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| **Office Bearers:** * **Chair:** Geoff Crow
* **Vice Chair:** David Buchannan
* **Secretary:** Steph Wilson
* **Treasurer:** Anges Rothney
* **Communication & Inclusion Officer:** Steve Lee
* **Minute Secretary:** Alison Hancock
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| **Attendees:** Geoff Crow (GC), Agnes Rothney (AR), Steph Wilson (SW), Steve Lee (SL), Jan Wemys (JW), David Buchanan (DB), Linda MacCallum (LMac), Jane Richardson, (JR), Lindsey Devin (LD), Paul Vaughan (PV), Suzanne Meikle (SM), Ricky Bentley (RB), Councillor Norrie work (NW), Councillor Kevin Lang (KL) attended 10 mins after meeting started, Alison Hancock (AH). 1 member of the public. **Minutes:** Alison Hancock (AH)  |
| **Apologies:** Tom Taylor (TL), Louise Young (LY) |

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| **Minutes 29/4/2025**1. **Minute of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of 25/2/2025 proposed by Agnes Rothney, Seconded by David Buchanan.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes of 1/04/2025 – Approved by Steph Wilson, Seconded by Agnes Rothney. 1. **Matters Arising**
* Almond Practice have approval to increase their patient numbers by encompassing part of South Queensferry. The £785,000 Section 75 money from building the houses given to NHS Lothian will not be given to the practice to help with increased number. **Action noted in action log.**
1. **Thank You**
* The Community Council wished to note their thanks and gratitude firstly to David Buchanan past Chair and current Vice Chair of the Kirkliston Community Council for his many years of service and dedication to the Community Council. We note our thanks to Jan Wemys Minute Secretary for many years and part of the Community Council team. Thanks were given to both at the meeting.
1. **Police report.**
* no report was received in person or electronically for this meeting. **Action noted in action log.**
1. **Kirkliston Heritage Society**

**AGM** * AGM was held 9 April.
* Committee Roles –
* Agnes – Chairperson
* Adrian – Treasurer
* Ricky – Media director
* Nicola – Secretary

**Kirkliston Woman’s Guild Recipe Book*** Artwork for book is 50% completed and we are looking to print around 100 copies initially upon proof checking approval. Ongoing.

**The Cheesetown Piece Newsletter*** Mock-up and Website holding page have been created for Cheesetown Piece. We did not receive funding from the Almond Partnership for reasons of it being less worthy than other cause applications and the funding considered as ‘not being sustainable’, which makes us believe that the application was not properly reviewed or considered as the request was made for funding to cover a once only initial cost for launch to get the newsletter underway and not as an annual funding fee.

**Home of 1st Scottish Parliament Sculpture** * Ongoing

**Community Council Listed Building** * Historic Scotland did call AB, he discussed the important points and done the best he could to no avail. They are very careful about granting listed status in general now in case of appeals. They have said it isn’t a unique building and was built before the 1872 education act. Also due to the format being changed and additions being made. Could it possibly be added to the conservation area? A thorough analysis was done in the report, but they are very sparing with their allocation, and we don’t think they will change their minds.

**AOB** * Agnes is liaising with Lee from the nursery about moving Erica Campbells’s plaque up to the new nursery building.
* Date of next meeting – May 14th, 2025
1. **Gateside T.R.A**
* no update this month
1. **Christmas In Kirkliston**
* New storage has been found for the lights. Grant received from Almond Neighbourhood Partnership for 8 lights to be refurbished. Prep is ongoing for Summer Santa for Gala 2025, and we hope to have a second float too. Fundraising is ongoing with regular Bingo nights in the Bowling Cub, also plans are underway to plan the light switch on for this year.
1. **Kirkliston Scout Group**
* Beaver Camp at the end of May and beavers are planning at litter pick with KCCV in May also.
* Cub camp planned for June.
* New trustee board up and running and lots of work being undertaken re-funding for the septic tank that needs replaced and equipment for camping.
* Still looking for leaders for Tuesday cubs.
1. **Kirkliston Gala**
* Stage – same as Ferry Fair use.
* Rotary – arrange a meeting to discuss.
* Funfair rides hoping to offer wristbands for £5 that give unlimited access & affordable for all.
* Compliance – Had EPOG – all conformed, just in final stages of providing park plan/ rethinking emergence muster points due to higher numbers.
* Tombola – gathering tombola on 11 My at crossroads.
* Fundraising – Silent Disco Fundraiser event, Saturday 24 May (Conifox)
* Any other local bands like to participate in the parade/ other ideas for bands? (Kirky Samba Sisters not able to perform)
* Programme – out to print this week, ready in a couple of weeks to start selling, may need scouts help again if possible!
* Civic week – Sunday 8 June, we don’t have enough committee around but wondered if any other local interest groups would like to support us and put something on? (Wondered if maybe heritage group would be happy to support to organise guided gala heritage walk/ or maybe do a treasure hunt with a prize to make it fun for families?)
1. **KCCV**
* **Community Fridge**

