**Kirkliston Community Council**

**Minutes**

**29 - 03 - 22**

1. **Present –** D. Buchanan, N. Davidson, S. Lee, P. Vaughan, B. Walker, G. Walker, C. Waddell, L.Mitchell, A. Hancock, Cllrs. N. Work and L. Young and 0 members of the public

R. Crockett – CEC Learning Estate Planning Manager and E. Watson – CEC Learning Estate Planning Officer

1. **Apologies** –Cllrs. G. Hutcheson and K. Lang, G. Crow, D Hull, P. Hull, H. Turnbull, S-A. Hunter, J. Richardson
2. D. Buchananwelcomed all
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting –** Approved – Proposed by N. Davidson and Seconded by S. Lee
4. **Matters Arising –** None
5. **Police Report – which see**

* Particular attention is being paid to speeding on the B800
* HI-Vis patrols are working in the Kirkliston area re A.S.B. – if this behaviour is connected to youngsters buying alcohol or having it bought for them from the shop in the Council Estate there must be proof before anything can be done re the shop’s license – perhaps CCTV; **Cllr. N. Work** will forward a relevant e-mail address to N. Davidson for CEC Licensing Dept.

1. **West Edinburgh Developing a Learning Estate Strategy – Pre-Consultation**

* R. Crockatt explained the process taking place re organisation of education in the West Edinburgh area and with especial mention of a possible Kirkliston High School
* Three areas are being looked at - Primary school provision in Queensferry, Secondary school provision for Kirkliston and Secondary school provision for the new primary school at the Maybury
* High School numbers at present in Kirkliston are in the region of 400 – 500 pupils; Queensferry will increase from 1200 to 1700
* **Key Issue:** What high school should Kirkliston Primary School feed into?
* **Key Considerations:** Routes to and timescales for a new West Edinburgh High School; Sites for a Kirkliston High School; extending Queensferry High School; Short and long term plans may be required
* **Next Steps:** Meetings with parent council chairs; Attend community council meetings; Workshops with stakeholders; Outcome report to Education, Children and Families Committee (21 June)
* C. Waddell and D. Buchanan will represent the Community Council at these meetings
* Active travel is a big issue regarding the siting of High School
* There will be a West Edinburgh High School which will depend on the configuration of Queensferry High School and Craigmount High School with the new Maybury Primary being taken into account
* A Kirkliston High School would be small in numbers unless there are reconfigurations of pupils from surrounding areas
* CEC doe not own land in Kirkliston so the purchase of land has to be carried out or a C.P.O. put in place; sites are open to discussion and CEC is open to all options
* R. Crockatt and E. Watson were thanked for their attendance and input

1. **K.P.S.A.**

* There is no commitment to fundraising as yet
* School lets are not available at present
* The roll stands at approx. 650
* The third quarter of the year should see the new building started near the Leisure Centre for opening August 2023
* Parents are given regular reminders not to park in unsuitable places

1. **Friends of Pikes Pool – no report**
2. **G.T.R.A. –**

* No walkabout as yet with CEC
* Still receiving no response to e-mails
* CEC has asked Scottish Water to get the paperwork together re the Hub
* Cotlaws Car Park – work not started yet
* P Vaughan is now Vice-Convenor of the Edinburgh Tenants’ Federation, for which congratulations were offered
* There are seven empty properties in Gateside at present

1. **Kirkliston Scouts-**

* New leaders in place
* Some Committee members are standing down
* Camps are to take place – looking for funding to update equipment
* There are approx. 100 children involved with the Scouts along with a huge waiting list

1. **Secretary’s Report – which see**

* Bus Gate Bus Gate –from 14th February. 2022 to 13th March. 2022 – 108 vehicles at a cost of £3,210; from 23rd Sep. 2013 to 13th March. 2022 – 19414 vehicles at a cost of £582,420
* Burnshot Road Closure – notification was received after the road was closed. N. Davidson sent an email concerning a lack of response to his enquiries; there is concern as to how long the road is being closed
* After much correspondence CEC Gardening Department has the task of clearing the pavements. N. Davidson has informed the Department which paths are requiring treatment
* It is still the case that the Library can only allow up to eight people at a meeting; **S. Lee** will contact the Newliston Arms to see if the Function Room could be used; **S. Lee** will also look into the possibility of using Microsoft Teams for meetings as the Zoom account is due to finish
* The Tour de Forth will once again be coming through the village on 21st June; no correspondence has been received from the organisers about this

1. **Treasurer’s Report –**

* KCC Account - £820.68
* Developers’ Account - £13397
* KCC Insurance - £140 to be paid in May; members approved
* R. Brechin has agreed to audit KCC accounts for the A.G.M. in June

1. **Edinburgh Airport** – **see Report**
2. **Transport – see Report**
3. **Councillors’ Reports –**

* Cllr. N. Work acknowledged the anger there has been about the closure of the Burnshot Road whilst the Main Street Water Works are still progressing; however, he pointed out that Councillors have no say over T.T.R.O.’s; he has recorded his disappointment over the way things have worked out
* The annual Flower Show will go ahead
* **Cllr. L. Young** is requesting a warning sign for the new table on Stirling Road
* Two light standards are out on Stirling Road and the matter has been referred to Scottish Power; **Cllr. L. Young** will see how things are progressing
* Concerns had been expressed over a Health and Wellbeing Census for older primary pupils and younger secondary ones; a survey has since alleviated these concerns

1. **Chair’s Report –**

* No Neighbourhood or Funding meetings recently
* P. Lawrence has been contacted about the finish of the road surface in Stewart Place and the state of the pavements in the village; as a result, action will be taken on both; **Cllr. L. Young** will send a copy of the e-mail address of the Operational Manager who deals with roadworks

1. **Planning – which see**
2. **Edinburgh Association of Community Councils –**

* The above has had to cease as CEC no longer funds it
* In order to try to get and keep it going, all Community Councils are being asked to contribute a small amount; it was agreed that KCC would send £50.00

1. **Santa’s Sleigh –** on hold at present
2. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th April; 7.00pm; venue to be announced**