**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**25 – 04 - 23**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, P. Hull, Cllr. L. Young, A. McKay, R. Bentley, A. Rothney, S.-A. Hunter, and two members of the public
2. **Apologies** –G. Crow, P. Vaughan, S. Wilson, J. Richardson, A. Hancock

1. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all and especially R. Bentley as a new member of KCC
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed: P. Hull Seconded: N. Davidson
3. **Police Report –**

* Dangerous/careless and antisocial driving remains a priority
* 1 reported incident of anti-social off-road bike in Allison Park – officers attended but no sign of rider; patrols will continue
* A.S.O.B. – 3 reported incidents – throwing stones in Pikes Pool Drive, intoxicated youths in Allison Park, youths causing nuisance at Ficos; in all cases youths not caught, but ongoing monitoring is taking place

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**

* 20 trees and 20 fruit bushes planted by over 60 local people; lovely fun-filled day of community spirit; Funding Report sent to N.W. Community Grant Fund; sadly, this was followed by an act of vandalism, but luckily only one tree was lost; the community rallied round to express it’s disappointment over this and helped wherever possible; Council Rangers assisted; the matter was reported to the Police
* Funding is in place to plant further trees and this may be done in the winter
* More plugs have been planted in the upper meadow; evidence of the ones planted before Christmas coming up
* Wheelie bin burning – CEC is aware of this which is continuing; Rangers removed on one day alone 17 wheel axles; this really is a Community issue, not an issue for the Friends to deal with alone. **D. Buchanan** to raise the issue at the Almond Partnership
* R. Bentley stated that there are bale fires being set at Hallyards
* Next Committee meeting in early May
* Boundary Wall – **D. Buchanan and N. Davidson** to write to Miller Homes regarding this issue
* R. Bentley mentioned a website which may be of interest to the Friends group – Food for Life

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* No further progress re the Hub; CEC is not keeping P. Vaughan informed as to just what is going on; KCC will help P. Vaughan reach the target of a summer opening; **D. Buchanan** will raise the issue at the Almond Partnership meeting

1. **Scout Group –**

* £5000 is required to refloor the hut; **A. Rothney** to contact A. Hancock about the Almond Partnership funding; it was further suggested that all groups/companies in the area be approached for help
* Dehumidifiers are still drying out the hut

1. **K.C.C.V.-**

* The Community Fridge is picking up pace; hoping to get a freezer so that frozen goods can also be stored
* Community Garden – seeds planted by Brownies and are in the greenhouse
* Monthly Litter Pick on Sunday 30th April – S. Queensferry end of the village
* Big Help Out in Manse Road Gardens on Monday 8th May – people welcome to come and help; refreshments provided

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* KPSA - Crossing in front of KPS on Stirling Road - Meeting 18 April with D. Buchanan, N. Davidson and L. Richardson + additional officer. – L. Richardson confirmed the raised table is a “uncontrolled crossing.” Cars have the right of way. KPSA asking for much needed signage to clarify – L. Richardson will connect with Road Safety Officer to gain final clarification
* Meeting 21 April with JRSO’s, Ms. Easton, Ms. Smith and Cllr. L. Young - JRSO reports that around 450 people cross at drop off (8:50) and pick up times (14:45 & 15:15) - on 21 April alone, the JRSO students counted 8 near misses – Cllr. L. Young requested stats collected by JRSO be shared. She will then contact the head of Active Travel - JRSO is asking for another lollipop crossing guard or zebra crossing
* Coronation Colour Dash - a colour fun run around the Coronation weekend = lots of family fun!
* Kirkliston Civic Week: 8 June 2023 - Disco - DJ needed to play at the disco on 8th June
* Last meeting of the year - 12 June 2023; in-person with the students on the Pupil Council

