**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**31- 08 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, D. Hull, G. Walker, B. Walker, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, L. Mitchell, I. Whyte, H. Turnbull, C. Waddell, S. Wilson, Cllr. L. Young and 4 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – S-A Hunter, Cllrs. G. Hutcheson, N. Work and K. Lang
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all and especially the members of the public who had joined
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by N. Davidson and Seconded by S. Lee
5. **Matters Arising –**
* Break The Cycle Event – if the cyclists obey the Highway Code there is nothing to be done; however, the complaint of KCC will be sent to the Chief Executive of CEC
1. **Police Report – which see**
2. **K.P.S.A. –**
* Complaints raise about the look of the school from the outside – parents have helped with groundwork; the huts will be going as the building work is now finished
* The Nursery now has 1140 hours
* No news yet re a High School – the Local Development Plan should be out hopefully in October, and will inform the decision-making; if housing should be signed off on the Burnshot Road, the school would be built within the Kirkliston area
* Early Years Centre – the timeline is sliding due to the number of objections received about the siting of the Centre; the internal planning for it is proceeding
* Matting on the grass at the school is to be replaced before the winter; the fresh matting will assist with social distancing
* A gate has to be put in but there is no date as to when – this will be part of the Safer Routes to School
* A virtual AGM will be held in October; no date yet; it is hoped the L.D.P. will have come out so that can be discussed
* Christmas Fair – this will most probably be an outdoor event and may be run in collaboration with the Christmas in Kirkliston group
* Crossing on Stirling Road will be put in place during the October break
* School roll is approx. 653
1. **Friends of Pike’s Pool – which see**
* N. Davidson to write to the group on behalf of KCC congratulating it on the successful day in the park and the difference its work is making to the amenity
1. **G.T.R.A. –**
* Locagen, the solar panel company has only had a 10% uptake; the offer it put forward is for Main Street and the High Street down to and including Gateside; the work has been delayed until March due to lack of resources
* As of January 2022, 16 – 22-year-olds will have a free bus pass which will allow travel across the UK; Lothian Busses is objecting to this and feels the limit should be a 20-mile radius; this is to be further discussed
* The Community Garden in Gateside is deteriorating and G.T.R.A. is trying to push for work to be done, but is still to hear back on this
* The Hub now has the Planning Permission for water and drains; CEC is paying the expenses on this; P. Vaughan involved in a meeting this week and hopes to be given a timeline
1. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* Air traffic at Edinburgh Airport had increased and was now up to 20% of where it should have been compared with 2019. Europe where the traffic had returned to about 60% and that the rest of the UK was sitting at between 25% and 30%. This reflects Scottish Government policy rather than customer demand.
* Recovery was very competitive and restrictions in Scotland were not helping against European regulations and restrictions and a more relaxed approach in the rest of the UK. The restraints for passengers were the cost of tests combined with the level of testing required and uncertainty.
* The daily seat factor had improved but two thirds of that related to domestic traffic which is currently doing quite well. Operating at 70% was not profitable for the airlines, but they were prepared to operate unprofitably for a period to re-establish passenger confidence.
* Gordon Dewar stated that he thought it would take five to ten years to return to the 2019 level of connectivity.
* A carbon enhanced scheme working towards Net Zero emissions is a new development and a planned solar farm to be created at the end of the runway.
* Planned to attend a zoom meeting on 7th September on sustainability. Good news – new connection to Canada, specifically Toronto.
* A road which was proposed by and would be funded by Edinburgh Airport was an opportunity to solve the problems from Gogar to the airport and around Maybury.

A proposal from Edinburgh Airport to run it along the side of the railway was currently before the City of Edinburgh Council Planning Committee. Initially officials recommending refusal. The CEC officials favoured a route through the next housing development and past a school. A route not favoured at all by Edinburgh Airport - still under discussion.

