**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**27 – 06 - 23**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, Cllr. K. Lang, R. Bentley, A. Rothney, P. Vaughan, A. Hancock, A. McKay, S. Wilson and two members of the public
2. **Apologies** –S.-A. Hunter, P. Hull, J. Richardson

1. **D. Buchanan** welcomed all and especially two members of the public who were attending
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed: S. Lee; Seconded: P. Vaughan

One amendment – S.-A. Hunter had tendered her apologies for last month’s meeting

1. **Matters Arising –**
* D. Buchanan had spoken with the Chief Inspector re non-attendance of the Police at KCC meetings; as there is no presence this evening, he will do so once again.
1. **Police Report –** None
2. **Friends of Pikes Pool –**
* Orchard and shrubs thriving; watering being done by Committee member with support; signage to be organised
* Next events – 26th August for clear up and family summer party; 28th October for a Hallowe’en event
* CEC has been asked once more for costs to replace rubbing plates and repair of steps to upper meadow
* Healthy bank balance – some funds restricted to orchard use; discussion re additional funding and grants especially for paths
* Still looking for Committee members, especially as three will be retiring in October
* Next meeting 4th July via Zoom
* Millers have engaged a Masonry Consultant as an act of goodwill and a meeting will follow on from that with the interested parties on site
1. **G.T.R.A. –**
* P1 on site at Hub to landscape but had to stop due no water main connection
* **D. Buchanan** to contact P. Lawrence re this intolerable situation and the years it has dragged on
1. **Scouts –**
* The Scouts had a successful day at this year’s Gala. All the young people enjoyed taking part in the parade.
* Scouts wish to thank Conifox for allowing use of their facilities since December when the flood occurred, and they hope to be back into the hut by August.
* The group is still investigating all funding opportunities to help with the flood damage.
1. **K.C.C.V. –**
* Community Fridge - In the six-month period of operation, the Fridge has redistributed 1.621 tonnes of food back into the community. They are looking to buy a freezer so they can accept a greater variety of food donations. The summer is expected to be quieter than normal due to the holidays, but they have other plans in the pipeline for later in the year. As with all community groups, they are looking for volunteers to either do supermarket pick-up in the evening, or to help during the day at the Thomas Chalmers Centre.
* Community Garden - The raised beds are all fully planted up with vegetables, hoping to get a great yield to distribute to the community.
* Planters/Barrels - All planted, although the Library ones did get vandalised.
* Railing Planters - Five railing planters have now been added around the village; the sponsor plaques on the pavement side have still to be added. The planter on Stirling Road has been vandalised three times and the flowers have been removed for the time being.
* Kirkliston Primary School - No update
* Due to holidays and the verges being very overgrown, the next monthly litter pick will be on the last Sunday in August. Anyone wishing to do any in the meantime just needs to ask to borrow the equipment.
* The tombola and plant sale at the Gala was a real success.
* Two teenage boys are volunteering with the Group for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards – good to have some young people involved. They are helping us with watering the planters and weeding at the Manse Road gardens.
1. **K.P.S.A. –**
* New Nursery construction: seemingly on schedule as the Council Nursery believes they will be moved in for January 2024
* Had our final meeting 12th June. The highlights:
	+ met with the Pupil Council and their reporting of involvement around the school
	+ KPSA supported the Gala committee to host the School Disco, with great success!
	+ Robbie Crockatt - Strategic Asset Planning Manager for Edinburgh Council - attended the meeting to present the current option for building on the Council-owned Leisure facility site. Lots of discussion about possibilities. Many families grateful for a tangible idea, yet still so much unanswered without knowing the Education Committee’s opinion on: range of educational offerings, other feeder schools and so on. Also, huge questions around what Edinburgh Leisure facilities would be like for all ages in the community; traffic and parking is an issue;
	+ Consultation posted at the Library on 14th June was visited by many members of the community outside of those affected by the education component of the new proposal
	+ To communicate with Robbie Crockatt, use the current consultation email kirklistonhs@edinburgh.gov.uk until the end of June.
* School finishes midday, Wednesday 28 June to resume Wednesday 16 Aug 2023
* Possible fundraising to take place for painting games on the playground surface
1. **Edinburgh Airport –**
* Pay deal averts summer strike at Edinburgh airport.
* Air Canada resumes Edinburgh-Toronto service.
* European air traffic nears 2019 level as UK outpaces Germany.
* An Airport Road Proposal has been sent out to all KCC members.
* Next meeting September
* Edinburgh to Beijing service resumes with Hainan Airlines.