 The fridge is running very well, they now have four supermarket collections, two Aldi, one Tesco and one Lidl. They already have a delivery of 75kg weekly from Fairshare/Cyrenians every Monday. This has increased the landfill saving considerably.The operations side has now been revamped successfully new daily checklists and ways of working instructions are now in place. We are in the process of updating signatures and training for all volunteers. Plans are getting put in place for ongoing funding for their operational costs which include a quarterly payment to Fairshare. Matty, the Project Co-ordinator, will be attending a networking event in Glasgow this month to hopefully gain further help, resources and information from 50+ other fridge organisations. We have an ongoing project reaching out to businesses for volunteers to enable further expansion in the near future. * **Community Garden**

A wormery has been added to the garden but a volunteer is needed to add a shelter on to our new shed to house it. Still waiting to hear about getting a water tap in the garden. * **Planters/Barrels**

We put out a post asking if anyone would like to help paint the wooden planters, no responses as yet. This needs to be done before planting in May. * **Railing Planters** No update.
* **Pikes Pool**

A few of us met with Rob Davidson last month and he showed us how to prune the orchard. This week we added mulch around the apple trees and the fruit bushes. * **General**

The last two litter picks have had a good turn-out and they collected over 20 bags of rubbish. One of our new volunteers has been in touch with Councillors about the mess at the Leisure Centre. Kevin Lang has said that their will now be an extra pick up, so hopefully this means that there won’t be a build-up of rubbish. As a dog walker, she also contacted the Council about an extra waste bin at Allan Park, but this was turned down. This has all been done as a member of the Public and not on behalf of KCCV. The bench at Path Brae has now been delivered and the barrel planters put in place. The son of Irene Ramsay, who the bench was dedicated to, was concerned with the wording of the plaque. Discussions ongoing.1. **Edinburgh Airport**
* Flights were delayed at Edinburgh airport after a drone was spotted within the exclusion zone.
* It is understood the incident took place early on February 19th with several flights being held for a short period while investigations were carried out.
* The Met office placed a yellow weather warning on the city February 23 with several flight that were due to land in the capital being forced to reroute to other cities.
* Edinburgh Airport resumes only direct flights from Scotland to China for summer – March 31st. On Monday 31 March, Hainan Airlines resumed services form the capital to Beijing with up to four flights to take place per week, increasing from two and three during peak holidays.
* The flights will operate until 25 October having increased by nine weeks in 2024. The flights will be operated on an Airbus A330-300.
* Edinburgh airport named worst airport for delays.
* Edinburgh is the 7th worst airport in UK for departure delays, according to new data.
* Analysis by the PA of Civil Aviation Authority data (CAA) names Edinburgh as the worst performing airport, coming in nine spots below Glasgow and twelve below Aberdeen.
* Edinburgh was 7th worst in the UK, with an average departure delay time of 18 minutes and 6 seconds; whereas Glasgow came in at 16th with delays of 15 minutes and 12 seconds; Aberdeen 13 minutes and 18 seconds placed 19th. Gatwick was ranked 1st in the UK for flight delays. With the issue put own to air traffic control (ATC) disruption.
* Pay rise for Edinburg Airport employees.
* ‘Significant pay’ deal for around 350 Edinburg airport workers has been secured by the Unite union.
* The union negotiated a pay award which delivers a 5.8% rise in basic pay along with a similar increase being applied to shift allowances.
* The staff deal with passengers directly in airport security, terminal operations, search areas and process then for lights. Those set to receive the pay increase also screen all deliveries and deal with them airside support services.
* The pay increase is backdated until January 1. It also delivers increase to a bonus scheme by up to £450 alongside several improvements to working conditions including paternity, income protection and training policies.
* Glasgow Prestwick Airport – A bidder is in discussion to purchase Prestwick Airport, the first Minister had confirmed. The publicly owned hub was acquired by the Scottish Government for £1 in 2013, with the intention of returning it to the private sector one it began to turn a profit – which it has done in recent years.
1. **Treasurer Report**
* Builders Account £10 716.50. **Action noted in action log.**
* KCC account £693.68
* Year-end accounts signed off and have been sent to Council.
1. **City of Edinburgh Councillors**
* Budget was agreed and there were concerns over the Edinburgh IJB and third sector grants.
* Decision has been agreed to go ahead with an extension to Queensferry High school to accommodate pupils form South Queensferry and Kirkliston. Councillor Kevin Lang noted there is a vast amount of work to still occur pertaining to the extension of the high school. These include items such as design and planning for the development.
* KL advised the council have temporarily stopped letting put council homes due to the increasing numbers of homeless people and people requiring homing awaiting hospital discharge. Anyone currently on the waiting list cannot bid due to the prioritisation of the two groups previously mentioned. The council have a legal obligation to find a home for a homeless person.
* KL asked if there were any issues with the Scottish Energy Works occurring in the village currently e.g. limited pathways for pedestrians, for the community council to gather them and pass to him for action.
* KL advised the design was complete for Allison Park swing park and money was allocated for the park. Now waiting for contractor to be out in place and then work could begin.
* Councillor Work noted the Village show in Kirkliston he is involved with s struggling for volunteers.
1. **Planning Report**

