**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**30 - 11 – 21**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, L. Mitchell, S-A Hunter, P. Vaughan, D. Hull, H. Turnbull, B. Walker, G. Walker, A. Hancock and 4 members of the public
2. **Apologies** – S. Wilson, Cllrs. G. Hutcheson and N. Work
3. D. Buchananwelcomed all, especially, Alison Hancock who is now representing Kirkliston Scouts and the members of the public who had joined the meeting
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by P. Vaughan and Seconded by L. Mitchell
5. **Matters Arising –** None
6. **Police Report – which see**

* The Report included such items as random speed checks, anti-social parking around schools, Festive Drink/Drug Driving Campaign and residents to be vigilant over security during the Festive Season
* **N. Davidson** will contact **CEC** regarding the abandoned car on Almondside Road

1. **K.P.S.A. – No Report**
2. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**

* The new path linking the path from Masson Close, and the existing main path has been completed. Quotes have been received from Edinburgh Council contractors for additional essential path work in the park and funding will be sought for some of these.
* Application made to Corra Foundation Enabling Communities Fund for funding for safety equipment for clear ups and the application was successful, being awarded the full amount applied for of £833.
* There is an application outstanding with Tesco Community grant for the remaining funding needed for the Orchard Project which would match fund the funding received (£1,020) from Aberdeen Asset Management.
* An application, either for the orchard or for the new paths, will be put to the **Almond Community Grant Fund** thanks to the information provided by David Buchanan. **Elaine Lennon** has advised that the next meeting will be **26th January** and to get the application in early so she can review and ensure all the information is in ahead of time.
* **Pikes Pool Estate Group** has chosen **Pikes Pool Park** as beneficiaries of this year’s Christmas raffle planned for 11th December
* Subject to funding, planning is taking place for the Orchard planting in Spring 2022. The next clear up event will be in Spring. As previously reported, both events had to be postponed from Autumn 2021 due to the path building.
* There were questions from the meeting about the sluice gate, damage to existing path and general mud and mess left by the contractors. There was also a question about the terms of the contract with the contractors. **S.-A. Hunter** explained that the Friends did not contract the contractors, who were **P1 Solutions**, Edinburgh Council did. Its role as a Friends Group was to keep raising the need for the path, especially as a safe route to school, and its funding with CEC. **S-A-Hunter** will therefore take the issues mentioned to CEC and D. Buchanan mentioned that CEC should know that the Community Council is aware of the issues when it. is contacted **H. Turnbull** also kindly directed the Group to the Facebook post mentioning the addition to the sluice gate.

1. **G.T.R.A. –**

* **Locogen** is working on private homes re solar panels but is three or four weeks behind
* Question was raised about the fire alarms required by law and who is responsible for payment
* Drainage work at the **Hub** has been completed, but not the work on drinking water
* A meeting was held at Cotlaws re the car park, which will now be extended. Both **Road and Housing Depts**, are involved; further information is required and if nothing is forthcoming the matter will be raised at the Neighbourhood Partnership
* **The Community Garden at Gateside** has been completed, but the standard of the woodwork is not good enough and will need to be redone
* G.T.R.A. will be involved in the Switch-On of the Christmas lights
* G.T.R.A. is holding a Christmas Event in the Hub on the 18th and 19th December
* Locogen is donating £300 to the G.T.R.A. Summer Event
* **CEC** will be reinstating “walkabouts” in the area

1. **Kirkliston Scouts –**

* Although two new leaders have now joined the Leadership Team, it is much reduced; there are Leaders for each night the Scouts meet but they are on their own, which is not a good situation
* Financially, the **Group** is covering its costs
* There is a **large Waiting List**
* There was an excellent turnout of the **Scouts** at the **Armistice Parade**

1. **K.E.G. – No Report**

* K.E.G. has registered as a Local Interest Group with **KCC**
* The **Group** has been encouraged to apply for funding from the Almond Funding Panel