The service – Scotland’s only direct service to China - will operate twice weekly, departing Edinburgh on Mondays and Fridays from 26 June to 6 October. It will operate on an Airbus A330. Minister for Transport Fiona Hyslop said: “I warmly welcome the start of Hainan’s direct service between Edinburgh Airport and Beijing. This direct connectivity is great news for people and businesses in both Scotland and China, building strong links for business and exports, as well as making it easier for visitors and students to come and experience Scotland. Our aspiration is for Scotland to be as well connected globally as peer nations and regions and this service is an important boost to our international connectivity, demonstrating growing confidence in the Scottish aviation market. I wish Edinburgh Airport and Hainan every success with this service.”

1. **Secretary’s Report –**
* Bus Lane: 8th May to 11th June 2023 – 124 vehicles at a cost of £3720; 23rd Sep. 2013 to 11th June 2023 – 21050 vehicles at a cost of £631500
* Attended a K.P.S.A. meeting regarding the new High School; still very much in the consultation stage
* Still waiting to hear about double yellow lines on Carmel Road – almost two years ago the process was started; **N. Davidson** to write to Cllr. K. Lang who will try to progress this
* Right of Way at the new Dandara estate – this has been closed for some time and the Developers have now said they will tidy it up in the next three months
1. **Treasurer’s Report –**
* Developers’ Account - £10535
* KCC Account - £346.92
1. **Gala Committee –**
* This year’s Gala was a great success with more groups in the parade than ever and more children participating than ever before!
* The good weather meant more people stayed in the park longer and more funds were raised through the gala stalls than in recent years, and costs were covered for inflatables, ponies etc.; awaiting final confirmation from Treasurer, but the Committee hopes to have broken even and have some cash in the bank for next year’s celebrations.
* Next year is 100th year and the Committee want to do something very special for both Civic Week and Gala Day – all ideas welcome.
* One idea is to erect a plaque or something similar to the one in Broxburn to mark the centenary / celebrate our community. This could be something to get KCCV involved with? (tree, plant etc.?)
* The Committee would like to create some videos, potentially a nice photo book that records the Gala story and hear local people’s stories about Gala celebrations gone by.
* Joining other Gala Leaders to question CEC re PEL (Public Entertainment Licence) which came out of the blue, and added a lot of pressure on our financial outlays…£1200 charged for this in addition to other licences.
* Committee grateful to KCC for its support
1. **Councillor’s Report –**
* Mainly spoken about under K.P.S.A. and the new High School
* Smart Lights at the crossroads should be installed in August; pre installation monitoring has been carried out
1. **Chair’s Report –**
* Attended Prize-giving at Queensferry High School for 1st to 3rd Years; H.T. and Deputies supportive of the need for a High School in Kirkliston; one of the Deputies may attend a future KCC meeting
* Attended A.G.M. of Q.D.C.C.
* Nothing received about a change of N.H.S. boundary – **D. Buchanan** to follow this up
1. **Planning –** see Report sent out
2. **Transport Issues –**
* Noted there does seem to be an improvement in the running of the X38
* Letter to be drafter to Transport Committee re extending the route of the 43 which goes through South Queensferry
1. **A.O.C.B. –**
* **Conifox Helicopter and Music –** residents have been complaining about the noise both of these cause - **N. Davidson** to get in touch with the Airport representative re the helicopter and CEC re the music noise
* **Bark and Fly –** residents complaining about the noise of barking which goes on all day **– D. Buchanan** to speak with B. Baird about this
* **Miners’ Footbridge –** this is in a state of disrepair and is a Health and Safety hazard. **N. Davidson** to contact CEC re ownership of bridge and check with Scotways about the Right of Way situation leading to the bridge
* **Membership of KCC –** R. Bentley can be a member under the heading of a representative of Kirkliston Heritage Interest Group; **D. Buchanan** is to speak with the Chair of Ratho C.C. to come to an agreement re a change of boundary, so that Hallyards is included under Kirkliston
* **Electricity Sub-Station –** a new fence has been erected around this; it is situated behind Stewart Place
* **Christmas Lights –** an invoice is being sent to N. Davidson for the banner used at the Gala
* **Kirkliston Heritage –** no response yet from the “Repair Shop” programme; the group is continuing to put together a series of walks around the village

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 29th August 2023; Kirkliston Library; 7.00 pm.**