**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**27 - 09 - 22**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, P. Vaughan, S. Lee, A. Hancock, P. Hull, S.-A. Hunter, Cllr. L. Younie and 1 member of the public
2. **Apologies** – L. Mitchell, H. Turnbull, B. Walker, G. Walker, G. Crow, J. Richardson, Cllr. N. Work
3. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all and especially N. Davidson on his return
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved; Proposed – P. Vaughan; Seconded – A. Hancock
5. **Matters Arising – None**
6. **Police Report** – **None**
7. **K.P.S.A. – No Representative**
8. **Friends of Pike’s Pool –**

* Healthy bank balance in preparation of commencing the work on the community orchard, including community engagement, on-site meetings, planting and maintenance; a report will be submitted to the Almond Partnership re the use of the Community Grant Fund
* Some vandalism of the rubbing posts in the park; CEC has been asked to replace them; waiting for quotes and confirmation that this will happen under the budget of CEC
* Liaison taking place with local nurseries and the CEC Park Ranger on an age-appropriate project e.g. bulb planting/seed sowing; actual meeting to be confirmed
* Park Ranger been asked for appropriate times when the community can join in with such things as site clearing/path repairs, bulb and tree planting
* Successful application to Tesco Community Grant; voting will take place between 1st October and mid-January at three branches – South Queensferry, Davidson’s Mains and Queensferry Road Express; three groups will each get votes and dependent on the number – 1st place will receive £1500, 2nd £1000 and 3rd £500
* D. Buchanan offered 500 blue crocus bulbs from Rotary as part of Polio awareness; the group is delighted to receive these and to plant them in the park

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* CEC to refurbish the Community Garden along with banking for the wall
* Solar Panels – Locogen has completed all the work, but paperwork has not been received; however, it would appear because of the amount of paper involved, residents will find this on-line
* Extra seating to be considered for the basketball court
* Hub – no further forward; **Cllr.L.Younie** will take this forward, and has already escalated this to the Chief Executive; however, should that bring no response he will take it to the full Council in the form of a written question, which would have to be answered. Cllr.L. Younie has the full support of KCC.
* Problems over an Air B’n’B

1. **Scouts –**

* Cubs had a sleepover at the weekend in the Community Centre, learning some scouting skills and raising money for Guide Dogs
* All groups are back after the summer break
* Still looking for new leaders
* A.G.M. 26TH October, with a need to fill Executive Committee roles
* Wreath has been purchased for Remembrance Sunday Parade

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* The group has received from Rotary 1500 blue crocus bulbs to plant in the Manse Road Garden
* Vegetables in the Community Garden may be picked by the public on Saturday
* Litter Pick was completed last Sunday
* Slabs have been laid – area around the gate to be completed

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Lane – 23rd Sep.2013 to 4th Sep. 2022 – 20,144vehiles at a cost of £604320; from 20th June 2022 to 4th Sep. 2022 – 318 vehicles at a cost of £9540
* Almondhill Road – double yellow lines are going ahead, coming into operation on 7th November; installation should begin on 31st October
* Entrance to Almondhill Road was patched – nothing has happened in Stewart Place
* C.E.C. gardeners will trim hedge at Manse Road as line of sight is awkward for the Lollipop Lady

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* Bank Account - £1073.76
* Developers’ Account - £13397

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* P. Hull has agreed to take over from D. Hull as the representative for KCC – Proposed by D. Buchanan and Seconded by N. Davidson

1. **Transport –**

* McGills Bus Group has taken over First Bus operations in the East and will issue a revised timetable in two or three weeks; the Managing Director has been invited to **Santa’s Sleigh -**
* There is concern over the Bus Tracker system; **D. Buchanan** to work with **Cllr. L. Younie** to word a letter to the four elected members in order to raise this issue

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* Attended the senior prizegiving at Queensferry High School and met with some staff; one of the D.H.T.’s would like to attend one of our meetings as she already attends QDCC.
* CEC conducting a Feasibility Study re extending the High School and the possibility of an annex being built in Kirkliston

1. **Planning – which see**
2. **Dandara –**

* Right of Way between Wellflats and Foxhall – Dandara will replace this with a 3 metre, adopted, lit cycleway towards the end of October

1. **Santa’s Sleigh – No report**
2. **Christmas in Kirkliston –**

* Pyramid Tree for Manse Gardens
* 3rd December – Torchlight Parade following the Gala route and a switch-on of lights at the Memorial

1. **Councillors’ Reports –**

* **Cllr.Younie** – Forth Road Bridge resurfacing work changing from north to southbound carriageway at the end of September
* Public Transport – McGills as mentioned above; motion was passed re the use of a hopper ticket to be used within an hour on another bus – now there needs to be engagement with Lothian Buses and McGills
* Cllr. K. Lang honoured to take part in proceedings for the late Queen and the new King
* St. Margaret’s Primary School – the school could become part of the catchment area for the new secondary school in Winchburgh; decisions still to be made
* Gateside Community Hub – see above
* **Cllr. N. Work –** Attending a meeting with the Royal Highland Show to discuss noise from concerts
* McGills – see above comments
* St.Margaret’s – see above

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* The state of the playground area in Allison Park was raised – it is a danger to the children and needs to be repaired or removed; **N. Davidson** to contact D. Stevenson of CEC
* D. Buchanan announced he would not be available for the next meeting; **S. Lee** to chair

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th October; 7.00pm; Newliston Arms**