**APPLICATIONS****25/01663/TPO** 4 sycamores behind number 12 reduce east branches back from boundary by 1-2m, 5 sycamores behind 10 Foxhall gait reduce overhanging branches back by 3m. at Woodland Foxhall Gait Kirkliston Hardie., FAO: Mr Greg Hardie 23 Pikes Pool Drive Kirkliston EH29 9GH Delegated Decision Registered on: 28/03/2025.Tree Team planningtrees@edinburgh.gov.uk Community Council: Kirkliston TCO and TPO submissions**25/01650/CLP** Internal alterations to create a bedroom, bathroom and utility space on the ground floor. at 15 Malachi Gait Eilston Kirkliston EH29 9FR Staran Architects Ltd. 49 Cumberland Street Edinburgh EH3 6RA Mr and Mrs D. & S. Hughes, 15 Malachi Gait Edinburgh United Kingdom EH29 9FR Delegated DecisionRegistered on: 27/03/2025. Householder Team planning.householder@edinburgh.gov.uk Community Council: Kirkliston CLE and CLP submissions**25/01869/FUL** Construction of single storey extension to side elevation and construction of dormer window in main roof to facilitate conversion of the attic space at 30 Dundas Place Kirkliston EH29 9BJ Steven White. 3A Carmel Avenue Kirkliston EH29 9DA Mr Jamie Walsh., 30 Dundas Place Kirkliston Edinburgh EH29 9BJ Local Delegated Decision Registered on: 08/04/2025 Comments Due by 04.05.2025. Householder Team planning.householder@edinburgh.gov.uk Community Council: Kirkliston Householder Developments**Decisions****25/01663/TPO (Treework)** 4 sycamores behind number 12 reduce east branches back from boundary by 1- 2m, 5 sycamores behind 10 Foxhall gait reduce overhanging branches back by 3m. at Woodland Foxhall Gait Kirkliston FAO: Mr Greg Hardie 23 Pikes Pool Drive Kirkliston EH29 9GH Delegated Decision GRANTED 4 April 2025**25/00093/FUL (Planning Permission)** Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension to rear. at 92 Main Street Kirkliston EH29 9AD Mr Rod And Mrs Helen Towers., 92 Main Street Kirkliston EH29 9AD Local Delegated Decision GRANTED 8 April 2025**25/01650/CLP (Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed))** Internal alterations to create a bedroom, bathroom and utility space on the ground floor. at 15 Malachi Gait Eilston Kirkliston EH29 9FR Mr and Mrs D. & S. Hughes, 15 Malachi Gait Edinburgh United Kingdom EH29 9FR Delegated Decision GRANTED 23 April 20251. **KPSA**
* QHS extension approved. Majority of KPSA supported extension option. But there are concerns over a 4-story annex. There is a need to be involve when the planning starts, to be able influence and discuss parking in the area, extra buses and how we do not lose the communal spaces in the build and how all of these can be managed as part of the planning.
* Also is the extension a short-term measure if more houses are built within the are in the coming years.
* Focus to look at the transition from early years centre to main primary school building.
* Planning a new forest garden are within the school.
* Dico 11 June, craft event went very well for children who like quieter activities, and more are planned.
* P1 school roll 25/26 in the 80’s.
* KPS won the interschool quiz this year.
1. **Current Items**

