**Kirkliston Community Council**

**26 - 09 – 23**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, A. Rothney, G. Crow, A. Hancock, A. McKay, Police Representative
2. **Apologies** –J. Richardson, S-.A. Hunter

1. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed: S. Lee; Seconded: A. Rothney
3. **Matters Arising –**

* D. Delargey has issued a date for the last of the work on the Hub at Gateside – mid November
* **Cllr. L. Young** checking on the responsibility of the planters outside the Easton’s home
* Smart traffic lights appear to be working appropriately, although there are some teething problems

1. **Police Report –**

* Speed checks will occur across the Almond Ward in the next weeks on roads most susceptible to driving offences or more at risk of accidents
* Off-road bikes – nothing reported
* A.S.B. and Vandalism – no A.S.B. reported but acts of vandalism have occurred in the Allison Park area both to cars and play equipment; charges are in the process of being made; car damaged in Clerics Hill
* Almondside resident who had raised an issue with S. Lee needs to speak with the Police in person
* Scaffolding at Parish Church – youths have been seen playing on it; Police will add the Church to their patrols
* Complaint about parking on the grass at Pentland View outside the school causing damage; this is happening when there are football matches taking place; Police advise the KSQFC speak with the parents concerned; Police would only get involved if an obstruction was taking place; **N. Davidson** to contact KSQFC
* Police cannot enforce the 20 mph with a speed gun unless near a school
* Police will link in with the primary school once again re the crossing opposite Allan Park
* Thanks given to the Police for attending this evening’s meeting

1. **Friends of Pike’s Pool –** No report
2. **G.T.R.A. –**

* Sewage has been connected and the water will be so this week or next
* The end date for the work on the Hub should be mid-November

1. **Scouts –**

* All enjoying being back within the Scout Hall.
* Cubs and scouts are requiring additional volunteers, as there is only 1 leader per evening and reliance on parent helpers to run. There will be a presence at the next Kirkliston market in the hope of engaging with potential volunteers.
* Successful bag pack on the 9th Sept at Tesco, S. Queensferry raising £730 and there will be match funding for that amount which means another £500 on top of the total.
* Sponsored Walk across and back on the Forth Road Bridge. The Scouts are planning a sponsored cycle – date still to be organised.
* Current number of young people involved within the group - 84.
* As an ongoing process the group continues to apply and investigate all funding opportunities to help with the flood damage recovery.
* A. Hancock is now a District Commissioner

1. **K.C.C.V. –** No Report
2. **K.P.S.A –**

* School A.G.M. held last night
* H.T./D.H.T.’s gave a run down on CEC policies on implementing better tracking systems including bullying
* Problem with drinking water at the school as some taps are not working; water is being bought in as the tanks are not working; **N. Davidson** will write to CEC about this
* A. McKay is now Co-Chair of K.P.S.A.
* Much discussion took place about the High School situation at that meeting where R. Crockett and V. Spicer from CEC were in attendance; there is no suggestion of a fait accompli; an opening meeting to be held in the school on 10th October, where R. Crockett will be in attendance; leaflet campaign will be held, leaflet to be eye-catching and factual; KCC is supportive of this
* **A. McKay** will contact R. Crockett to inquire about the following – time available to discuss possible solutions and usage of the Green Belt
* Disappointment that no elected members were present at the KCC meeting this evening was noted

1. **Edinburgh Airport –** No Report
2. **Secretary’s Report –**

* Bus Gate – 27th July to 31st August, 136 vehicles at a cost of £4080; 23rd September 2013 to 31st August 2023, 21374 vehicles at a cost of £641220
* Parking problem at the primary school – see mention under Police Report
* Roads Dept. at CEC contacted re state of the pavement at the traffic lights; the Dept. was unaware of the situation and will get back to N. Davidson when a decision is made on what is to happen

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £813.44
* Developer’s Account – 310535
* Wreath ordered for the Remembrance Service in November; J. Henderson to give receipt to N. Davidson
* A. Rothney will to become Treasurer as of January 2024 – thanks expressed for this

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

* Attended Transport meeting where the 63 and 20 bus services were mentioned; the 63 which affects Kirkliston is only a two-hourly service and finishes at 7.00pm; D. Buchanan made the suggestion it could take in the Airport on its route; it is hoped this will be considered; bus service 72 is commencing in October
* Attended the Almond partnership meeting via Zoom
* Attended prize-givings at Queensferry High where Kirkliston students were well represented in the prize list; a D.H.T. from the school is willing to speak with KCC
* Due to attend a Christmas in Kirkliston meeting

1. **Planning –** which see

* Discussion over Orchard Nursery moving to the Main Street due to some concern over traffic arrangements; it was stressed that KCC is more than happy to have continuing child care provision; it was further stressed that the owner, Mrs Coia would be very happy to discuss or sort out any problems which may emerge; however, 116 Main Street is opposite the junction with the Burnshot Road and could prove awkward for traffic coming and going; **S. Lee** will send a comment on behalf of KCC to the Planning Dept. by 6th October

1. **A.O.C.B. –**

* Community Centre wall and railings – an accident knocked these down and KCC wish to know when they will be repaired as it is a Health and Safety issue; **S. Lee** will contact the elected members
* Hedge on Lochend Road and overgrown pavement – **N. Davidson** to contact the Roads Dept.
* Bus Stop opposite Pike’s Pool estate – disgraceful state with overgrowth; **N. Davidson** to contact Cllr. K. Lang
* Hedge leading down from the Chemist towards the Health Centre very overgrown and preventing those who need to use the ramp getting by safely; **A. Rothney and G. Crow** have volunteered to see to this

1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 31st October; 7.00 pm; Kirkliston Library**