**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**30 – 05 - 23**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, Cllrs. K. Lang and N. Work, R. Bentley,

A. Rothney, P. Vaughan, J. Richardson, G. Crow and two members of the public

1. **Apologies** –S. Wilson, A. Hancock, P. Hull. A. McKay

1. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all and especially P. McLeod who has returned to the village
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed: S. Lee; Seconded: N. Davidson
3. **Matters Arising –**
* N. Davidson had written to the Licensing Board to express no objection to the mobile food van at the Leisure Centre
1. **Police Report –** No Police present but report sent
* D. Buchanan to contact the Chief Inspector re Police attendance
* Road Safety – dangerous/careless driving complaints have abated but still keeping an eye on anti-social driving with regular speed/traffic checks; continuing to monitor Allison Park and residents are encouraged to file any reports
* Anti-social behaviour – damage to a vehicle on Main Street damage to trees in Pikes pool area; harassment to local business owners have reduced due to engagement with known perpetrators; residents encouraged to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour especially with the summer holidays coming on
* Bogus caller – no reported incidents
* Six officers will be present on Gala Day – Saturday June 10th
1. **Friends of Pikes Pool** – No Report
* Contact made by KCC with Millers’ Strategic Land Director, A. Mann re the boundary wall; A. Mann will be back in touch when any decision has been made
* P. Vaughan stated that the pathway beside the wall is now breaking up and has sent photographs to S.-A. Hunter
1. **G.T.R.A. –**
* P. Vaughan conducted a “walkabout” with CEC Reps regarding the rubbish lying around the estate; residents have been warned if there is a repeat offence they will be fined
* High fences are to be removed or reduced; if residents do not do so, CEC will carry this out and charge them for the costs
* Garages and abandoned cars are an eyesore and need to be moved
* Hub – roadworks will start near the Lochend Road turn-off for 5 days on 5th June – it is believed they are in connection with the flooding
* P. Vaughan attending the Lord Provost’s Lunch on 5th June concerning the 2050 Vision of CEC
1. **Scouts –**
* The underfloor joists in the Scout Hall will cost £5000 to replace and fundraising is going on to cover the costs - £500 from Dandara, £1000 from the Leslie Cell Trust, doing a Bag Pack in Tesco and a Sponsored Walk in September
* Fundraising is also to take place to purchase a new septic tank
* Volunteer leaders needed – leaflet campaign has started
* Successful Scout Camp held at the end of April
* Thanks were expressed to Conifox for the use of the Party Room to allow the Scout groups to continue; D. Buchanan will write to J. Gammall on behalf of KCC also thanking him for a helping hand in the community
* Scouts will be in the Gala Parade and run field activities
1. **KCCV –**
* Community Fridge celebrating six-month anniversary on Sunday 4th June
* Community Garden - The Brownies continuing their activities; they have been looking after their seedlings and building bird feeders; they have made some pictures and added them around the garden
* Took delivery of plug vegetables from Edible Estates which have now been planted.
* Planters/Barrels - the wooden planters have all been replanted except for the one at the Nursery - waiting for the delivery of the flowers to do the Nursery planter and the barrel planters; s Go Fund Me page set up to help with the purchase of plants for the barrel planters - £300 raised
* Railing Planters - taken delivery of four more railing planters which have been sponsored by local businesses. These should be up in the next week or so
* Kirkliston Primary School - gave some of the plug vegetables and strawberry plants to the school for its garden
* Monthly Litter Pick on Sunday (27th May)- met at Dandara and did surrounding area. Litter collected was less than usual – wonder if things are improving
* The Scouts borrowed equipment and cleaned out the burn at the bottom of Pikes Pool.
* Monday 8th May - The Big Help Out took place; invited people to come to Manse Road Gardens to do a tidy up and a litter pick. The weather was terrible, so there was not a great turn out of new faces; big difference made to one of the gardens and the other one was completed last week with the help of the Guides.
* A delivery of refurbished garden tools received from Edible Estates, who get them from the Tool Shed at Saughton Prison; going to do a photo shoot to send them some photos of the equipment in use
* Stall at the Gala Day to raise some funds - selling plants and having a Tombola, as well as some seed planting for the children
1. **K.P.S.A. –**
* New Nursery construction - scaffolding up and a new building has been erected.  A. McKay has requested either an update or contact to the builder’s schedule.  It is unknown if they are on schedule, but seemingly moving at a productive pace for November completion.  HT to meet for a progress update this Thursday.
