**Kirkliston Community Council**

**27 – 02 - 24**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, A. Rothney, A. McKay, J. Richardson, R. Bentley, Cllrs. N. Work and L. Younie Aaron McKeen – Sustainability Manager, Edinburgh Airport
2. **Apologies –** G. Crow, S-A. Hunter, P. Vaughan, A. Hancock, S. Wilson, Police
3. **D. Buchanan pointed out that KCC is not quorate this evening, and that means that any decisions taken are not binding; Previous Minutes cannot be ratified**
4. **Matters Arising –**

* Wall at Wellflats in need of repair – **G. Philips of 1 Wellflat Road** can forward mail to the owner of the property

1. **Police Report –**

* Speed Gun be used in many parts of the Almond Ward – in Kirkliston on Newliston Road near to the Gateside opening
* A.S.B./Youth Disorder – one incident on Main Street where five youths were causing a disturbance – Local Officers making enquiries
* Vandalism – damage to a vehicle in the area of Allan Park
* Community Drop-In – 5.30pm to 7.30pm, 13th March in the Library; advertising will be done through social media and posters

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**

* **N. Davidson** to contact CEC re the flooding in the area; **Cllr. L. Younie** will also follow this up
* **S.-A. Hunter** stepping down as Chair along with another two members of the committee; it looks like the group may fold if no volunteers come forward

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* Rodding point at the cash machine has been filled in with concrete
* School Gate on Stirling Road has been padlocked – A. McKay to enquire who did it

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* **Fridge Update** - The totals for January were 664kg & 391 visits, bringing the total for the first 2 months of the second year to 1,115kg and 578 recorded visits. This was an encouraging start to the year.
* **Liaison has started with the Church** in regards to helping to stock their food parcels as an unofficial food bank and supplying food to various community groups who use the hall that the fridge is situated in.
* Coffee morning went well, with £380 raised and new folk now aware of the fridge’s purpose.
* Some new training opportunities coming up for volunteers soon and more events in the next few months tbc
* Replacement bench on Path Brae would need to be metal; **CEC** has quoted a cost of **£2400** to include maintenance for 20 years; the group will apply to the **KCC Developers’** **Fund and the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership**

1. **Scouts –**

* Scouts plan a sponsored cycle late March to help buy some equipment
* Losing a Beaver Leader at Summer, which will leave a gap in the leadership team; could lead to Monday Beavers being disbanded; actively looking for a replacement.
* Work begins on Gala Prep for the Parade.
* Planning has begun for the Group Camp in September 2024 where all children within the group are invited to attend. This will be at Fordell Firs.
* AGM is on Sunday 3 March at 7pm in Kirkliston Community Centre; all welcome to attend.
* Community Centre holding a Craft Fair on 23rd March – proceeds to go to the Scouts

1. **K.P.S.A. –**

* Safe Routes to School – accident at the raised table near Allan Park, when a P7 boy broke his leg in two places; the big problem is that people view it as a crossing which it is not; Cllrs. L Younie and L. Young are speaking with CEC about modifications to the area; **KCC favour railings being continued;** site meeting to be arranged with **D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, Cllr. L. Younie and D. Sinclair from C.E.C.**
* **Hedge thorns** trimmed but the debris not lifted – **tyres and shoes** are being damaged as a result; **N. Davidson** to contact **Parks at C.E.C.**
* First of two water tanks have been cleaned
* Funding is being sought for playground games to be painted on the tarmac and for sensory play equipment
* Early Years’ Centre – no definite date for opening; the Nursery will be first to move in; **D**. **Buchanan** to contact **R. Crockett a**nd **C. McGhie**
* The Nursery had a visit from the local Fire Station

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* **A. McKeen** spoke of developments:
* **Community Fund** has been re-opened and people are encouraged to be in touch
* Chosen Charity to support – Edinburgh Children’s Hospice Charity
* Get in touch if there are any ideas for Airport Staff to get involved in volunteering
* Noise Action Plan nearing completion
* Air-Space Change Programme – hoped to be ready by the end of the year
* Community Newsletter coming out

1. **Kirkliston Heritage –**

* Gala Exhibition being held first two weeks in April
* Village Walk set up
* Logos ready
* Plaque to go on the wall beside the War Memorial; the owner has agreed but permission should be sought from **CEC;** **Cllr. L Younie** to help with this
* **Request has been made to have the Community Centre made a listed building**

1. **Secretary’s Report –**

* No bus lane figures this month
* Drain on B800 – blue lines are now round the drain cover and Scottish Water and C.E.C. are dealing with the situation; should have an update by the end of the week
* Abandoned vehicle at Stewart Place; need to check with DVLA if it is properly taxed and has an M.O.T.; if it is, nothing can be done
* Yellow lines at the school gate – **Cllr. L. Younie** to chase this up
* Caithness slabs – still no word on start date
* **Traffic wardens have been asked to keep more of a check on the double yellow lines**

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £628; £661 cheque has been cashed by QCCC
* Developers’ Fund - £10535

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* Attended Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting; Section 75 money - £25000 has been available for a crossing on Path Brae for the past ten years, but KCC was not informed; need a response about this
* Winchburgh C.C. – submission to Network Rail for a Halt; KCC supporting this
* Feeling in the village that public transport has improved

1. **Councillors’ Report –**

* **Families with Additional Support Needs** are falling short and the service needs to be improved; Cllr. L. Younie would like to know if there are any concerns; **A. McKay** will post on Facebook
* The motion to support a delay in progressing the proposed High School was supported
* Although the Council Tax has been frozen, the water rate is going up
* **A. Rothney** to give a list of houses standing empty

1. **Secondary Education –**

* **K.P.S.A.** praised for its contribution at Council
* Different sites need to be looked at; a private landowner has offered a plot of land for building a school only but this would have to go through planning and finance

1. **Planning – see Report**
2. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th March; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**