1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**

* Bus Gate Figures - 23/09/13 – 22/11/21 18,868 vehicles £566,040; from 25/10/21 – 22/11/21 117 vehicles £3,510
* Hedge on Burnshot Rd - the hedge has been cut and a “thank you” email sent; P. Hull had also thanked Cllr. L. Young for her help
* A number of people from **KCC** had an enjoyable afternoon at the **Conifox Grand** **Opening**. A “thank you” email was sent
* **Road Safety response** – which see; **N. Davidson** to contact the Police to see if more can be done
* Hedge cut back at Gateside

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £895.68
* Developers’ Account - £13,397

1. **Edinburgh Airport Update – which see**

* Passenger numbers are improving
* **American Air Force** **One** had been at the airport for The **President** of the **U.S.A**. to attend **COP 26**

1. **Transport Update – which see**

* The Village will have temporary traffic lights basically from 4th – 23rd December for different reasons
* **D. Buchanan** to make enquiries about the pipework in Newmains Road
* Nothing new to report re Lothian Buses and Kirkliston
* To see information about the M9 Spur at Winchburgh go to winchburghdevelopments.com
* There is a total lack of response from **First Bus** re the service or lack of, which the Village is experiencing; **H. Turnbull** to enquire about the wrong information put out re buses not coming through the Village when the **Christmas Lights Switch-On** is taking place – there is no need to alter anything as that is happening at the **Leisure** **Centre**
* The **Bus Tracker** is not working properly, and **H. Turnbull** will make enquiries about this also

1. **Christmas in Kirkliston –**

* Various activities are taking place – lights have been erected, fundraising has been going on, there is a house lights competition and, of course, the Swich-On on 4th December
* The **Group** received a funding contribution from the **Almond Funding Panel**

1. **Councillors’ Reports – None**
2. **Chair’s Report -**

* Bowling Cub Lane - No change in update - £5K has been allocated but more funding is required - around 20K. This project could be carried out in 2022-23 providing the funding is available
* **D. Buchanan** check out if there is to be lighting at the **new crossing** on **Stirling** **Road**
* There is £10000 available for signage at the village gateway at North Kirkliston through the North Kirkliston S75 allocation as per the **Public Realm Contribution**
* **Dandara** has appointed a Consultant to design new traffic signal infrastructure and a controller at the main junction
* Almond Partnership Funding Committee – two requests put forward by groups in **South Queensferry** have been granted; **D. Buchanan** encouraged our local groups who had specific projects to get in touch re funding; **S-A Hunter** mentioned that she would be happy to assist with funding applications; the **Village Show Committee** can be included in this

1. **Planning – which see**
2. **Christmas Sleigh –**

* This will be going ahead but will be a non-stop event – the route is being finalised; there will be five zones marked out, with six stewards required for each zone; volunteers will walk the route in advance to estimate the timings; **S. Lee** will set up a Santa App
* **KCC** require a note of everyone’s contact details to satisfy insurance requirements
* **A meeting has been planned for 13th Dec. in the Newliston Arms at 7.00 pm to finalise all arrangements**

1. **KCC and Co-opted Members –**

* There are eight elected members at present and ten are allowed; **KCC** can co-opt two members and proposals were put forward as follows –

**Geoff Crow and Pam Hull** – **D. Buchanan** proposed, and **N Davidson** seconded

Both were duly appointed and welcomed onto the Council as full members

* There are five Local Interest Groups – G.T.R.A., K.P.S.A., the New Environmental Group, (K.E.G.) Friends of Pikes Pool, and Kirkliston Scouts

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* A family in a Council house in the Glebe is suffering badly with rain pouring in through the roof; so far **CEC** has not responded to this. H. Turnbull raised the issue and KCC, through **P. Vaughan, D. Buchanan and N. Davidson** will try to get things moving straight away

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th January; 7.00pm; via Zoom**

B**efore closing, D. Buchanan wished everyone the compliments of the season.**