* Disco – DJ needed for School Disco on 8th June
* The Orchard Nursery – the Nursery has been formally asked to leave the Community Centre by August 2023
* Update to the above – the Orchard Nursery is moving back into its original building minus flood insurance; the owner has stated that should the building flood again, she would have to close down
1. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* Free drop off/pick up area at the Long Stay carpark for half an hour; following that charges commence – 30 mins. To an hour will cost £12
* Twilight Bag Drop – passengers on early morning flights can now go to the airport the night before to check in bags, allowing them to head straight to security on the day of travel – airways involved – Easy Jet, Jet 2, B.A. and Ryanair; different airlines operate slightly different bag-drop times
* Hainan Airlines – now operating a direct flight to Beijing from June to October
* Radisson RED to open at the Airport in 2025
* New access road to the Airport has been refused
* A. Keane introduced himself as the new Sustainability and Engagement Manager for the Airport; he mentioned that things to look at in the future are the Noise Action Plan and Air Space Change Programme; A. Keane will send details to N. Davidson about the Noise Action Board as a representative for the area is required; details of the Noise Laboratory will, also, be sent to N. Davidson
* An Airport bus is not within A. Keane’s remit but he will see what he can find out
1. **Funding Application –**
* The Gala Committee applied to the KCC Developers’ Fund for £2862 towards Gala costs; D. Buchanan and N. Davidson had proposed £2300, but it was decided by the elected members to give the Committee the full amount
1. **Kirkliston Gala –**
* BEAR Scotland putting up the bunting on the evening of Thursday 1st June and taking down on Monday 12th Junehoping this will be an annual arrangement
* EPOG meeting with CEC – D. Buchanan attended representing the Rotary Club; planning documentation appeared fine; traffic coming left out of Burnshot Road will need to be monitored
* Have received £750 from Edinburgh Airport Community Fund (“Good Neighbour”), £1200 from NW Almond Ward CGF and have , also, applied to the KCC Community Grant Fund
* Good deal, with thanks to G. Crow, on the hire of barriers this year; hope to share any costs with Christmas in Kirkliston if possible
* Fundraising going well – just under £1000 raised at the Gin Tasting event, raffle tickets selling well and selling wristbands now for the inflatables; hoping to keep al as affordable as possible - £5 per child for unlimited use
* Looking for volunteers to help set up and take down tents
* Appreciative of all the local interest groups taking part
1. **Secretary’s Report –**
* Bus Lane – 17th April 2023 to 14th May 2023 – 93 vehicles at a cost of £2790; from 13th Sep. 2013 to 14th May 2023 – 20942 vehicles at a cost of £628260
* No word yet regarding the pavement on the Lochend Road
* CEC has rejected R. Bentley’s application to be a member of KCC due him living outwith the boundary area, although his address has an EH29 postcode.; KCC is looking into this; it is hoped the boundary can be changed before the next elections are due
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* KCC Account - £371.92 - £140 has been paid to Zurich Insurers, £253.66 paid to S. Lee for a two-year website plan, £25 instalment paid to the Gala Committee for KCC advert in Gala Programme
* Developers’ Fund - £13397
1. **Councillors’ Reports –**
* Cllr. N. Work has attended a meeting of the Village Show Committee
* Information Event in the Library on Wednesday 14th June regarding a High School in Kirkliston; following that a meeting will be held with KCC; one option for location is at the Leisure Centre, which is already CEC land; it is not a big site and would need Scottish Government approval; CEC will, also, have to hold a statutory consultation; a decision will have to be made by the end of the year
1. **Chair’s Report –**
* The wall at Pikes Pool Estate – see comments above
* Almond Partnership is looking at the community use of derelict sites
1. **Planning – which see**
2. **Transport –**
* Since the Transport meeting regarding the 38 bus, there does seem to have been an improvement in the service
1. **A.O.C.B. –**
* **Christmas Lights** –
* the group thanked KCC for allowing it the use of the Sleigh in the Gala parade
* 13 refurbished lights for Christmas at a cost of £5000
* Switch-on of lights will take place on 2nd December at 4.00pm; people are needed to be marshalls
* **Kirkliston Heritage –**
* “The Repair Shop” – it is hoped the production hierarchy of the programme will give the go-ahead
* A village “walk around” to look at historic sites will be available for download
* Cookery Book to be published at Christmas involving recipes and people from the past
1. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27th June; 7.00pm; Kirkliston Library**