CEC re **double yellow lines** not being patrolled
* Speeding in general needs to be attended to, but especially near the junction at Gateside Road- **D. Buchanan** to raise the matter at the **Neighbourhood Partnership**

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool – No Report**

* Problem of flooding on the path down from Gateside to the park; **A. McKay** to send on photographic evidence to **Cllr. K. Lang**

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* CEC looking at the poor road conditions in **Gateside** and the number of potholes
* Furniture which had been dumped near the Hub to be removed
* Danger of junction from Gateside Road to the main road; the hedge at the foot of the road needs attention as it is causing problems with sight lines; further discussion at **KCC l**ed to a decision to raise a petition to have lights installed or, at the very least, a mirror; **Cllr. K. Lang** will take forward traffic speed monitoring

1. **Scouts –**

* Losing one leader from the Beavers; hopefully this position will be filled
* Scout group not involved on the Management Team of the proposed Kirkliston **Village Hall**

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* Held a party to celebrated the first year of the **Community Fridge** – **3414 kg.** of food has been saved through **2332** visits to the Fridge
* **Funding** is being researched for an outbuilding to be used for the **Fridge**
* Coffee Morning being held on 3rd Feb. to raise some funds
* **Benches on Path Brae & Station Road** – waiting for their return
* New planter on Queensferry Road – a plant was stolen from it and then the planter was damaged due to an accident
* Topsoil and compost given to the **Primary School**
* Litter Pick held on Sunday around **Gateside** area
* Contacting CEC and the **Sheltered Housing Complex** re the area behind the housing, opposite the Primary School – hope to turn this into a wild meadow

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* **£3500** raised at the **Christmas Fayre**
* Nothing happening at the crossing on Stirling Road
* **CEC** to clean out the water tanks – **Cllr. K. Lang** to find out when
* **Early Years Centre** – hoping to open after **Easter for the Nursery children** and in August for P.1; no current intention for P.2 to use the facility
* **K.P.S.** to host Rotary School Quiz at the end of February
* Outdoor Learning Space to be reviewed when the pods have been removed

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* Bought over by **Blackrock**

1. **Kirkliston Heritage –**

* Walked through the route for the **Gala**
* Found history details connected to the **Church**
* Suggestion of using the **Gatehouse at the Church** as a museum for Heritage display

1. **Kirkliston Gala –**

* No word of any Lottery funding
* As it is the centenary of the **Gala** this year various ideas have been put forward to recognise this including – an exhibition in the Community Centre, a book, a Gala Trail as per the original trail, a video of memories, and a plaque
* Applications to be made to the **Airport,** the **Neighbourhood Partnership**, local businesses, **Dandara**
* **CEC i**s reviewing charges for community events

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Lane – Sep. 2013 to 31st Dec. 2023 – 21744 vehicles at a cost of £652320; from 30th Oct. 2023 to 31st Dec. 2023 – 184 vehicles at a cost of £5520
* No replies to various e-mails which have been sent to CEC
* Still to hear about the Caithness slabs
* **Cllr. K. Lang** working with a resident re noisy drain cover
* **Still trying to progress ownership of land on Stirling Road**
* Request for date re **Community Council Elections** but nothing heard

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* Developers’ Account - £10535.00
* Treasurer’s Account - £1314.40
* C**heque for £661 presented to Queensferry Care as a result of the collection from Santa’s Sleigh – this cheque still to be cashed. Queensferry Care extremely grateful for this, especially as it was added to with another £500 due to match funding obtained by S. Lee through his company**

1. **Councillor’s Report –**

* Cllr. K. Lang stated that this year’s Council Budget has been very tough – actually £20 million worse than that forecast; however, it is hoped to avoid school cuts and Leisure cuts this year, but it does not look hopeful for next year; £3 million pounds of Covid money is being used as a stopgap for Leisure purposes
* The proposal for a north/south tram is being prioritised due to the Granton area being massively developed
* During discussion it was agreed that **KCC** would contact **Winchburgh C.C**. to fully support its petition for a **Railway Station**; it was further agreed to petition Kirkliston residents on this topic; **D. Buchanan** to invite a representative from **Winchburgh** to come to a future meeting

1. **Public Transport –**

* All bus services seem to be running relatively smoothly

1. **Planning-**

* Storage unit at **Conifox** granted

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* **D. Buchanan and N. Davidson** now have a full list of contacts at **C.E.C.**
* No decision has been reached as yet regarding a private house on **Main Street** becoming a **Nursery**; possible decision in two weeks
* Reminder that **funding** can be applied for through the **Almond Partnership**

1. **Secondary School Provision –**

* 8th February is the appointed date for **CEC** decision and, following that, decisions will be taken by **K.P.S.A**. as to what it does next
* For **K.P.S.A**., the main thrust is that the education provided for the students is the best it can be; there needs to be a guarantee on this
* If working alongside **C.E.C.** does not work out, then K.P.S.A. will take the matter further; at the moment a form of representation is being decided; **K.C.C.** will back **K.P.S.A.**

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* Unsafe wall at Wellflats – **R. Bentley** to discover ownership of the wall before anything can be done
* Wall at Community Centre – **D. Buchanan** to write to C.E.C. concerning this as it is unsafe especially for the children who attend the Nursery

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27th February; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**