1. **The Orchard Nursery (part of A. McKay’s Report) –**

* ‘Thank you’s' and gratitude to the Community Centre Management as well as the clubs the nursery has displaced
* The Parent’s Committee sincerely thanks the whole community as it has supported around 70 families in the village with children under 5 in the care of The Orchard Nursery. Without this support, the disruption to the children’s stability and the potential financial impact on their families would have been immeasurable
* Working with the Community Centre Management team, the Club representatives and the Nursery’s Parent’s Committee, the Orchard Nursery welcomes any suggestions from the Community to support the displaced groups
* Owner, Vicky Coia, is suggesting fixing up the original Nursery to allow any displaced community clubs to meet in the premises as needed. The outdoor space can be used in approximately one month from now - might be desirable to groups like the Scouts; the Indoor space should be repaired soon after and will include the use of the kitchen.
* Quote from Vicky Coia: “I honestly want to pull the village together not have it fractured. Your children are the future of the community and I’ve been there for 17 years. I am also Kirkliston born and bred so it has a place in my heart too. I believe we can make this happen and bring everyone together.”
* **A. Rothney** stated there would be a meeting in the Bowling Club on 2nd May re the displacement of groups and it is hoped for an amicable solution

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* Delta Airlines is opening up new routes to the States
* **P. Hull** to enquire about free parking spaces for local residents due to a query over postcode usage

1. **Kirkliston Gala –**

* Saturday 10th June
* CEC denied request for a discount/waiver on the PEL (licence for inflatables to be inspected); the price is now £1200; it is going to be a struggle to meet this cost and keep prices low for families; applied for grant from Edinburgh Airport Community Fund (“Good Neighbour” category), Almond Partnership and KCC Community Grants Find
* Fundraiser being held on 12th May – Newliston Arms, A Gin-Tasting Evening; hope to raise £750
* Arrangements are proceeding but there are funding difficulties
* A. Rothney has made enquiries about purchasing barriers; a bid is being made for 100 at an auction on Wednesday 27th April
* Programmes being sold soon
* **D. Buchanan** to speak with a representative of BEAR Scotland re the acquisition of bunting for the Gala

1. **Kirkliston Heritage Society –**

* To become a standard item on the Agenda
* Church Model – permission received from Kirk Session for the Group to apply to the “Repair Shop” programme to have it restored; the model is at least 160 years old

1. **Christmas in Kirkliston –**

* A.G.M. being held on Wednesday 26th April in the Newliston Arms; 7.00pm

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Gate – 13th Feb. 2023 to 2nd April 2023 – 140 vehicles at a cost of £4200; from 13th Sep. 2013 to 2nd April 2023 – 20808 vehicles at a cost of £624240
* Met with CEC at the new table on Stirling Road
* Steps at Maitland Road – sent a picture and report re the state of the steps to CEC; it had already been reported but nothing about when it will be repaired
* Lochend Road closure – no date as yet; this is for work being done for BT where ducting needs to be cleared
* KCC A.G.M. – 27th June 2023; this will follow the main meeting

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £815.58 – insurance has been paid but does not leave the account until 28th April
* Developers’ Account - £13397

1. **Cllr. Report –**

* Cllr. L. Young reported re J.R.S.O. visit and she will contact the Active Travel Team; there is confusion as to exactly what the table is; signage is required; **Cllr. L. Young** will continue to work on this issue
* McGills Public Meeting re the bus situation – to be held in the primary school on Wed. 3rd May at 6.45 pm; Colin Napier who is the Group Service Delivery Director will attend
* Meeting with Orchard Nursery and Community Centre Management Group
* New Nursery at the Leisure Centre should be ready for nursery children in January 2024 and P1 in August 2024

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* It is hoped to have a representative from the Kirkliston Village Hall Assoc. attend a future KCC meeting to discuss what is happening

1. **Planning –**

* Food Provision – Street Trader Licence in Planning; if approved this will be located at the Leisure Centre and hopes to operate Monday to Sunday 7.00 am to 4.00 pm. **N. Davidson** to write on behalf of KCC to give its support

1. **A.O.C.B. –** None
2. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 30th May; 7.00 pm; Kirkliston Library**