**Constitution*** Adopted constitution was signed this evening and adopted. **Action noted in action log.**

**Stirling Road Crossing*** KPSA have no formal view about the speed bump that is used as a crossing site to school.
* This is not a formal crossing nut there is a real concern of the inconsistency of drivers and the confusion it causes to people crossing at this point.
* Discussion was had around how to progress and raise any concerns. It was decided to survey the village to gauge their views on the site and then decide on what course of action the community council could take to recognise the views of the village. **Action noted in action log.**

**Leisure Centre Recycling*** Concerns raised to the mess at the leisure centre recycling point. This has been an ongoing issue for some time.Ideal solution would be CCTV at the site. **Action noted in action log.**

**Potholes*** It was raised that potholes had been marked for repair on Lochend Road. But this has been raised before and was waiting feedback for Councillor Lewis Younie. **Action noted in action log.**

Early Years Centre* It was noted 9 members of the community council interested in visiting new Early Years Centre. To arrange this. **Action noted in action log.**
1. Housekeeping
* All agreed for a contact list for the Community Council.
* All agreed to WhatsApp group for the Community Council if they wished to share contact numbers. **Action noted in action log.**
1. AOCB
* Kirkliston Community Council wish to acknowledge their sadness at the passing of Councillor Val Walker and share our condolences to the family.
* Helicopter Flights from Conifox – concern raised over the frequency and noise of the flights. **Action noted in action log.**
* Concern raised re a tree having been felled at Auldgate. **Action noted in action log.**

**Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27 May 2025 7pm Kirkliston Library**  |
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**Action Log – Kirkliston Community Council**

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| **Date Issued** | **Action** | **Person Responsible** | **Due Date** | **Status** |
| 30/4/2025 | Meeting to be arranged with Senior Partner at Almond Group Practice re concerns over increase and patient numbers. | David Buchanan | Asap |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To look at a savings account for the monies currently in the Builders account.  | Agnes Rothney | Asap |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To collate issues raised by residents around the pavement with the Scottish Energy works and share to Kevin Lang. | Geoff Crow | Ongoing |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To circulate a copy of the adopted constitution to Kirkliston Community Members.  | Geoff Crow | By Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To add KPSA as an interest group to the community council.  | Alison Hancock | At Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To design a survey to ask residents in Kirkliston village their views on the speed hump/ crossing on Stirling Road. | Ricky Bentley (posted to socials by Steve Lee) | Asap |  |
| 30/4/2025 | Local Councillor to pursue and pressurise for CCTV to prevent fly tipping.  | Kevin Lang | As soon as is practicable |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To email Councillor Lewis Younie for feedback on potholes on Lochend Road. | Ricky Bentley | By Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To contact Louise Young with numbers to arrange a visit to Early Years Centre. | Steph Wilson  | By Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To Contact owner of Conifox to get details of the flights/frequency and the agreement in place.  | David Buchanan | By Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | Tree felled at Auldgate. To gather more details about this and visit the site. | Ricky BentleyDavid Buchanan | By Next Meeting in May 2025 |  |
| 30/4/2025 | To contact all Community Council Members and if happy to share phone details set up a WhatsApp Group | Alison Hancock | By Next Meeting in May 2025 | Email sent 1/5/25 |
| 25/2/2025 | Letter to Superintendent to complain about lack of representation and police report to the community council. | David Buchanan | By next community council meeting in April 2025 | No response from letter, to raise with Chief Constable at Almond Meeting. |
| 25/2/2025 | To contact Dandara re bollard to be erected as soon as possible to prevent cars driving on pavement at Wellflats road to avoid crossroads. Also to meet with R Bentley. | David Buchanan | By Next Meeting in May 2025 | No response had from Dandara. To follow this up.  |
| 25/2/2025 | To contact C.E.C dog wardens re dogs running loose in fields with winter crops. | David Buchanan | By next community council meeting in April 2025 | No feedback to pick up t May 2025 meeting. |