**Kirkliston Community Council**

**26 – 11 - 24**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, S. Lee, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, A. Hancock, S. Wilson, Cllr. L. Younie, and 1 member of the public

A.McKeen – Edinburgh Airport

1. **Apologies –** G. Crow, J. Richardson, Police
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Proposed by S. Lee and seconded by A. Rothney
3. **Matters Arising –** Thanks were expressed to A. Rothney for representing the Community Council at the Remembrance Day services.
4. **Police Report –**

* Road safety checks continuing
* Use of radar gun continues
* One incident regarding vehicle racing
* No vandalism or bogus callers
* Van which appears to be abandoned on Stirling Road near Allan Park has been reported but it is taxed and M.O.T.’d so is legal

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* P. Vaughan continues with ill-health; **D. Buchanan** to ask him if anyone could represent G.T.R.A. until he is able, as it is an important area of the village and needs to be included

1. **Scouts –**

* Good turn-out for the Remembrance Day Service
* Stall at K.P.S.A. Christmas market
* Bag-packing at Tesco in January – Scouts are fundraising for a new septic tank which will cost £15000; £5000 is already in the bank but a long way to go
* A.G.M. planned for January
* New I.T. system launched to make volunteering simpler but there have been a few teething problems

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* Community Fridge – new “Shed” opened on 18th Nov., meaning it is now open all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays – first week has gone well
* Totals for first 11 months of the second year are as follows – 10756 kgs and 2605 visits
* A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise funds – prices have gone up with the Fridge partners, which have in turn been passed on to the Fridge; **S. Lee** will post the link on the Community Council website
* Birthday celebration for the Fridge on 11th Jan. between 10.00 and 2.00 – there will be a clothes swap, preloved book stall, refreshments etc.
* Community Garden – shed erected, flooring added and tools being moved in
* Planters, Barrels and Railing Planters – no update
* Litter Pick scheduled for 24th Nov cancelled due to Storm Bert
* 1000 crocus bulbs from the Rotary Club of South Queensferry were planted in an area off Stirling Road on the way up to the Primary School; also planted on Stirling Road where the wild flowers are
* Stall at the Christmas Craft Fair in the Community Centre 1st Dec.
* Wording requested for the plaque re the bench which has been sent and now waiting on a delivery date

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* Check-in Hall redesign taking place at a cost of £5.8 million
* An expanded BrewDog Bar and a new Sainsbury’s store will be developed
* Emirates has launched flights to Dubai
* Feedback required on aircraft noise – **A. McKeen** to forward a copy of the Consultation
* Community Fund – applications for this year are now closed
* Resurfacing of the runway will be completed by the end of 2025
* No material changes to night flights
* A. McKeen expressed good wishes to K.C.C. and in turn was thanked for all the help the Airport has extended to Kirkliston

1. **Kirkliston Heritage –**

* Visited Artfe to discuss proposals for Kirkliston First Home of Scottish Parliament
* Edinburgh 900 turned down a request for funding for the above – it was suggested that the Scottish Parliament be approached for some funding
* Next meeting on Wednesday 27th Nov.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** –

* Developers’ Fund - £10185
* KCC Fund - £875.68
* Agreement to purchase plants to the value of £100 – these to put near the disabled access area at the Church
* Treasurer has opened a Savings account – the interest from this will be used to pay a new charge on the current account, a maintenance fee of £4.25 per month

1. **Kirkliston Gala –**

* Someone has been nominated to crown the Queen next year
* Entertainment – considering something different e.g. smaller rides; will, also, find independent food providers
* Stall at K.P.S.A. Fayre
* P1 and P7 to be invited to participate in next year’s Gala, but a bigger stage is required
* **D. Buchanan** will speak with S. Baird re storage facility
* Either new marquees are required or the fabric has to be repaired of the existing ones

1. **Councillor Report –**

* Gritters not out as usual on the recent snowy day due to Storm Bert – this had a huge impact on the roads
* Great disappointment over the way the vote went re the proposed new High School in Kirkliston : 9 – 2 against the new school; Local Officers felt an extension to South Queensferry High is the most viable option; the offer from a local landlord of land with no housing attached was not taken up.

1. **Santa Sleigh –**

* **D. Buchanan** will e-mail G. Crow and an extra meeting may be set up to discuss arrangements
* D. Buchanan announced that for the first time in many years he will not be available to assist with the Sleigh on Christmas Eve

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* D. Buchanan attended an Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting
* £11587 available until March 2025 for Grant applications – D. Buchanan urged groups to apply and make use of this money

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

* Right of Way at Dandara is still not fully open – **D. Buchanan** will approach Dandara and Foxhall

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th January; 7.00 p.m.; Kirkliston Library**