1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**
* Bus Gate -up to 8th Aug. 2021, 18387 have passed through the Gate at a cost of £551610 and more recently, 131 vehicles at a cost of £3930
* No double yellow lines to be put in at the entrance of Newmains Road due to there being no accidents and no problems for Police and Fire to access; still waiting to hear about the area at the school; there is a meeting taking place there on 23rd September
* Resident grateful that grit bags have been removed from the entrance to Allison Park; grass at the side of the school which had been attracting rodents has been cut and grass on Maitland Road will be attended to – a resident there has expressed thanks to KCC
* Village Speed Survey – reply received which see
* Cycle Event – see above
* SGN been contacted re gas works on Lochend Road at the same time as the Winchburgh Road; comments have been noted
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* KCC Account - £1003.08 – CEC Grant of £588.08 received
* Developers’ Account - £13397 - £2500 paid to the Christmas in Kirkliston group
1. **Transport – which see**
* H. Turnbull has e-mailed First Bus re the change to the X38 and 38 service changing to half-hourly due to staff shortage – it is hoped this is temporary
* H. Turnbull raised the problem of road signage at Gateside and people being unsure as to where they are going; the state of some of the paths is bad; **P. Vaughan** stated that he would contact CEC about both problems; if there is no resolution this would be taken higher by the KCC to CEC
* Cllr. K. Lang who sits on the Transport Committee is to be asked to raise the issue of transport in the village as things are getting worse
1. **Councillors’ Reports –**
* Cllr. G. Hutcheson sent his report – which see
* The bushes at the side of Burnshot Road need to be cut back as they are making the road narrower and are a safety issue as accidents are occurring. **N. Davidson** will write to the factor of Dundas Estate and **D. Buchanan** will speak with the owners of Carlowrie
1. **Chair’s Report –**
* Scottish Water and Clancy – the pipework along the Main Street will need to be replaced eventually as it is so old
* Concerns about the capacity at the High School in South Queensferry – the roll there is now 1000 and its capacity is only 1200; D. Buchanan wrote to CEC about this, and a meeting will take place in October between KCC representatives and the KPSA with C. McGhie of CEC; a new Headteacher is taking up post at the High School at the end of September; it has been stated that temporary huts can be placed at the High School if necessary
* The Environmental Group has a constitution and a substantial programme of what it hopes to achieve; it will be taking over the Toddshill Road Garden site; R.S.Q. has received an application for funding for the above Group
1. **Planning – which see**
* Crown Garage – the sign has still not been removed as ordered, but simply covered up with tarpaulin; another complaint has gone to the Planning Dept. as this action is not good enough
1. **Gala Committee –**
* Gala held on 28th June went very well given the Covid restrictions
* The Gala Committee supported the Christmas in Kirkliston group at the recent Conifox event; it was good for the two committees to be working together to benefit the community
* D. Buchananissued an invitation to the Gala group to apply to KCC to become an Interest Group
1. **Kirkliston Parish Church –**
* The Minister, Rev. Erick du Toit is working alongside G. Crowe and others on an initiative to employ a Community Development Worker; G. Crowe stated it would be of help if KCC supported this; Rev. E. du Toit would come along to speak with KCC at some point
1. **Christmas Sleigh –**
* It is hoped to have the go ahead this year
* **B. Walker and G. Crowe** will get together to discuss this and report to the next meeting of KCC
1. **A.O.C.B. –**
* Well Pharmacy – there have been some problems at the Pharmacy recently – no pharmacist in place so the shop could not open, shortage of staff, medication unavailable; Cllr. L. Young has visited the Pharmacy – medication shortage is aligned to a national problem of supply and is not the fault of the local Pharmacy; it was pointed out to the staff, however, that unexpected closures and the cleanliness of the shop is not acceptable – the reason given was staff shortages; Cllr. L. Young has written to the Director of Operations at Well Pharmacy and copied in Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP
* Trees at Almondhill– the Planning officer is concerned that the original plans are not being followed for the housing development on the land
* Double yellow lines will be going ahead on Almondhill Road
* D. Hullthanked the residents of the village for their support on the day of the Vintage Car Show at Conifox, especially with all the cars coming through

D. Buchanan thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th September; 7.00pm; via Zoom**