**Kirkliston Community Council**

**25 – 08 - 24**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, S. Lee, G. Crow, A. Rothney, R. Bentley, J. Richardson, S. Wilson, P. Hancock (representing the Scouts), Police and 5 members of the public
2. **Edinburgh Airport Representative –** Aaron Mckeen
3. **Apologies –** A. McKay, A. Hancock
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Proposed by S. Lee and Seconded by A. Rothney
5. **Matters Arising –** Allison Park Play Area
6. **Police Report –**

* Widespread use of the speed gun, but it does have to be shared around the Ward
* Close pass work carried out on B800 re passing cyclists and allowing space
* Off-road bike checks happening at different times and places; drones have been deployed; hoping to work with C.E.C. on this
* 3 incidents of Youth Disorder
* Red light incidents – inform the police
* Mention was made of drivers spotted using hand-held mobiles
* If anyone suspects a driver under the influence of drugs, again contact the police

1. **G.T.R.A. – No Report**

* Comments made about the state of Gateside in terms of the environment and the rubbish which is being dumped
* State of the roads need to be checked, along with those in Almondside and the Glebe

1. **Scouts –**

* Youth Numbers remain positive with over 80 children attending currently.
* Adult Volunteers an ongoing challenge - although 3 new Beaver Leaders have been recruited in Monday colony and a new Scout Leader on a Friday.
* Great response to appeal for digital cameras and the group now has a pool of cameras for the young people to use.
* Watching closely the sale of Newliston Estates as may impact the long-term future of existing scout hut.
* Group Camp at Fordell Firs happening in September.

1. **K.C.C.V. –**

* Community Fridge - total amount of food saved from landfill in July was 2,396kg with 203 visits. This brings the total for the first eight months of the second year to 9,101kg and 2,003 recorded visits.
* Community Garden - visit from Nadia of the Royal Botanic Gardens, who did a workshop on Biodiversity. She is coming back on the 21st September to guide the group through the fundamentals of bug hotel building. These have been advertised to the Community.
* Planters/Barrels Continue to carry out watering and maintenance. The high grass that surrounded the barrel planters on Queensferry Rd has now been cut by the Council. This was thanks to Cllr. Louise Young.
* Railing Planters Continue to carry out watering and maintenance.
* General Litter Pick will be on 1st September, meeting at the Leisure Centre to do the West of the Village.
* Lot of positive feedback regarding the wildflower bed on Stirling Road and the planters.
* AGM on 24th September in the Newliston Arms
* Rotary Club will be providing 1000 – 1500 crocus bulbs

1. **K.P.S.A. – No Report**

* School Fun Run 31st August, same day as Village Show
* A.G.M. end of September
* Early Years Centre up and running

1. **Edinburgh Airport –**

* A. McKeen reported there would be a massive job taking place on the runway, which would take up to twenty weekends to complete, the work taking place overnight; a question was raised about noise and light whilst this is going on and **A. McKeen** will enquire about this
* **D. Buchanan and A. Rothney** are visiting the Airport on 12th September as part of a Community Council Event

1. **Kirkliston Heritage –**

* Kirkliston book - Current book stocks sitting at 125 amongst different people; Craft Shop numbers to be confirmed; complimentary copy given to Lifelong Learning group; looking at EBAY with a possibility of selling some on the site; shop in Linlithgow may sell some and split the percentage – still to be agreed
* Recipe Book – no movement at present; getting it printed for Christmas could be a challenge; a section at a time will be completed
* Funding – it has been agreed to apply for a Brown tourist sign and the Church has agreed to open more regularly for visitors if this goes ahead; the wording will be “Home of the First Scottish Parliament.”; A. McKeen suggested the group Apply to the Airport for some funding
* Marketing – looking to join the Edinburgh Local Heritage Network; looking for some sort of recognition after 50 years of work
* Listed Buildings – will not hear from Historic Scotland until October
* Reapplying to Edinburgh Community 900 re signage

1. **Secretary –**

* **D. Buchanan** stressed the importance of filling this post on the Community Council and did not shy away from the fact that it is a demanding role. If anyone was interested in taking on the role, please get in touch with him.

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* K.C.C. Account - £399.80
* Developers’ Account - £12035
* £600 will be put towards the bench for Path Brae
* No grant has yet been paid in to the K.C.C. Account

1. **Council Membership –**

* **A. Rothney** put forward some names of people who are interested in joining the Community Council

1. **Allison Park –**

* The play area in the Park needs to be completely revamped
* K. Kirkwood from C.E.C. is coming to the next meeting of K.C.C. to discuss the Survey which had been issued

1. **Gala Committee –**

* W. Marshall has agreed to help with storage facilities for the Gala equipment
* Year-end accounts are being finalised; there should be sufficient to cover the Gala for next year
* A.G.M. being held on 26th September
* Looking at the Gala being inclusive for the whole community not just the children
* The Committee was congratulated on how well organised and run the 2024 Centenary Gala had been

1. **Councillors’ Reports – None**

* D. Buchanan to contact all four Councillors to express the disappointment of K.C.C. that no-one could be in attendance nor send any reports and apologies

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

* It was noted that B. Baird of Hallyards has assisted with having sleeping policemen installed on Hallyards Road
* A complaint was raised about the state of the grass verge on the Main Road outside Allan Park; the weeds are now up to fence height and are a disgrace (in common with a lot of other areas of the village); **D. Buchanan** will write to C.E.C about this
* Right of Way at the Dandara development– when will it be re-opened; **D. Buchanan** to visit the site agent
* Allotments – a neighbour complained about the state of an allotment close to her garden; she has complained to the Allotment Manager but got nowhere; **D. Buchanan** will speak with the actual owner of the allotment concerned.
* Wooden steps at Hallyards on the railway track – the first two steps have been vandalised; **D. Buchanan** contact C.E.C. about this and having them repaired
* People who have hired camper vans are emptying the chemical toilets in lay-bys before returning the vans (saving themselves money in so doing); **D. Buchanan** to inform the police about this
* Mention was made of the Community Connect Card from the Co-op and notices about it will be placed on the Cheesetown Page and in the Craft Shop
* War Memorial – there is still a barrier sitting at the Memorial – **D. Buchanan** to mention this at the Almond Partnership meeting to see about getting it uplifted

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 24th September; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**